



## **NAMI On Campus**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish NAMI On Campus (NAMI UR) 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 an affiliate of NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) and NAMI/NYS. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

### **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 - Active members must attend at least 50% of meetings and participate in at least 1 club event each 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 2/3 of the active membership plus 2 executive 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(s) shall only vote to break a tie.

# **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

## **SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS**

- A. President(s) - Must be an active member(s) for at least one semester, unless no one is qualified.
- B. Business Manager - Must be an active member.
- C. Secretary/Public Relations - Must be an active member.

## **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's 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. President(s) shall also be responsible for keeping an open dialogue with NAMI Rochester and their faculty advisor.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. The Business Manager shall also discuss and get approval on all fundraising activities with their faculty advisor and NAMI Rochester.
- G. The President(s) and 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.
- 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. The Secretary shall also take pictures of events and meetings, update social media and other communication pages/systems, and work with NAMI Rochester to establish networking and collaboration opportunities outside of campus.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Leadership positions shall be elected via open nomination and subsequent voting by active members. To be considered for an executive board position, one must be an active member. Each candidate must prepare a platform to present to general membership, followed by a blind hand vote. President(s) will count the votes.
- B. Term of Office - The elected executive board members shall assume their position for a full academic year. If any executive board member must step down from their position due to an unavoidable excuse, their position will be opened for immediate reelection, following procedures outlined in Section Four.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held at the end of the Spring semester each academic year 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 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. NAMI On Campus 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 NAMI On Campus. 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**

NAMI On Campus abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation

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