
CONSTITUTION

Toronto School of Theology Graduate Students' Association

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Section 1. Name

1.1 This body shall be officially known as the Toronto School of Theology Graduate Students' Association (hereafter TGSA).

Section 2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the TGSA shall be to act on behalf of and in the interest of the community of all graduate students at the TST.

2.2 To be a forum for the expression of student concerns.

2.3 To act as a liaison with the TST administration in regards to corporate complaints, proposals, and procedures.

2.4 To ensure graduate student representation on the TST Board of Trustees and all graduate committees.

2.5 To encourage cooperation and community between and among students and faculty, both formally and informally.

2.6 To organize and encourage the participation of every graduate student within the TST socially and politically.

2.7 When deemed necessary, to provide a connection between graduate students and other student bodies.

2.8 To provide both academic and professional development opportunities for graduate students.

Section 3. Membership

3.1 All graduate students enrolled in any of the member colleges are members of the TGSA by virtue of their enrolment.

3.2 All graduate students are entitled to vote in the election of the TGSA Board of Representatives (hereafter, TGSA Board) as outlined below.

3.3 All graduate students can bring proposals, grievances, and complaints to the attention of the TGSA Board directly or through a representative.

3.4 Graduate student associations of affiliated colleges may become members of the TGSA.

3.4.1 After consultation with the TGSA Board, the respective affiliated college student association must vote on the proposal to join the TGSA.

3.4.2 The TGSA must approve the addition of affiliated student groups by a two-thirds majority of a general TGSA members' vote.

3.5 All TGSA members will be levied an annual fee.

Section 4. Board of Representatives

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

4.2 The voting members of the TGSA Board are as follows:

4.2.1 Executives elected by and from the TGSA: a President, Treasurer, Vice-President Academic, Vice-President Conferences, and Vice-President External.

4.2.2 Program representatives elected by the TGSA, one from each distinct concentration within TST's doctoral research programs and one from each of TST's other programs with graduate students.

4.2.3 College representatives elected by the colleges, one from each TST member college with graduate students.

4.3 A Secretary will be appointed by the TGSA Board.

4.4 A student 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 member 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 or program to be represented, with the consent of the TGSA Board.

4.8 Quorum requires the attendance of a majority of the sitting members of the TGSA Board.

Section 5. Amendments

5.1 Constitution amendments

5.1.1 Review of this constitution may take place at the discretion of the TGSA Board.

5.1.2 The TGSA Board will strike a subcommittee to make recommendations regarding any possible amendments.

5.1.3 The subcommittee will report back to the TGSA Board within six months or the subcommittee will be dissolved and potential amendments will be considered void.

5.1.4 Amendments to the constitution can be voted upon at the recommendation of the TGSA Board.

5.1.5 All amendments must be ratified by two-thirds majority of the TGSA Board.

5.1.6 After TGSA Board approval, all amendments to this constitution must be ratified by the general membership.