



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Scribbling Society

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Scribbling Society (ScriSo) 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 purpose of the Scribbling Society is to provide a space for fiction writers to develop their craft and receive feedback. The Scribbling Society will be a collaborative club where writers of all skill levels can find community and joy in writing.

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 - To maintain active membership, one must attend 25% of meetings 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 ½ of the active membership plus one or more 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. The Executive Board consists of a President, Vice President, and Business Manager at minimum. The Executive Board may also include a Publicity Chair and/or a Secretary. Any active member may run for any office unless no one else 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. Additionally, the President shall officiate elections, act as the primary point of contact for the organization, and manage all documents and tasks not needed to fulfill any other Executive Board member's duties.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. If there is no Secretary, the Business Manager will also fulfill the duties of the Secretary.
- G. The Vice President 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. The Vice President shall also aid the President in all duties as required, function in the President's place at Executive Board meetings if the President is unable to attend (this does not give the Vice President the President's organizational decision making power) as well as run and officiate elections. If there is no Publicity Chair, the Vice President will also fulfill the duties of the Publicity Chair.
- H. The Secretary (optional) shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. If there is no Secretary, the Business Manager will fulfill the Secretary's duties.

- I. The Publicity Chair (optional) shall manage social media efforts and recruitment, organize and manage all recruitment events, including but not limited to the semesterly General Interest Meeting, and act as a community liaison, meaning they will actively reach out to campus and non-campus organizations. If there is no Publicity Chair, the Vice President will fulfill the Publicity Chair's duties.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - All active members of the organization are eligible to run for Eboard and vote in the election. Prior to elections, an organizational census of active members shall be conducted to confirm the number of active voting members. Those seeking election will self nominate by completing and submitting a form the VP sends out. The day of election, each candidate will state their platform and take questions. Competing candidates will not be present for each others' speeches. Following the presentation of platforms, the VP will send out a ballot with abridged platforms to all active members that will close in 24 hours. Whoever receives a plurality of the vote will be elected to that position. The outgoing President will announce the new Eboard.
- B. Term of Office - All Eboard positions are for one full academic year (i.e 2025-2026). In the case of study abroad or a similar planned absence, candidates may run for a single semester. Newly elected officers will meet with outgoing officers for a transitional meeting following elections. Newly-elected officers shall be provided with the full Executive Board documents and meeting minutes of all past years and transition documents. A joint Executive Board meeting shall be held to update newly-elected officers on the state and needs of the organization, the budget, the organizational timeline, and provide leadership advice.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections should be held at least three weeks before the beginning of final exams. The newly elected Executive Board shall take over following the conclusion of the transitional period as described in Section 3 (B).

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 Scribbling Society 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 the Scribbling Society. 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 Scribbling Society abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

ARTICLE IX - PLAGIRISM AND AI

SECTION ONE - CREATIVE INTEGRITY

- A. No student will plagiarize another person's work. Though not an academic club, ScriSo abides by the academic honesty policy of the University of Rochester.
- B. No student will use generative AI in club-affiliated writing or share AI generated work within the club. AI generated work is defined as any piece of creative writing that uses generative AI in any part of the writing process.

SECTION TWO - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- A. Any substantiated accusation of plagiarism will result in a 4 meeting moratorium on sharing work. Repeated offenses may extend this moratorium or make it permanent depending on the severity of the offense.
- B. Any substantiated accusation of generative AI use will result in a meeting with the offender, the Vice President, and the President where it is made clear that generative AI goes against the mission statement of the club. Repeated offenses will result in the same disciplinary actions as a plagiarism offense.

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