



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
GOVERNMENT

## **Mexican Students' Association**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Mexican Students' Association (MESA) 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 main purpose of the Mexican Students' Association is to explore the diverse experiences of people with Mexican heritage, as well as to provide a place to indulge in the richness of Mexican cultures. MESA strives to consciously traverse through all sorts of nuanced topics related to Mexico and its distinctive elements. It is of utmost importance for MESA to provide a safe space in which connection and community formation are encouraged through the love for Mexico.

### **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 - A person must attend a minimum of 25% general member meetings per semester in order to maintain active membership.
- 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the active membership plus at least two officers.

### **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. (2) Co-President(s) should have served on the e-board at least one full term before to be eligible for election, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Vice President
- C. Executive Secretary
- D. Business Manager
- E. Publicity Chair
- F. Freshman Representative(s)
  - a. If the executive board agrees, via hand vote with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority, the induction of two freshman representatives may be allowed as needed.
- G. Political Chair
- H. Community Outreach 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(s) 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 Executive 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. The Executive Secretary 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 Vice President will preside at all meetings and functions in which the president cannot attend, as well aid the presidents in their duties, as well as plan and manage events within the organization.

- I. The Publicity Chair is responsible for spreading the word about the existence of the organization, searching for promoting opportunities, and assisting in special projects as assigned by the presidents.
- J. Freshman Representative(s) shall be responsible for promoting all activities with their respective classes and relay any messages from the executive board.
- K. Political Chair will be in charge of ensuring the club remains politically and culturally aware and sensitive. Will facilitate political conversations and discussions.
- L. Community Outreach Chair will be in charge of facilitating connections between the organization and other Mexican establishments within the wider Rochester community.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Voting will occur anonymously via Google Forms over the course of a week. Election platforms will be included in said Google Form. Current Presidents will facilitate voting and have access to results.
- B. Term of Office - Position kept for an academic year, and elections are at the end of Spring semester they shall all be open nominations. The term starts in the Fall and will end in the Spring. The officers will be instituted at the beginning of the fall semester, based on the result of the election in the previous semester. Will transition out after the election in the following semester.
- C. Timing of Elections - At least two weeks before the Spring semester ends.

### **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 Mexican 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 Mexican 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 Mexican Students' Association abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



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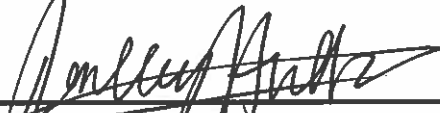
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