

## **Rotman Book Club Charter**

### ***Mandate***

The Rotman Book Club (RBC) is a student interest club dedicated to providing a space for students to discuss books of interest and socialize with other individuals in the program in an accessible environment. The RBC aims to bring the Rotman community together via learning and discussing nonfiction and fiction and promoting the pursuit of reading for non-academic purposes.

### ***Scope***

The main activity of the RBC is meeting frequently throughout the academic year to discuss books that club members have read as either individuals or a collective. These meetings will include discussion questions to encourage thoughtful dialogue amongst fellow students to involve them with broader topics and issues. These discussions can both relate to, or be completely outside of, the academic scope of Rotman's business programs.

In addition to the main book club meetings, the RBC will implement other side initiatives that give students a space to mingle and further engage with reading, which include (but are not limited to) book trivia events, book-to-movie-adaptation screenings, community boards for online discussion, and shared student book-ratings.

### **Executives**

#### ***General***

The Executives of the RBC shall manage all operational affairs of the RBC, including planning and implementing all affairs and activities, setting any relevant policies and objectives, and controlling the budget and funds. The Executive of the RBC will adhere to all relevant rules for a student interest club, as outlined in Article XVIII of the GBC Constitution ("GBC Clubs"). An Executive's position within the RBC will be re-assessed immediately if they are found to be engaging in inappropriate behaviour and in violation of Article XVIII.

#### ***Future Executive***

The Incoming Executive positions will be chosen each year by the Outgoing Executives via an application process. There will be no elections to determine Incoming Executives.

#### ***Executive Positions***

The **President** will oversee the affairs of the entire RBC and will have general supervision, direction and control over finances, admin and all club activities.

The **VP Finance** will be responsible for determining the appropriate budget for the activities of the club and ensuring that all membership dues are received. This individual, along with the President, will also be responsible for ensuring all of the club's outstanding bills are paid on time and that the club remains in good financial standing.

The **VP Operations** will be responsible for the basic operations of the RBC, including booking meetings (zoom or room bookings), polling students for meeting times, and supporting the other executives with their event planning.

The **VP Industry Relations** will be responsible for connecting with community members outside of the Rotman network to support with the development of opportunities for students geared towards enhancing the group's accessibility. This includes but is not limited to connecting with publishing houses, local bookstores and authors to raise awareness about career opportunities and/or exclusive prices.

The **First Year Rep** shall be responsible for collaborating with the President and VP Operations to organize all official RBC events and activities, including compiling student votes for which books to read, planning and implementing activities to do within book club discussion meetings, and any other activities in accordance with the RBC's Scope.

### ***Representatives***

In accordance with Article XI(12)(2) of the GBC Constitution, the RBC will host an election in each Academic Section at the beginning of the year to determine the 1YR MBA Book Club Representative for that Academic Section.

### **Membership**

#### ***Fees***

As outlined in Article XVIII(3)(b) of the GBC Constitution, the GBC will require a \$20 membership fee for a year term and a \$30 fee for that of the program.

***Rules and Regulations*** The RBC will adhere to all relevant rules for a student interest club, as outlined in Article XVIII of the GBC Constitution ("GBC Clubs"). A person's membership within the GBC will be re-assessed immediately if they are found to be engaging in inappropriate behaviour and in violation of Article XVIII.

#### ***(a) Book Selection Rules***

(i) In particular reference to Article XVIII(9), the RBC will also ensure that none of its chosen books have threatening, discriminatory or inflammatory themes or authors. Books that are voted upon by club members will be vetted by the Executive Committee to ensure that the Book Club remains a safe space for all students.

(ii) In the case that some members have already read the most-voted book, the RBC will accommodate a second book to include in discussion if, and only if, at minimum a third of the club has already read the most-voted book.

#### ***(b) Conduct and Behaviour Rules***

(i) Internal strike policy: The RBC will operate on a single strike system. Members who engage in any behaviour, whether physical, oral, or written, in any club-sanctioned forum, including but not limited to club meetings and the club's Goodreads page, that is threatening, harassment of any kind, bullying, discriminatory, or inflammatory, will be immediately removed from the club at the discretion of at least one executive.