



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

# UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY LEADERS (UR HEAL)

## ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish University of Rochester Health Education and Advocacy Leaders (UR HEAL) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

## ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of UR Health Education and Advocacy Leaders (UR HEAL) is to provide health information and care to low-income members of the greater Rochester community. Our goal is to deliver health resources and support to our community by volunteering at health-focused charities and staffing information booths at soup kitchens, at which students provide information about low cost healthcare services, free blood pressure and BMI readings, and a non-judgmental environment for health issue discussion. Overall, we hope to increase student activism regarding public health issues affecting the Rochester community as well as assist community members with addressing these issues.

## 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 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 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 - A student association member who attends at least two meetings and completes at least 10 service hours a semester.
- C. Definition of associate member - A non-student association member who attends at least two meetings and completes at least 10 service hours a semester.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING**

### **SECTION ONE - QUORUM**

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the active membership plus one officer.

### **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**

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Business Manager
4. Secretary
5. Publicity Chair
6. Fundraising Chair
7. Campus Presence Chair

### **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 keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. 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.
- H. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

- I. The Vice President shall assist the President in presiding over meetings and shall help maintain organization within the club as well as communicate with other officers.
- J. The Publicity Chair will be responsible for generating posters, flyers, and social media advertisements in order to promote the organization and services that UR HEAL provides for the community.
- K. The Fundraising Chair will be responsible for creating and coordinating all efforts intended on raising funds for UR HEAL.
- L. The Campus Presence Chair will be responsible for assisting in maintaining an on campus presence, especially by collaborating with other campus organizations.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Via Open Nomination members shall nominate themselves or others for any officer position. The candidate shall prepare a platform for the election, to be held the week after nominations.
- B. Term of Office - One academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - End of Spring semester.

### **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.

### **SECTION FIVE - PROVISIONS OF ADVISOR(S)**

- A. Not applicable.

## **ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES**

Not applicable.

## **ARTICLE VII - FINANCES**

**SECTION ONE** - Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

### **SECTION TWO - FUNDING**

- A. UR HEAL shall be eligible for SA funding.

## **ARTICLE VIII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - UR HEAL shall be classified as a community service organization.

## **ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**SECTION ONE** - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

**SECTION TWO** - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

**SECTION THREE** - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

## ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

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

## ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

**SECTION ONE** - At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.


**SECTION TWO** - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII - HAZING POLICY


Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by UR HEAL. 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 XIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

UR HEAL of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law

  
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President, UR HEAL

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Signature of Approval  
Alex Guerrero  
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

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