



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

# Rotaract

## ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Rotaract at the University of Rochester 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

Rotaract is a local and international service club sponsored by Rotary International and prides itself in "service above self." The organization provides a community of volunteers that work to provide various services in the Rochester community and on campus. Our organization aims to build leadership skills by providing its members the skills and resources necessary to design and implement their own service projects.

## 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 who attends at least four meetings a semester and is involved in one or more service projects. Club meetings may be supplemented with attendance at a meeting of a Rochester chapter of Rotary or attendance and participation in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event.
- 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 1/2 of the active membership plus one officer.
- B. 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 - One year of active membership as defined by the constitution, unless no one is qualified.
- B. Business Manager - One semester of active membership as defined by the constitution, unless no one is qualified.
- C. Secretary, Director of Community Service, and Director of Speakers - One semester of active membership as defined by the constitution, unless no one 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 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 Director of Presentations 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 Director of Community Service will be responsible for keeping membership updated with and aware of community service events hosted by the Rotaract club or local Rotary clubs. This officer will also ensure that an activity reflection is submitted within two weeks of the event, that activities are registered at least a week before the event, and that service hours are updated and accurate on CCC.

### SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Eligible candidates for officer positions can be nominated by themselves or others for any position. If the nomination is accepted, the nominee must prepare a platform that will be

read at the time of election, by themselves or in the event of their absence , a substitute. If multiple candidates are running for one position, other candidates may not be in the room while a platform is being read. All candidates will leave the room at the time of voting. Voting will be open, and active members may discuss the eligibility of the candidate or candidates. A candidate will win the position by a simple majority. In the case of a tie, a revote will be held.

- B. Term of Office - Terms last one year, with a month for shadowing between when new officers officially transition in May and when elections occur in March.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will take place in the last two weeks of March. Elections must occur a week after candidates submit their nominations.

#### 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

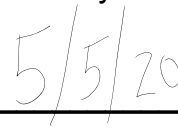
- A. Rotaract of the University of Rochester will abide their Resource Agreement.

### ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by Rotaract. 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

Rotaract abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



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Signature of Confirmation  
Benjamin Lapidus  
President, Rotaract

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Signature of Approval

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

Date *05/01/2020*