

# Constitution and By-Laws of Google Developer Group on Campus Lakehead University ("GDG-LU")

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## Article I – Name and Purpose

1. The name of the Club shall be "Google Developer Group on Campus Lakehead University" (hereinafter "Club" or "GDG-LU").
  - a. Previously known as Google Developer Student Club (GDSC), the Club has transitioned to the GDG model to align with Google's latest community structure.
2. The Club shall operate under the constitution and by-laws of the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU).
3. The purpose of the Club shall be as follows, and all activities will be conducted in furtherance of this purpose:
  - a. GDG-LU is a student-led initiative supported by Google that aims to bring together students from all academic disciplines to expand their technological knowledge.
  - b. The Club fosters an educational, social, and cultural environment, providing hands-on learning experiences through workshops, projects, and events focused on the latest technologies.
  - c. The Club serves as a platform for students to engage with the local community, explore technology, and develop skills while participating in student-community collaborative efforts.

## By-Law I – Membership

1. At least one-half of the members must be students of Lakehead University.
2. All Club members shall have the right to bring forward motions and participate in Club activities.
3. There shall be no limitation on who may join the Club.

## **By-Law II — Meetings of the Members**

1. The Club shall hold General Meetings at regular intervals throughout the academic year as needed for the coordination of activities and events.
2. The Lead (President) shall set the date, time, and location of the meetings in consultation with other Officers, with at least two weeks' notice given to members.
3. All Club members are eligible to apply for leadership roles in accordance with Google Developer Group (GDG) guidelines.
4. There is no Annual General Meeting (AGM) for selecting the Lead; the Lead is selected annually by Google as per their guidelines for the Developer Group on Campus program.

## **By-Law III — Club Officers**

The Officers of the Club shall consist of the following:

1. Lead (President):
  - The Lead is the chief executive responsible for all major decisions concerning the Club's operations, in alignment with Google Developer Group guidelines and the Club's purpose.
  - The Lead ensures that all activities comply with GDG guidelines and oversees the overall functioning of the Club.
2. Vice President:
  - Assists the Lead with Club operations and takes on the Lead's duties in their absence.
  - Supports planning and management of events and workshops.
3. Treasurer:
  - Oversees the financial affairs of the Club, including managing funds, preparing budgets, and ensuring financial transparency.
  - Along with the Lead, is authorized to deposit and withdraw Club funds.
4. Secretary:
  - Responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of meetings.
  - Prepares necessary reports and assists in administrative tasks related to the Club's operations.
5. Officer 5 (Event Coordinator):
  - Plans, coordinates, and oversees Club events, ensuring their smooth execution.
  - Collaborates with the Lead and other officers to facilitate workshops, hands-on sessions, and community initiatives.

## **By-Law IV – Elections**

1. There is no formal election for the Lead. The Lead (President) is appointed by Google through their annual selection process for the Google Developer Group on Campus program.
2. Other Officer roles (Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Event Coordinator) will be decided internally based on the members' interest and abilities, and they may be appointed by the Lead in consultation with existing Officers.

## **By-Law V – Amendments**

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member at a General Meeting.
2. A motion to amend the Constitution must be passed by a two-thirds majority of members present.
3. Any approved amendments will take effect immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

## **Operational Policy I – Statement of Accountability**

1. All Officers shall act in good faith and in accordance with this Constitution, LUSU Governing Documents, and the Lakehead University Student Code of Conduct.
2. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that all activities are in the best interest of the Club and its members, as well as aligned with Google Developer Group's guidelines.

## **Operational Policy II – Membership Dues**

1. No membership dues shall be charged to any member of the Club.