



Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

The mandate of this Committee is to advocate for the advancement of the status of women, human rights and the common good for Ontario. Committee projects/initiatives are expected to be aligned with the biennium theme approved by the OC Board.

Activities

1. The committee acts as a forum for discussion concerning advocacy on behalf of CFUW Ontario Council. Together with the Education, Legislation and Status of Women and Human Rights committees, they will assist with tracking current and emerging advocacy issues.
2. To support and promote policy by developing advocacy action, such as programs, partnerships, meetings and other tactics. Where there is an absence of policy, researching and writing proposed resolutions for consideration at Ontario Council AGM.
3. To liaise with identified groups and partners to move relevant issues forward and respond to calls for consultation and support from local and other groups/partners advocating on issues related to CFUW Ontario Council policy.
4. They will exchange information concerning advocacy activities and concerns, with the aim of informing multiple levels – clubs, regions and the Board. They will support and respond to clubs (members) as they move their advocacy issues forward. The committee will represent CFUW OC on advocacy related matters when requested.
5. Together with the Education, Legislation and Status of Women and Human Rights committees, the advocacy committee develops and maintains administrative procedure for advocacy related communication or activities for Ontario Council. They will be reviewed annually.
6. The committee is expected to produce a year-end report on advocacy activities, for the Ontario Council Annual Report for members.

Membership

- Committee Chair – Board Advocacy Chair
- Board Standing Committee Chairs for Education, Status of Women and Legislation
- Board Communications Chair
- CFUW OC President
- Policy advisors approved by the Board
- At least two and not more than six other CFUW members

Meetings

The committee will meet a minimum of 3 times per year or when required.