

GLENDON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Preliminary

1.0 NAME

1.1 Graduate students in the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs have come together to create an organization known as the ‘Public and International Affairs Association hereafter referred to as ‘PIASA’.

2.0 PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 The purpose and objectives of PIASA are:

2.2 To establish and promote social interaction and cohesion amongst PIASA members. PIASA will encourage the social, academic and professional networking and development of its members.

2.3 PIASA will promote and foster liaison activities with government, non-profit and for-profit sectors.

2.4 Adopt and promote the values and ethics of the Canadian public sector.

2.5 Each academic year, PIASA will produce a report summarizing activities and events organized and a list of recommendation for the next year to ensure better service for students.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Full membership is available to any student currently studying in the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs.

3.2 Executive membership may be revoked if the member’s behaviour counters the purposes and objectives of PIASA. Revocation can only be enacted by a quorum of the PIASA general membership.

ARTICLE II: Officers and their Election

1.0 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1.1 Anyone who is a member of PIASA may run for any of the five positions on the association.

1.2 The association shall consist of the President; Secretary; Treasurer; and two (2) Directors-at-large. At least one member on the association must be in their second year in the MPIA program to insure institutional memory. Executive members will attend all association meetings.

1.3 The executive positions each have their own description as follows:

1.3.1 The President shall:

i) Chair all meetings.

ii) Have signing authority over PIASA’s bank accounts.

iii) Be the spokesperson and represent all members of PIASA in dealing with York University and its affiliates.

1.3.2 The Treasurer shall:

- i) Have signing authority over PIASA's bank accounts.
 - ii) Ensure that PIASA's affairs are conducted in a fiscally responsible manner.
 - iii) Prepare a yearly annual fiscal report to be approved by the membership.
- 1.3.3 The Secretary shall:
 - i) Be responsible for all minutes during Executive and General Meetings.
 - ii) Ensure proper organization of PIASA's office.
 - iii) Coordinate communications between the Executive Committee and the membership.
 - iv) Be an alternate signatory on bank accounts.
- 1.3.4 Directors-at-large shall:
 - i) Assist the Executive Committee in their tasks and responsibilities.
 - ii) Promote membership and participation.
- 2.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 2.1 All officers will be elected during the Annual General Meeting, whose date is fixed by the current Executive Committee, no later than November 1st annually.
- 2.2 All candidates shall hand in a nomination form to the President one (1) week prior to the Election Meeting.
- 2.3 All full members of PIASA may vote during the election.

ARTICLE III: Meetings

- 1.0 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
- 1.1 The number of Executive Committee meetings shall be decided by PIASA Executives.
- 1.2 The quorum for Executive Committee meetings will be three (3) executive members.
- 2.0 GENERAL MEETINGS
- 2.1 There must be at least one (1) General Member's Meeting per year.
- 2.2 The quorum for General Meetings will be 25% + 1.
- 2.3 The date of the General Meeting must be notified to the membership at least fourteen (14) days in advance.

ARTICLE IV: Constitution

- 1.0 CONSTITUTION
- 1.1 Any amendments to the constitution must be approved at a General Member's Meeting.
- 1.2 Amendments shall be carried by a simple majority vote (50%+1).

Ratified on this 12th day of August in the year 2014.