



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Japanese Students' Association

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

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

The purpose of the Japanese Students' Association is to give a place in the University of Rochester student body where the expression of Japanese culture and language can be used and flourish. Non-speakers and speakers alike can all find a niche in this group and enjoy what it has to offer. JSA will incorporate other smaller divisions that will enhance the whole cultural experience, including art, calligraphy, pop culture, and foods.

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 - A member that contributes to Japanese Students Association by being present at 75% of all weekly meetings or attends 75% of events hosted by the association aside from the meetings.
- 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. This is a member that came to the general interest meeting at the start of the semester and registered their name with Japanese Students' Association. In order to maintain membership, the member must attend at least one event that Japanese Students' Association hosts each semester.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 50% 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 (must have served on executive board for at least one year, unless no one else is qualified).
- B. Vice President (must have served on executive board for at least one year, unless no one else is qualified).
- C. Business Manager (must have served on executive board for at least one year, unless no one else is qualified).
- D. Secretary
- E. Publicity Chair
- F. Event Coordinator
- G. External Community Chair
- H. Organizational Liaison
- I. First-Year Representative

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 Vice President shall be responsible for duties of the President if in case the President is absent, overseeing subcommittees as necessary, and issuing and keeping an account for all keys issued to officers.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions.
- H. 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. Also, the Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

- I. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for advertising events held or co-sponsored by JSA and promoting the existence of the Japanese Students Association.
- J. The Event Coordinator shall be responsible for planning, organizing, and executing events, including, but not limited to booking locations, contacting event coordinators etc. together with the business manager.
- K. The Organizational Liaison shall be responsible for facilitating communication between other student organizations, whether it be for co-sponsorships, fundraising, or other inter-organizational activities.
- L. The External Community Chair shall be responsible for maintaining a relationship with other organizations outside of the University of Rochester, such as RIT's taiko group or the Japanese weekend school in the city.
- M. The First-Year Representative shall be responsible for conducting the communication between their fellow first-years and the executive board.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Elections will occur one week after Nominations at a regular meeting. All nominees must submit their platforms four days prior to the election, by 11:59 pm to the President. A member may only be elected on the day of Elections.
- B. Term of Office - The term of office for the Executive Board shall be one academic year. Transitions will occur at the beginning of the next academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - The elections will be held several weeks before final exams in order to conduct a structured and effective next school year for JSA. Select few positions may be elected during the beginning of the school year; for example, the First-Year Representative.

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



11/10/2023

Signature of Confirmation

Date

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11/13/23

Signature of Approval

Date

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