

# **Constitution of S.U.M.S.**

## **(Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students)**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester do hereby establish the Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this group.

### **Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement**

The Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students seeks to promote general interest in mathematics, provide support and guidance to undergraduates when choosing courses or considering career options in mathematics, improve sense of community among undergraduates interested in mathematics, and to sponsor any events that support these goals. We also offer weekly help sessions in mathematics to students, free of charge.

### **Article II. Membership**

#### ***Section A. Membership***

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association 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 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 group's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of member – A member of S.U.M.S. must be enrolled in the organization's mailing list and must attend half or more of the weekly meetings to keep maintain their status as "member". Officers are also classified as members.
3. Definition of associate member – An associate member must attend at least one meeting of S.U.M.S. and must be on the organization's mailing list.

### **Article III. Meetings and Voting**

***Section A.*** A meeting is valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as half of the enlisted, student members plus one officer.

#### ***Section B. Voting***

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. 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 IV. Officers and Qualifications**

***Section A. Officer Positions***

The SUMS officers are:

- *President* – President must have been a member of S.U.M.S. for a minimum of one semester.
- *Vice President* – Vice President must have been a member of S.U.M.S. for a minimum of one semester.
- Business Manager
- Publicity Director
- Webmaster

***Section B. Duties of Officers***

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this group.
5. 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.
6. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
7. The President and Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this group, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the Vice President shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of group members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
8. The Publicity Director is responsible for notifications and publications concerning sponsored activities and the Webmaster will be responsible for maintaining the S.U.M.S. website.

***Section C. Nominations and Elections***

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominees must be eligible for S.U.M.S. membership in the following year. Nominations may be made before the election meeting. Elections must take place at a valid meeting. Only members present can vote. Elections will be decided by secret ballot. A simple majority is required to be elected. If there is no simple majority a run off election will be held.
2. Timing of Elections – S.U.M.S. elections will take place in the month of April.
3. Term of Office – Each term of office will be for one year beginning in the following academic year

***Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals***

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections

Procedure.

2. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the membership to pass the motion.

3. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of a group can call for a vote of no confidence.

4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

**Article V. Finances**

*Section A.* Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA funded events conducted by this group.

*Section B. Funding*

S.U.M.S. shall be an SA funded group.

**Article VI. Classification**

*Section A.* S.U.M.S. shall be classified as an:

A. Academic Council - An academic council shall be any SA-recognized group that works with, is advised by or is run in conjunction with an academic department related to a specific major, certificate or concentration program.

**Article VII. Adoption of the Constitution**

*Section A.* Two-thirds of the membership, or more if the group decides, must approve the constitution.

*Section B.* This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

*Section C.* This constitution should not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

**Article VIII. Amendments**

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

**Article IX. By-laws**

*Section A.* At least a majority of the membership must approve the by-laws.

*Section B.* By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the Senate constitution or by-laws.

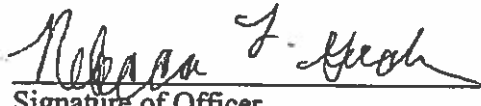
**Article X. Hazing Policy**

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

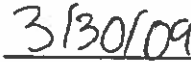
**Article XI. Discrimination Policy**

The Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.



Signature of Officer

Submitting Constitution

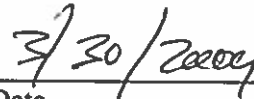


Date



Signature of SA Speaker

Granting Constitution



Date