



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **Phoenix Fire**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Phoenix Fire 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**

Phoenix Fire is dedicated to introducing Classical Chinese dance to the university community and to add diversity of dance to the campus. We provide opportunities for everyone to explore, learn and perform Classical Chinese dance and we hope to inspire the understanding and appreciation of this art form. We welcome everyone with all levels of experience and members can choose their own styles and music to develop their repertoire.

### **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 – Members need to attend weekly practice to maintain active membership, permit up to miss 20% of practices 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 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 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. A president should be an E-board member of Phoenix Fire for at least one semesters.
- B. A business manager should be an active member of Phoenix Fire for at least one semester and be experienced with budgets and money management.
- C. A secretary should be an active member of Phoenix Fire for at least one semester, and be skilled in taking notes.

### **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 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.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Every members who satisfy each position's requirement can nominate themselves. Voting is reserved for active undergraduate members. A person who gets the most votes can get the position.
- B. Term of Office - Officers' positions expire at the end of the spring semester every year and the length of the term of office is one academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held 2 weeks before the last day of classes during practice time at the end 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 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 Phoenix Fire of the University of Rochester will abide 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 Phoenix Fire. 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 Phoenix Fire abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation

Chenjie Song  
President, Phoenix Fire

*11/13/2019*

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

*11/19/2019*

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