



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Socialism on the Move

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Socialism on the Move (SOM) 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

To build and strengthen our communities impacted by capitalism and the systems that were intended to help us. We do this through education, discussion, and the sharing and creation of art.

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 – Attend at least ½ of the total meeting and 1 event 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 perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization. Associate members should attend ¼ or more meetings held each semester and should have attended all the monthly associate members meetings.

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 2 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. President
- B. Business Manager
- C. Inventory Manager
- D. Marketing Coordinator
- E. Event Coordinator
- F. Managerial Assistant

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 Business Manager shall be responsible for keeping track of all money received from funding and fundraising and appropriately measuring costs of operations for the organization.
- H. The 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.
- I. The Managerial Assistant 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 Inventory Manager shall keep track of all supply stock, and any work produced during the meetings of the organization.
- K. The Marketing Coordinator oversees all social media presence of the organization and should work to communicate any events or meetings with the members of the organization and the student body.
- L. The Event Coordinator shall plan and organize all meetings and other student events and communicate with the Managerial Assistant on how many people attended each meeting and a projection of how many people will come to the meetings.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - There can be open nominations for the

positions on the executive board and presidency. To win these elections, the candidate needs to obtain $\frac{2}{3}$ majority votes for each position they run for.

- B. Term of Office – Each position should be held for one academic year and elections should be held at the end of the academic year as well. Transitions will be held towards the end of the and over the summer before the start of the new academic year.
- C. Timing of Elections – Elections will be held 3 weeks before the end of the academic year.
- D. Executive Board officers, except for the President and the Business Manager, may hold more than one position when there are not enough officers to fill all the above mentioned positions.

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 Socialism on the Move 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 Socialism on the Move. 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

Socialism on the Move abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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