

Celtic

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester, hereby establish Celtic of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this group.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

The goal of Celtic is to promote the awareness and appreciation of Irish culture, music, and dance. This goal will be achieved through meetings where members can learn how to Irish dance and play Irish music, as well as events open to the university community.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Membership

1. Eligibility - All Students Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate 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 and associate members shall be listed on the group's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of member - Members must attend meetings on a regular basis and take part in group activities.
3. Definition of associate member - Members must attend meetings and events.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as ½ of the total group membership.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. 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 IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Business Manager

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall be members of the Student Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this group.
5. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the group, communicate with other officers

and delegate duties to maintain a functioning group that fulfills the purposes set forth above. The president must be a member of the group for at least one year and help organize and attend major events.

6. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
7. The Vice-President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this group, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the Vice-President shall tally votes and keep an accurate list of group members.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure - To be nominated for an office, a member needs the support of an additional member.
2. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held in the spring semester, after the main Saint Patrick's Day event.
3. Term of Office - One academic year

Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given at least seven days notice. Any member of a group can call for a vote of no confidence with the support of another member.
3. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the membership to pass the motion.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Section E. Provisions of Advisor(s)

Article V. Committees

Section A. Purpose of Committee/Mission Statement

1. A committee will be formed to organize each event that the group sponsors.
2. Committee goals must be in accordance and working towards the same goals as Celtic. Celtic will be ultimately responsible for all of the committee's actions.

Section B. Chairperson and Members

1. A committee chairperson shall preside over a committee and shall report directly to the group during regular meetings.
2. Definition of member – A committee member must be a member for at least one semester.

Section C. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be determined by the committee chairperson and the members of the committee as needed. A valid meeting shall follow the same meeting and voting rules as mentioned above.

Section D. Budget

1. The committee's budget shall be managed by the Committee Chairperson in consultation with the organization's Business Manager.

Section E. Promotion

1. When promoting a committee, advertise at "X is a committee of Celtic and Celtic is SA Funded".

Article VI. Finances

Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA funded events conducted by this group.

Section B. Funding

Celtic shall be an SA funded group.

Article VII. Classification

Section A. Celtic shall be classified as a cultural group.

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the membership, or more if the group decides, must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

Article X. Bylaws

Section A. At least a 2/3 of the members in attendance must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

Section B. Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or group, is not permitted by the [organization]. 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 XII. Discrimination Policy

Celtic of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.

Ellen Anderson Leah Rubin

Signature of Officer Date

Submitting Constitution

Sam R. H. 12/10/07

Signature of SA Speaker Date

Granting Recognition