



## **Buddhist Students' Association**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Buddhist Students' Association (BSA) 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**

To provide an outlet for students belonging to Buddhism and other eastern traditions, organize events for religious observances, host discussions and educational programs, and promote interfaith and intercultural cooperation. The association will cater to all three major Buddhist denominations, as well as other traditions commonly practiced alongside Buddhism.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) 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 members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - An active member of BSA is an undergraduate student at the University of Rochester takes interest in the community by attending at least 50% of semesterly events.
- 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 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 a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as ½ of the active membership plus one or more officers.

## **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: Co-presidency is permitted.
- B. Business Manager
- C. Publicity Chair
- D. Events Manager: Two individuals are permitted to hold this position at the same time.
- E. Secretary

### **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 Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for promoting events through social media or flyers.
- H. The Events Manager shall be responsible for organizing and administering event activities.
- I. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking notes during E-board and General Member Meetings.

### **SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Individuals wishing to run for an executive board position must either be nominated by another member and accept that nomination or nominate themselves and have another member back that nomination. They must then state their platform for the intended position and then exit the room as the rest of the members vote.
- B. Term of Office - Each elected e-board member may serve for a maximum of one academic year before being required to run for e-board again.
- C. Timing of Elections - The election of the BSA executive board will be held every spring at least two weeks prior to the end of the semester or as needed to fill vacant positions.

### **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 entire 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 Buddhist Students' Association 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 Buddhist Students' Association. 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 Buddhist Students' Association abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

*Div Patel*

*2-21-2022*

Signature of Confirmation

Date

Div Patel

**President, Buddhist Students' Association**

*Noah Hathaway*

*02/22/2022*

Signature of Approval

Date

Noah Hathaway

**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**