



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Hindu Students' Association

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Hindu Students' Association (HSA) 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

Hindu Students' Association is a student led group open to everyone on campus at the University of Rochester, irrespective of their religion. While it is an avenue for Hindus to nurture their customs, traditions and religious practices through temple visits, discussions, festival celebrations, etc, it is more importantly - an educational resource for anyone in their quest of Hinduism, eager to experience the essence of a community built surrounding a religious commonality.

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 HSA is an undergraduate student at the University of Rochester who attends at least 10% meetings a semester and/or helps us with 1 major event.
- 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 a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 2/3 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

- A. President: Unless no one else is qualified, to be eligible, the candidate must have been an acting E-board member for a minimum of 1 year.
- B. Vice President: There is no requirement for the minimum number of years of an individual to hold this position. There are also no term limits.
- C. Business Manager: There is no requirement for the minimum number of years of an individual to hold this position. There are also no term limits.
- D. Publicity Chair: There is no requirement for the minimum number of years of an individual to hold this position. There are also no term limits. Two individuals are permitted to hold this position at the same time.
- E. Events Manager: There is no requirement for the minimum number of years for an individual to hold this position. There are also no term limits.
- F. Communications Chair: There is no requirement for the minimum number of years for an individual to hold this position. There are also no term limits.
- G. First Year Representative: Position only open to incoming first years. Election to be held in Fall semester.

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. The President(s) shall also 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.
- F. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The Publicity Chair(s) should advertise for upcoming events and help generate interest in the planned events.
- H. Historians should document past and future events by taking pictures, etc.
- I. All officers must create a new transition document which contains the description of their position, duties and tasks. The transition document must be uploaded into the HSA-drive before annual elections.
- J. A minimum of 2 E-board members, including the Business Manager, must attend Fall leadership training. New E-board members are highly encouraged to attend.
- K. All HSA activities including co-sponsorships, events etc, will be addressed through official HSA email correspondences.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Individuals wishing to run for an executive E-board position can nominate themselves and/or can be nominated by another member and must accept 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 - All terms will last for a year, until the next election cycle in spring. There is a 2 year term limit for the President, after which the President cannot run again. Thus, the President can only successfully run for election two times.
- C. Timing of Elections - The election of the HSA executive E-board will be held every spring at least 2 weeks before the end of the semester or as needed to fill vacant positions. First Year Representative position to be elected in Fall.

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 Hindu Student' 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 Hindu 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 Hindu Students' Association abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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