Welcome to one of the finest clubs at any university. We provide you with the best personal experience a club has to offer.

Whether your needs are professional or personal, join us for an excellent meal paired with the perfect wine by our sommelier.

Mingle with associates and friends in an elegant setting in one of our many private rooms, or join us in our relaxed pub environment.

This is your private oasis within the city. We look forward to seeing you at the Club!

The Faculty Club is located on land originally granted to William Willcocks upon his arrival from Cork, Ireland in the early 1790’s, and was bestowed to son-in-law Dr. William Warren Baldwin after his marriage to Margaret Phoebe Willcocks in 1903. Dr. Baldwin and his son Robert are historically recognized as principal architects of responsible government in the late 1840’s, a vital step in Canada’s evolution from colony to nation.

By 1818, he had built a country house called Spadina (Ojibway for ‘high place’) next door to what is now ‘Casa Loma’ on his 200 acre estate. From there to Queen Street he designed a road that featured a fine English country garden, now known as 1 Spadina Crescent. Just north of this ‘circle’ was a connecting street he named ‘Willcocks’ in honour of his wife and her lineage.

A partner in the law firm of Robert Baldwin, Sir Adam Wilson, eventually municipal councillor and provincial cabinet minister, took residence at 41 Willcocks Street with his wife Emma in the 1880’s. The Wilsons sold the house in July of 1888 to Elizabeth Prudence Campbell. She lived there until her death in 1916. The property was then sold to ‘The Primrose Club’ in October 1919.

The Primrose Club (founded as the Cosmopolitan Society in 1907) was a private meeting place for Jewish professional men. Prominent Jewish architects Benjamin Brown and Arthur W. McConnell redesigned 41 Willcocks by merging it with 37-39 to create the current Georgian Revival-style building, featuring an elegant lounge, dining room, and ballroom that placed it among the city’s most prestigious clubs. The University of Toronto acquired the building for its new Faculty Club in 1959. Until 1960 the University hosted men’s and women’s clubs in separate locations. German Scholar Barker Fairley and his wife Margaret offered the new club an impressive collection of Group of Seven works (seen in the Fairley Lounge) on the condition that it welcome members of both genders.

For more than a half century, the Faculty Club has served as one of the most successful university clubs in North America.
BANQUETS AND CATERING
As a Faculty Club member, you have full use of the Club’s extensive facilities for personal occasions or professional meetings of all kinds. From small events to elaborate feasts, full food and bar service are available.

PERSONAL OR FAMILY EVENTS
Members are welcome to celebrate such special occasions as weddings, anniversaries, or bar mitzvahs at the Club. Our staff will ensure that your event will be an occasion to remember!

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
The Club’s staff can also help you plan departmental or professional meetings, conferences, seminars, banquets, or receptions. A separate banquet package (pdf) is available on our website: facultyclub.utoronto.ca

SPECIAL EVENTS
The Faculty Club has long been known for hosting an exciting array of special events. Traditional events such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and St. Patrick’s Day luncheon buffets give members a special place to share holidays with family and friends. Other activities include theme events, authentic ethnic dinners, fashion shows and wine tasting. There is always something happening at the Club.

MAIN DINING ROOM
The Wedgwood Blue Room can accommodate 150 seated or 250 for stand up receptions. The Main Dining Room is available for all day conferences, large private parties, dances, and weddings.

W.D. FOULDS DINING ROOM
The W.D. Foulds Dining Room has a seating capacity of 30; the perfect location for a private dinner, luncheon, breakfast or all-day meetings.

UPPER DINING ROOM
Members have found the Upper Dining Room an attractive venue for all-day conferences, seminars, private breakfasts, luncheons and dinner meetings. It also provides a unique setting for wedding ceremonies with up to 130 attendees.

THE PRIMROSE ROOM
With a seating capacity of 30 the Primrose Room provides the perfect location for meetings, breakfasts, lunches, dinners or receptions. It can also serve as a lovely room for the bridal party to get ready.

MAIN LOUNGE
This lovely oak-paneled lounge with a capacity of 150 is used by members as a reading room and for meeting colleagues for a cappuccino or espresso. On chilly days, you may relax in front of the fireplace. The lounge is available for private receptions and dinners.

FAIRLEY LOUNGE
The Fairley Lounge is available for smaller receptions, meetings, breakfast, luncheons and dinner parties. It features a collection of works by the Group of Seven, donated by Barker and Margaret Fairley and Huntley Gordon. A feast for the eyes!

SOUTH BOARD ROOM
Ideal meeting space for up to 6 people, located on the third floor. Free WiFi and food/beverage services available.

WEST BOARD ROOM
Located on the third floor, this boardroom can seat up to 8. Offers free WiFi. Catering food and beverage services are also available.

THE PATIO
Relish the outdoors. Quiet and secluded, the patio is perfect for lunch, dinner, private receptions and wedding ceremonies, or after work for a drink with your colleagues. The patio is open for three seasons.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
- Heritage building in a prime location
- Discount spousal membership
- In-house sommelier
- Wedding planner/organizer
- Family celebrations: Anniversaries, Memorials, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Weddings
- Etiquette & protocol consultant
- Discount rates for local B&B, and hotels
- Reciprocity with over 300 clubs internationally
- Free wireless service
- Interac, on-line banking and courtesy phones
- Loyalty points collection
- Close to public transit
- Conference facilities
- Baby Grand Piano
- More discounts available. (Please visit the web site.)

THE PUB
For a more casual atmosphere; try the pub for lunch, a light snack, or dinner.

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