



St. Francis Xavier Students' Union Constitution

Article 1: Name

- 1.1 The official name of St. Francis Xavier University's student organization is the St. Francis Xavier University Student Union Inc. (referred to throughout this document as the Union).

Article 2: Declaration of Principles

- 2.1 *Core Principle-* The Union will protect and promote the common welfare and interests of StFX students.
- 2.2 *Service to Students-* The Union will provide services to enhance the educational, cultural, financial, and social conditions of its members.
- 2.3 *Equitable Leadership-* The Union will promote, assist, and defend a University environment free of prejudice and discrimination on the basis of (but not limited to) gender, race, language, religion, age, national or social status, sexual orientation, physical ability, or marital status.
- 2.4 *Representation-* The Union will represent the students of StFX University to the University's administrative, faculty, staff, and alumni, to the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and to other appropriate external bodies.
- 2.5 *Transparency and Accountability-* The Union will be accountable for all its actions, and shall provide full access to all information regarding Union policy, procedures, decisions and actions as well as its reasoning for them.
- 2.6 *Student Engagement-* membership. The Union will provide fun, inclusive, educational events and activities for its membership.
- 2.7 *Responsible Governance-* The Union will operate in an ethical, unified, and democratic manner.

Article 3: Requirements to Amend or Rescind

- 3.1 The St. Francis Xavier Students' Union Constitution shall be the binding constitutional authority of the Union, and will be subject to amendment only by placing question of amendment to the ordinary Union membership via referendum, in which:
- (i) Public notice is given to all members of the Union within a minimum of 25 days in advance
 - (ii) 3.1.2 Quorum of membership shall be 20% of the membership of the Union
 - (iii) 3.1.3 The question must receive a majority greater than fifty-percent (50%) of the popular vote
 - (iv) 3.1.4 The St. Francis Xavier Students' Union Constitution may not be amended again for a period of one-year (1) after an amendment via referendum.