



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Puerto Rican Student Organization

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Puerto Rican Student Organization [PRSO] 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

The mission of the Puerto Rican Student Organization at University of Rochester's shall be to meet the needs of the Puerto Rican community within the college and to teach others about the Puerto Rican culture.

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 – A person must attend a minimum of 2 activities per semester in order to maintain active membership.
- 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the active membership plus [one or more] 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
- B. Vice-President
- C. Executive Secretary
- D. Chief Financial Officer
- E. Chief Marketing Officer
- F. (4) Class Representative

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 in special projects as assigned by the President.
- E. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- F. 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.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- H. The Executive 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.
- I. The Executive Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- J. The Class Representative shall be responsible for promoting all activities with their respective classes and relay any messages from the Executive Board.
- K. The Vice-President will preside at all meetings and functions in which the President cannot attend, as well as aid the President in their duties. As well as oversee that all functions that were delegated by the President to other officer are being carried out.
- L. The Chief Marketing Officer shall be responsible for the recruitment of students to become potential new members. Spread the word about the existence of the organization. Search for opportunities to promote the organization. Be responsible for promoting the organization in student activities. Attend other related student organizations meetings to develop good relationships. Social media promotion and management. Assist in special projects as assigned by the President.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure- Will be by open nomination.
- B. Term of Office – The officers will take the oath of office on in the beginning of the Fall semester and transition will happen in final weeks of the Spring Semester.
- C. Timing of Elections – Two weeks before the second semester ends

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 Puerto Rican Student Organization 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 Puerto Rican Student Organization 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 Puerto Rican Student Organization abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Brian Basu-Pérez
President, Puerto Rican Student Organization

October 9, 2019
Date



Signature of Approval
Genessis Galindo
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

11/12/19
Date