



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Improv Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Improv Club 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

Our main goal is to create a home for students of all backgrounds who are interested in improvisational comedy. We seek to inspire confidence and public speaking skills through hosting weekly public workshops and monthly performances.

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 - Performance troupe members have been admitted into the In Between the Line performance troupe per the admission procedures. Attendance at closed rehearsals, performing in shows, and voting on official business will be limited to performance troupe members.
- 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Business Manager
- 2. President
- 3. Advocate
- 4. Secretary
- 5. Publicity Chair
- 6. Vice President
- 7. In Between The Lines 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 In Between The Lines Chair will be responsible for booking show and rehearsal locations, managing scheduling, facilitating communication between group members and assisting with the email.
- H. The Club Manager will be in charge of keeping track of club attendance, organization of the club show, and leading Open Mondays and Friday Workshops. In the event that the club manager is unavailable for one of their duties, the assistant club manager will fill in.
- I. The Publicity Chair will oversee the performance troupe's social media activity, design posters and other advertising

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations can be made by any member, including any member who wishes to run for that position. All nominations must be seconded. A vote will be taken. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to become elected
- B. Term of Office - The Business Manager, President and Publicity Chair will serve for a one year term. The Club Manager will serve a one semester term.

- C. Timing of Elections - Elections for annual positions will be held once a year in September of the Fall semester. Elections in the Spring semester will be in the first week of the 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 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 Improv Club of the University of Rochester will abide 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 Improv Club. 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 Improv Club abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
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Date 2/12/20



Signature of Approval
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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

2/11/2020

Date

