



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

University of Rochester 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 revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Rochester Model United Nations attends conferences around the U.S., 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 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 - An active member shall be a member who attends at least half of all meetings per semester.
- C. Definition of associate member - A prospective member shall be a member who wishes to be on the mailing list but does not attend at least half of all meetings per semester or is otherwise ineligible for membership. The member shall not have voting rights and cannot serve on the executive board.

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 as well as the presence of an officer.

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
- B. Vice-President
- C. Crisis Director
- D. Business Manager
- E. Outreach Director
- F. Facilitator(s)

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 keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The President 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.
- H. The Vice President shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. The Crisis Director shall organize practices and shall be responsible for the selection of topics for those practices. Practices shall be defined as events on campus open to the public, focused on a single topic
- J. The Facilitators shall assist other officers with their duties as needed and shall be selected during Fall elections. The number of Facilitators shall be set by the President at the beginning of each academic year. The Facilitators shall be responsible for representing the general membership during officer meetings. Facilitators shall be responsible for dialogue with club members and shall promote engagement with practices.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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

be seconded. A vote will be taken by secret ballot. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to become elected.

- B. Term of Office – President, Vice President, Business Manager, Crisis Director, Outreach Director, and Facilitator offices shall last one year.
- C. Timing of Elections – Elections shall occur for all offices except Facilitators during the second half of 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 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 VII - FINANCES

SECTION ONE - Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. The University of Rochester Model United Nations shall be eligible for SA funding.

ARTICLE VIII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE – The University of Rochester Model United Nations shall be classified as an Intercollegiate organization.

ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

SECTION TWO - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

SECTION THREE - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

SECTION ONE - At least a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

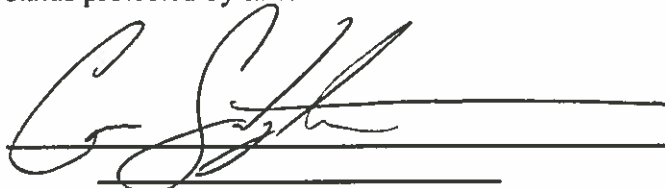
SECTION TWO - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the 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 XIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Model United Nations of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.



Signature of Confirmation
Connor Sandagata
President, UR Model United Nations

Date 2/12/19



Signature of Approval
Criswell Lavery
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

2/12/19

Date