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1. Policy 1: Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

Policy to apply to By-Law No. XIV – External Organizations and to OUSA's membership in the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

1.1. Purpose

- 1.1.1. To establish TDSA's expectations of OUSA;
- 1.1.2. To establish the conditions of TDSA's OUSA membership;
- 1.1.3. To ensure that appropriate procedures are followed in the selection of delegates representing TDSA at OUSA functions.

1.2. Expectations of OUSA

- 1.2.1. TDSA shall hold OUSA accountable for:
 - (1) Providing a forum for constructive dialogue between full and part-time undergraduate student governments in Ontario;
 - (2) Striving to represent the views, beliefs, and needs of its member schools on issues directly related to the academic interests of undergraduates, including the quality and availability of post-secondary education in Ontario;
 - (3) Articulate these views, beliefs, and needs to all levels of government, university administrations, members of the university community, and the community at large;
 - (4) Be directly accountable and responsive to the undergraduate students on the campuses of its member schools in all areas of its activities, including the maintenance of a decentralized structure of operations responsible for its function to its members.

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1.3. Membership Fee

- 1.3.1. TDSA shall pay membership fees to OUSA through a per-student fee model, paid out of the TDSA Operating Budget.

1.4. Change of Membership Status

- 1.4.1. Written notice of intent to change TDSA's membership status in OUSA must be provided to the OUSA Steering Committee ninety (90) days prior to such a vote occurring. The date of the vote must be included in the notice of intent. Departure from OUSA membership will adhere to By-Law No. XIII concerning Referenda.

1.5. Representation

- 1.5.1. TDSA's voting member on the OUSA Steering Committee (OUSA SC) shall be the Vice-President of University Affairs. If unable to attend an OUSA SC meeting, the Vice-President of University Affairs may send an alternate Board of Director to attend the meeting;
- 1.5.2. TDSA shall send one (1) voting delegate per three thousand (3000) students, Vice-President of University Affairs, as well as any authors that took part in the development of the paper to all meetings of OUSA's General Assembly (GA); TDSA may send delegates as observers, subject to board approval;
 - (1) One (1) delegate shall be the President, or a designated representative;
 - (2) The remaining delegates shall be selected from the TDSA membership by the Vice-President of University Affairs, subject to board approval;
- 1.5.3. In the event that an additional delegate(s) is needed for non-GA meetings and functions of OUSA, first consideration shall be given to the President and second consideration to a TDSA board member. In the event they are unable to attend said functions, the Vice-President of University Affairs has the authority to select members from the corporation;
- 1.5.4. Any individual representing TDSA shall act in the best interest of TDSA and shall strive to ensure that fair and effective representation is upheld.

1.6. Interpretation

- 1.6.1. If there is a conflict between the TDSA Bylaws, and/or Operating Policies and OUSA policy, TDSA policy shall take precedence.