



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Model United Nations

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Model United Nations (URMUN) 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 University of Rochester Model United Nations attends conferences in North America, debating members of other colleges and universities. The goals of URMUN are to increase awareness of international perspectives on global issues, develop public speaking skills, and promote the arts of negotiation and diplomacy.

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 - An active member shall be a member who attends at least 25% of all meetings per semester.
- 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. Associate members are members who do not attend at least 25% of all meetings per semester or are otherwise ineligible for membership. Associate members shall not have voting rights.

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 two officers.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All active 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 be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Vice President: Must be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- C. Crisis Director(s): Must be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- D. Business Manager: Must be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- E. Secretary: Must be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- F. Publicity Chair: Must be an active member, unless no one else is qualified.
- G. Facilitators: Must be a first-year URMUN member, otherwise positions will remain vacant.

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. The President shall be responsible for registering and organizing for conferences.
- 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. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. They shall also be responsible for communicating with the organization about meetings. They shall also be the Virtual Event Management System (VEMS) contact for the organization, registering meetings and bookings with the University.
- H. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for maintaining and posting on URMUN's social media accounts.
- I. The Crisis Director(s) shall be responsible for the selection of topics for the weekly meetings, writing the background guide and the character roles, and overseeing crises for the weekly meetings.
- J. The Vice President shall be responsible for printing the background guide and character roles, and any tasks delegated by the other Executive Board members. The Vice President shall assist the President with conference preparation.
- K. The Facilitator(s) shall be responsible for assisting other Executive Board members in whatever needs they might delegate to them.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations can be made by any active member, including any active member who wishes to run for that position. A vote

will be taken by secret ballot using ranked-choice voting. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to become elected.

- B. Term of Office - All officers shall hold their position for one academic year. The transition period shall start at the conclusion of elections with the newly elected shall shadow the outgoing Executive Board until their term ends at the conclusion of the academic year. Elections for Facilitator(s) shall take place during the first meeting of October. The number of Facilitators chosen shall be chosen by the Executive Board.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections for all Executive Board positions (with the exception of Facilitator(s)) shall take place at least two weeks before the end of the Spring semester, ideally at the second meeting in April.

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 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 or following a resignation from the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The UR Model United Nations 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 UR Model United Nations. 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 University of Rochester Model United Nations abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
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Date



Signature of Confirmation
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Date