



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **UR Pre-Dental Club**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the UR Pre-dental Club 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 UR Pre-dental Club at the University of Rochester is dedicated to supporting and providing the resources needed for students interested in dentistry. We will provide the volunteering, shadowing, and research opportunities necessary for a well-rounded graduate/ dental school application. By being recognized as an official SA Organization, we hope to bring more awareness to dentistry as pre-health field for University of Rochester students.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members expressing interest in the dental field 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 SA member who attends at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of both events and meetings held by the Club. Active members may vote in elections or serve on the executive board.
- C. Definition of associate member - An SA member who attends at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of both events and meetings held by the Club. Associate members may not vote in elections or 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 ½ of the active membership plus one officer.

### **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 Co-Presidents shall only vote to break a tie.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

### **SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS**

- A. Co-President
- B. Co-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Business Manager
- E. Event Coordinator

### **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 Co-Presidents 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 Co-Presidents 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 Event Coordinator shall work with the other officers to organize events and maintain connections with Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Open Nomination
- B. Term of Office - Co-Presidents will serve for an entire academic year. Secretary will serve for an entire academic year. Business Manager will serve for an entire academic year. Event Coordinator will serve for an entire academic year
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections in the Spring semester will be 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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.

#### **SECTION FIVE - PROVISIONS OF ADVISOR**

### **ARTICLE VI - FINANCES**

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

#### **SECTION TWO - FUNDING**

- A. UR Pre-dental Club shall be eligible for SA funding.

### **ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - The UR pre-dental club shall be classified as a pre-Professional Society.

### **ARTICLE VIII - 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 IX - AMENDMENTS**

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

### **ARTICLE X - 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 XI - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the UR Pre-dental Club. 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 XII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The UR Pre-dental Club 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.

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Signature of Confirmation

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**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**

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