



Asian American Alliance

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Asian American Alliance (AAA) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to empowering Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) through political activism and social awareness. We strive for collaborative relationships with the Rochester community, activist groups, and other persons of color (POC) groups. Asian American Alliance will serve to provide a platform for the organization and expression of views and interests of APIA students at the University of Rochester.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility – All Students' Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site.
- B. Definition of active member - An active member must attend at least 25% of all general member meetings (GMM) or events each semester. They should also participate in events, co-sponsorships, and publicizing the organization. Active members may vote in elections and run for executive board positions.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership but not eligible to hold an officer position. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 of the

organization's active membership plus three or more officer(s).

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President - Must have one year of prior e-board experience unless no one is qualified.
- B. Vice President - Must have one semester of prior experience as an active member unless no one is qualified.
- C. Business Manager
- D. Secretary
- E. Political Chair
- F. Community Chair
- G. Publicity Chair
- H. First-Year Representative

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Vice President shall oversee all fundraising opportunities and work with the publicity chair to ensure that they are well advertised. In addition, the Vice President shall preside over any meeting that the President is unavailable to attend.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions. They will also develop a budget, approve and oversee spending, handle receipts, and keep inventory of assets.
- H. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the Secretary shall take roll calls at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. Lastly, the Secretary will manage the CCC page and room reservations through Virtual EMS.
- I. The Political Chair will take the lead on planning social awareness and civic engagement events, campaigns, and meetings on politics-related topics. They will

contribute to social media posts on current events and stay up to date on issues affecting Asian Pacific Islander (APIA) students and communities.

- J. The Community Chair will organize internal and entertainment events. Their focus will be on developing community and bonding within the organization. They will also forge connections and partnerships in the Greater Area of Rochester in order to increase communication with the broader community.
- K. The Publicity Chair will oversee all social media and online accounts, as well as be in charge of flyers and advertising for events. They will lead the design of promotional tasks and develop a strong and consistent branding of AAA.
- L. The First-Year Representative is a position appointed by the executive board during the fall semester with the approval of the general membership. Applications will go out in the beginning of the semester after the General Interest Meeting. The First-Year Representative will be working alongside the executive board with planning meetings throughout the year. They are responsible for contributing to meetings, publicizing events, and keeping up-to-date with current political events.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. **Nomination and Elections Procedure** - Nominations can be made by any active or executive board member. These will be done anonymously a week before elections. Nominations can be submitted for oneself. The order of positions for voting is specified in Article V, Section One. Each nominee will present a two minute platform for said position. A blind vote will be taken by hand-raising and will be counted by senior e-board members who are not running for executive board. The elected winner will be announced. Those not elected may run for subsequent positions. Elections should be held at least two weeks before the end of the spring semester.
- B. **Term of Office** - All officials shall serve for one academic year term. Transitioning into the position will occur after the fall semester elections.
- C. **Timing of Elections** - Elections shall be held at the end of the spring semester, at least 2 weeks before the end of the semester. The position for First-Year Representative will be appointed by the executive board after the application deadline passes. After their appointment, the First-Year Representative nominee will be approved by the general membership.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in Article V, Section Three.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

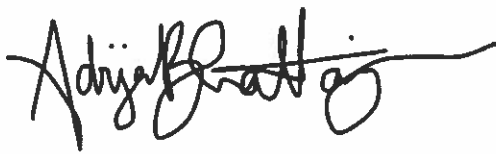
- A. The Asian American Alliance (AAA) of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Asian American Alliance (AAA). Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Asian American Alliance (AAA) abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



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Signature of Confirmation

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02/22/2022

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