

Linguistics Undergraduate Council

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Linguistics Undergraduate Council (LUC) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to raise awareness of Linguistics as a field of study on the University of Rochester campus, as well as, provide a community where people who are involved with the science as a major, minor, cluster, or hobby can meet and communicate with similarly-minded people.

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 Active members must attend one half plus one of all meetings and three quarters of events. They also must be eligible students who have paid the SA activities fee. Active members are eligible to vote in any 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. Also, any students who have paid the SA activities fee but have not attended the amount of meetings necessary to be an active member. Associate members are not eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one half 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. The officers shall be President, Publicity Chair, Programming Chair, Business Manager, and Secretary. All officers must be active members for at least four weeks before the beginning of their term.

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 keeping 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. Also, the Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, and take and maintain meetings minutes.
- H. The Publicity Chair is in charge of advertising for events and of initiating any necessary inter-organization communication. Also the Publicity Chair shall maintain the club's official online presence.
- The Programming Chair is in charge of keeping a schedule of, directing the logistics
 of, and maintaining communication concerning the planning of all programs and
 events.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Any active member may be nominated or nominate themselves. Nominations will go to the presiding officer. Voting will be

- confidential, and offices are obtained by a majority vote.
- B. Term of Office One year.
- C. Timing of Elections Elections will occur at the end of the spring semester, at least 2 weeks before the last day of classes.

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 the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 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 Linguistics Undergraduate Council 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 Linguistics Undergraduate Council. 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 Linguistics Undergraduate C	ouncil abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of
Rochester.	

Signature of Confirmation

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