

Referendum on Constitution Changes

1. TST's ongoing restructuring includes changes to student representation on TST committees. In response, the ADSA Board has unanimously endorsed a proposal to reform its own structure. Shall the ADSA change section 4 of our constitution to read as follows?

Section 4. ADSA Board of Representatives

4.1 The ADSA Board is the governing body of the ADSA.

4.2 The ADSA Board may consist of no more than nineteen voting members, as follows:

4.2.1 Six Executives are elected by ADSA: a President, Vice-President External, Vice-President Academic, Vice-President Conferences, Treasurer, and Secretary.

4.2.2 To ensure representation during this transitional period, four representatives are elected by ADSA from the Biblical, Historical, Pastoral, and Theological Departments; one from the Master of Arts or Master of Theology program; and one from the Doctor of Ministry program.

4.2.3 Six representatives are elected by the member colleges, one from each college having advanced degree students.

4.2.4 One representative is elected by ADSA to sit on the Library Committee.

4.3 A Vice-President Internal is appointed to the Executive from the ADSA Board.

4.4 An individual may serve a maximum of two years in any one position.

4.5 The responsibilities and duties of each Board member are defined in the policies and procedures.

4.6 Executive positions that are left or become vacant between elections must be filled by appointment of Board members, with the condition that no individual may hold more than one Executive position.

4.7 Other positions that are left or become vacant between elections may be filled by appointment of students (including Board members) from the college, department, or program to be represented, with the consent of the ADSA Board.

4.8 Quorum will be achieved with the attendance of two-thirds of the sitting members of the ADSA Board at any time.

- **Yes**
- **No**

2. For demographic purposes, which is your home college? [followed by a list of the colleges]

Duties for New Positions – Draft

[D.1 is duties of the President]

D.2 Vice-President External

D.2.1 Will be the principal liaison between TST students and the University of Toronto student unions, meeting with TST's UTSU representative (if any) at least twice a year, communicating with a representative from the UTGSU at least once a year, and attending UTSU and UTGSU General Meetings (normally each fall.)

D.2.2 Will meet with University of Toronto administration and staff as needed to better understand and improve TST access to university services.

D.2.3 Will work with the VP Internal and other ADSA Board members to inform all TST students, basic and advanced degree, about their representation in university student politics and access to university services.

D.2.4 Will be the principal liaison between the ADSA and schools affiliated with TST.

D.2.5 Will assist in procedural disputes. [Was part of the old VP's duties – necessary?]

D.2.6 Will perform the duties of the President when they are absent, including chairing ADSA meetings. [Was part of the old VP's duties – does it fit here?]

D.3 Vice-President Academic

D.3.1 Will be the principal liaison between the ADSA and the Director of the TST Graduate Centre for Theological Studies.

D.3.2 Will sit on the Academic Council, attending all regular meetings (normally 4/year), reporting issues discussed at Academic Council meetings to the ADSA Board for input and relaying ADSA concerns, feedback, and updates back to Academic Council.

D.3.3 Will meet with the department and program representatives (including if possible outgoing representatives) after each election to orient new members, develop a schedule for rotating service on Graduate Council, and help ensure continuity in representation.

D.3.4 May be asked to be a student representative on the Academic Appeals committee.

D.4 Vice-President Internal

D.4.1 Will be the principal liaison between the ADSA and the Basic Degree Student Associations of each college, meeting with all of their leaders at least once a year, either individually or collectively, with the relevant college representatives.

D.4.2 Will sit on the Academic Council when the second student seat is not claimed by a basic degree student, attending all regular meetings (normally 4/year), relaying basic degree student concerns, and supplementing the VP Academic's advocacy for advanced degree students as needed.

D.4.3 Will work with the college representatives to build relationships between colleges and improve communication with college student associations, councils, and heads.

D.4.4 Will be responsible for overseeing elections, including the appointment of a Chief Returning Officer (CRO). [Was part of the old VP's duties – does it fit here?]

D.5 Vice-President Conferences

D.5.1 Will sit on the Conferences and Lectures Committee, attending all regular meetings (normally 4/year?)

D.5.2 Will begin and lead planning for the ADSA's student conference each year.

D.5.3 [Other duties?]

[D.6 thru D.9 are duties of other existing positions]

D.10 Library Committee Rep

D.10.1 Will be the advanced degree student representative on the Library Committee, attending all regular meetings (normally four per year) and participating in listserv discussions.

D.10.2 Will report important information, debates, and decisions from Library Committee meetings to the ADSA Board for student input.

D.10.3 Will ensure student concerns about library services and collections are represented to the Library Committee.

D.11 Officers of the Board

D.11.1 The Board may appoint officers to do administration, communications, or other tasks.

D.11.2 The Board will set the compensation, duties, and length of service for any positions before asking for applications from the Board or from the entire ADSA. If more than one candidate is interested, the Board will choose between them.

D.11.3 Officers who are not already Board members cannot vote or attend external committee meetings in place of Board members.