

**Committee of 10,000 Terms of Reference**  
*Students' Legislative Council*

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## **History**

The Committee of 10,000 was created in 1973 as a tribute to Madam Olga Valda, a refugee of the Russian Revolution and internationally known ballerina. During her time as a student at the University of Calgary, Valda won two Students' Union awards. When she died in 1973, Valda left her estate to the University of Calgary, to be sold to aid a student cause. The program became known as the 'Committee of 10,000' to commemorate the approximately 10,000 students on campus at the time of its inception.

## **Authority & Mandate**

- 1 (1) To allocate money given by University of Calgary students to non-profit and charitable organizations in the Calgary community.
- 2 (1) The committee shall follow the Constitution, bylaws, procedures and resolutions of the Students' Union.

## **Membership**

- 3 (1) The committee shall be composed of:
  - (a) The Vice President Student Life (Chair);
  - (b) Two non-Executive SLC members;
  - (c) Six students-at-large; and
  - (d) The General Manager or designate (non-voting).
- (2) On or before October 30 each year, SLC Nominations Committee shall appoint Active Members to the Committee.
- (3) Active Member appointments to the Committee are effective from November 1 to May 1.

## **Quorum**

- 4 (1) Quorum shall consist of:
  - (a) The Chair;
  - (b) One non-Executive SLC member;
  - (c) Four students-at-large; and
  - (d) The General Manager or designate (non-voting).

## **Duties & Responsibilities**

- 5 (1) The committee is responsible for:
  - (a) Fair and consistent processes related to the review of applications and selection of funding allocations for registered non-profit organizations;
  - (b) Developing a communication strategy to raise awareness of the program; and
  - (c) Communicating funding decisions to the university and external community.

## **Reporting**

- 6 (1) The Chair shall:
  - (a) Report all funding decisions to SLC within three weeks of the committee meeting at which the decisions were made; and
  - (b) Submit the minutes of the meetings at which funding decisions were made for inclusion in the SLC agenda for the meeting at which the report will be made.

## **Meeting Procedures**

- 7 (1) Any interested individual may attend committee meetings.
  - (2) The committee shall hold as many meetings as necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.
  - (3) The Chair shall call a special committee meeting within two days of receiving a request to do so in writing from at least two committee members.
  - (4) Committee members must be given at least 24 hours' notice prior to the convening of any committee meeting.
  - (5) If an appointed member is absent from more than two consecutive meetings without providing advance notice to the chair, the committee may, by a resolution approved by two thirds of the committee, revoke the person's membership.
  - (6) A majority of the voting members must be present at a committee meeting to form a quorum.
  - (7) The chair shall ensure that minutes of committee proceedings are recorded.
  - (8) Committee minutes must include all applications accepted and rejected and a short rationale for each decision.
  - (9) In accordance with the Union Bylaw, all Committee of 10,000 funding decisions shall require a Super Majority vote for approval.
  - (10) The Chair may designate a member of the committee as interim chair, in case of absence.