



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **Jewish Voice for Peace**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) 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**

We are an association of Jewish students at the University of Rochester who are united in fighting for all people – from Rochester to Palestine – to live in freedom, justice, equality, and dignity. We emphasize that exploration, curiosity, and education are core Jewish values, and we apply them to understanding the Israeli occupation. We fight for a world where the equal rights and humanity of both Palestinians and Israelis are recognized, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. We aim to bring this vision to the University of Rochester.

### **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 CCC 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 - Any student who has attended at least 25% JVP events (including major events, minor events, and eboard meetings) each semester, excluding elections.
- 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 ½ 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. Co-Presidents
- B. Business Manager
- C. Internal Coordinator
- D. Social Media Manager
- E. University Outreach Chair
- F. External Outreach Chair
- G. Public Relations Manager
- H. Events Manager

### **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 Co-Presidents 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 keeping detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The Internal Coordinator(s) shall coordinate meeting times, take minutes at meetings, keep internal documents organized, and onboard new members. They 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. The Internal Coordinator(s) shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally

votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, and take and maintain meeting minutes.

- H. The Social Media Manager(s) shall manage social media content, post updates, and re-share relevant content. They shall also monitor social media-based communications.
- I. The University Outreach Chair(s) shall form a network with student organizations, university departments, and faculty allies. They shall be responsible for coordinating the involvement of any people or organizations that are internal to the University.
- J. The External Outreach Chair(s) shall form a network with community organizations, alumni, other university JVPs, national JVP, and members of JVP Rochester. They shall be responsible for keeping the network updated in order for all organizations to support each other.
- K. The Public Relations Manager(s) shall be responsible for drafting written communications and documents being posted or sent by our organization. They shall monitor the JVP email inbox. This includes statements, emails, forms, and other written materials. It can also include providing substantive responses to social media inquiries.
- L. The Event Manager(s) shall spearhead the planning and implementation of JVP events, which may include direct actions, teach-ins, speaker events, and holiday gatherings.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Candidates shall nominate themselves or be nominated by another active member. If nominated by another active member, candidates must accept the nomination in order to be considered. If multiple people are nominated for the same position, a majority vote will decide the winner.
  - a. All candidates must present a platform detailing their plans and competency for the position to be presented on the day of the election.
  - b. With the exception of Business Manager, every position may be held by up to two officers simultaneously. If three or more candidates are nominated, the two candidates with the greatest number of votes shall be elected.
- B. Term of Office - The term of office for elected officers shall be two semesters. Current officers may run for re-election or for a different position at the end of their term.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur at least two weeks before the last day of classes in 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**

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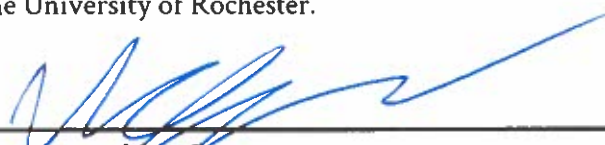
- A. Jewish Voice for Peace of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Jewish Voice for Peace of the University of Rochester. 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 Jewish Voice for Peace at the University of Rochester abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

  
 Signature of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/8/25 05/01/25  
 Miller Gentry-Sharp  
 Co-President, Jewish Voice for Peace

  
 Signature of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/11/25  
 Vic Cohen  
 Co-President, Jewish Voice for Peace

  
 Signature of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/30/25  
 Jessie Li  
 Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee