



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Movement for Uyghur Freedom

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Movement for Uyghur Freedom 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 a chapter of the international movement, Jewish Movement for Uyghur Freedom, seeking to take action against the Uyghur Genocide in a way that is informed by the Jewish experience with attempted genocide. This chapter focuses on organizing the University of Rochester community to take action against the Chinese government's ongoing genocide of the Uyghur and other Turkic peoples in the Xinjiang/East Turkistan region. Our mission is to recruit, connect, and support University of Rochester students in a collective effort to educate ourselves, spread awareness, and engage in activism to help the Uyghur population.

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 is any undergraduate student who attends 67% of 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.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as half of the active membership plus one officer(s).

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. President: Must have been on e-board for at least one year, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Business Manager: Must have been an active member for at least one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
- C. Event Manager: Must have been an active member for at least one year, unless no one else is qualified.
- D. Secretary: Must have been an active member for at least one semester, unless no one else is qualified.

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 Secretary 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 President shall also keep in contact with the greater JMUF organization, research and set activism goals for individual general member meetings, and present on URMUF and the Uyghur Genocide around campus should the opportunity arise.
- J. The Business Manager shall also organize any fundraisers required.
- K. The Event Manager shall organize a minimum of one and a maximum of three events per semester. Events may include campus-wide speakers, community events, or presentations to campus clubs. Organizing such events may entail organizing the speaker and speaker's accommodations, advertising, and maintaining relationships with other campus organizations via co-hosting events.

- L. The Secretary shall also send emails to the eboard and general members, manage social media and email accounts, and design posters for the Event Manager.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Anyone may self-nominate or nominate others to an eboard position. One week after nominations are due, there will be an in-person election meeting where nominees can share their platforms. After the platforms have been shared, the President will accept handwritten votes for each position, with a majority vote determining the winner.
- B. Term of Office - Term of office will be Fall to Spring semester, a total of one academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Nominations will occur approximately three weeks before the end of classes and elections will occur approximately two weeks before the end of classes. Over the course of the last two weeks both an eboard-wide and individual training meeting(s) will be held.

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 Movement for Uyghur Freedom 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 Movement for Uyghur Freedom. 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 Movement for Uyghur Freedom abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



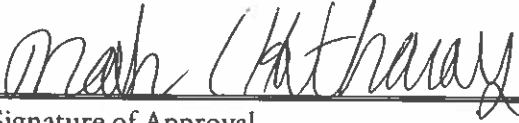
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