

Article I: Name

Name of the organization shall be The University of Toronto Dinner Club (UofT Dinner Club, UTDinner).

Article II: Purpose and Goals:

The purpose of this organization shall be to exchange knowledge about cooking and new recipes, enhance friendship, motivate sharing with community and promote a healthy lifestyle by encouraging healthy eating/cooking habits. The UofT Dinner Club is a student organization, which aims to learn about diverse cultures through sharing and learning cooking with students from different ages, countries and regions.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to all students (including exchange students), alumni, faculty and employees of U of T. UofT Dinner Club will not deny membership on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, colour or ethnicity.

Section 2: Selection

51% of club members must be U.T.S.U. members (a U.T.S.U. member is defined as any current full-time undergraduate student at the St. George or Mississauga campus).

Section 3: Removal of Members

The President (or Ch[i]ef Organiser) of the club shall reserve the right to cancel the membership of any individual or group whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the organization.

Section 4: Expectations

1- Attendance: Attendance to at least one of the meetings or activities per semester is encouraged.

Article IV: Officers

Officers consist of President (or Ch[i]ef Organiser [Chief/Chef Organiser]), Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, and Historian.

Section 1: Requirements

The officers of the organization must be full-time undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral or international students at the University of Toronto at the time of election and at least part-time students during their term of office. Current and past officers must understand that the UTDinner Club members list remains the sole property of the club itself. The privacy of all members is therefore to be kept within the club, Ulife, U.T.S.U. and the university. Any misuse of the members list by current or past officers will be reported immediately to the university.

Section 2: Voting

Officers' elections will be held in the end of April. Members will be notified of elections at least one week prior to the election. The new officers will begin their terms one week after the elections. If an officer resigns, the President is responsible for electing a substitute. Following the election, between April and December, additional executives (those who have been helping with the club) may be elected to support upcoming UTDinner events. The results of this election, to be voted on by current officers, will be announced on the website.

Section 3: Officer Duties

The President (or Ch[i]ef Organiser [Chief/Chef Organiser]), shall coordinate the UofT Dinner Club, ensure that new dinner activities are being organized and prepare agendas in cooperation with cooking schools, chefs and other organisations. The President shall inform the members about the menu before each event and post the directions on the website after the event in a timely manner. The President collaborates with other executives and members and must not behave without any thought for others.

The President runs the meetings and should encourage a friendly and warm tone among the members. The President will listen to all student grievances and act as a liaison between students. The President shall ensure the safety of the members and act accordingly when a member makes others feel unsafe. The President shall maintain the vision and mission of the club expressed in the constitution as well as ensure that the club acts in accordance with regulations set out by U.T.S.U. and Ulife. The President is responsible for keeping the homepage of the UofT Dinner Club up to date and making it possible for the members to see future events on the homepage. The President shall act as a promoter for the club and create awareness of the UofT Dinner. In absence of a Secretary or a Treasurer the President is responsible for all the paper work and finances concerning the UofT Dinner Club.

The Vice Presidents shall help the President to lead the U of T Dinner Club, sharing duties and responsibilities as they see fit, with the President retaining the higher authority. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of a president. The Vice President shall support the promotion of the club by designing posters and flyers and by recording the events with photographs on the website with the President.

The Treasurer shall take care of all finances, such as money earned from fundraisers, donations or dues, as well as, pay bills and other financial obligations.

The Secretary shall prepare all paperwork, while maintaining records of elections, meetings, and decisions made by the UofT Dinner Club.

The Editor shall be responsible for constructing and editing texts for the club's official documents and website publications to ensure clarity and accuracy. The Editor shall exercise solid written communication skills to ensure that promotional materials enhance and showcase the profile of the club.

The Historians shall maintain detailed records of the cooking made during the UofT Dinner events, in particular keeping track of the recipes.

The Special Events Coordinators shall oversee the coordination and execution of events requiring specific arrangements, which may include designing appropriate menus, volunteer recruitment, equipment or space rental, and so forth.

Section 4: Removal of an Officer

Members of the organization may remove an officer who does not satisfy the views and mission or expectations of the UofT Dinner Club or does not comply with university rules from office. The organization must confirm the decision with a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership, with at least a one-week notice.

Article V: Special Requirements

The UofT Dinner Club is bound by the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) Constitution and subsequent guidelines, *Application Rules*, delineated by the University's Policy on the Ulife.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: The dinner events

The primary events of the UofT Dinner Club shall be the dinner events where the members cook for each other. These cooking events will be held twice per month. However, the frequency of the events should be flexible according to the requests of the club's members and hosts.

Section 2: Special events

Special meetings and social activities can be scheduled if needed. Members will be notified of such events beforehand.

Article VII: Finances

Dues shall be determined per academic year and will be collected from all members according to their activity.

Article IX: Amendments and Ratifications

This constitution may be amended at any time by two-thirds vote of the active membership. Any revision of or amendments to the constitution must be reported to the University.