



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Society of Earth Science Students

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Society of Earth Science Students (SESS) 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 objective of this academic council is to bring together students engaged in the study of earth science. It is intended to provide students an exposure to the earth sciences outside of the classroom. SESS is a resource, a support system, and a way of uniting all students, faculty, and staff within the University of Rochester department devoted to the study of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

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 - A member of SESS is any person who has a passion for geological or environmental sciences, and a desire to continually expand their knowledge outside of the classroom. An active member must attend 25% of all scheduled meetings or activities.
- 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. An associate member is one who attends at least two of the meetings and/or events held. Associate members may not vote in elections.

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 two 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.
- D. Online Voting Procedure – If a quorum cannot be held, voting shall be carried out with an online vote. A voting system that shall be limited to one response per voter and shall be anonymous. Voting shall last no less than 7 days.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President - Must have participated in SESS for at least one year unless no one else is qualified, is creative and a self-starter, has shown dedication to the council, and possesses leadership qualities.
- B. Vice President - Must have participated in SESS for at least one year unless no one else is qualified, and has shown dedication to the council.
- C. Business Manager - Must have participated in SESS for at least one year unless no one else is qualified, must be responsible, organized, possess financial skills and a high level of integrity.
- D. Secretary - Must be reliable, organized, committed to SESS, and willing to dedicate time to help plan events.
- E. Social Chair - Must be reliable, organized, committed to SESS, and willing to dedicate time to help plan events

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 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.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- H. The Secretary 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 Social Chair shall be primarily responsible for maintaining the clubs social media accounts.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. **Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nomination and Elections Procedure -** Nominations can be made by any members, including members who wish to nominate themselves for a position. All nominations must be seconded. A vote will be taken by secret ballot. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to be elected.
- B. **Term of Office - One year.** Officers will take office each Fall.
- C. **Timing of Elections - Elections will be held in April of each year or when a position opens.** They will be held at least 2 weeks before the last day of classes each semester.

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 IV, Section Two*.
- 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 Society of Earth Science Students 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 Society of Earth Science Students. 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.

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Signature of Confirmation

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12/13/2024

Date



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