



We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the ~~Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth~~ 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 organization.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

Our goal is to help reduce animal suffering by increasing awareness of animal rights issues and providing support for vegetarians, vegans, and anyone who is interested in learning about how our dietary and lifestyle choices affect animals, humans, and the environment.

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 organization's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of active member – A person must attend at least 2 meetings and an event to be an active member. If a person is unable to make it meetings, he or she may become an active member by attending at least 4 SAVVY-related events.
 - An inactive member is anyone on the mailing list but has not fulfilled the above requirements.

Definition of associate member – An associate member (e.g. graduate student) is anyone who attends or helps plan at least 1 event. Associate members are encourage to participate, but cannot vote or serve on executive board.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as $\frac{1}{2} + 1$ of active members.

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

SAVVY will have at maximum 7 officers, President, Vice/Co-President, Business Manager, Secretary, Publicity/Event Manager, Dining

Representative, and Philanthropy Liaison. Individuals may take on more than one role or delegate their responsibilities as necessary.

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 organization.
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 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. Also, the secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. The secretary is also the official contact for virtual EMS which is used for room and event registration.
8. **Vice/Co-President:**
 - For the purposes of balancing the responsibilities of president, the vice/co-president will be responsible for assisting with club managements tasks such as:
 - Running general meetings
 - Setting both short and long term goals and policies
 - Reaching out to and coordinating with other clubs/organizations
 - The delegation of these responsibilities will be determined on an individual basis between the presidents
 - The President, Vice/Co-President, and Business manager will meet with SAVVY's SA advisor on a regular (suggested monthly) basis in order to reflect on progress and future goals.
9. **Publicity/Event Manager**
 - The publicity/event manager is responsible for doing the following.
 - Managing SAVVY's social media (CCC, Facebook, the Buzz, etc)
 - Creating advertisements for events
 - Planning (with the help of active members) events that SAVVY is sponsoring
10. **Dining Representative**
 - The dining representative facilitate mutual communication between students and Dining Services.
 - He or she is responsible for coordinating with Dining Services to provide increased accessibility, quality and variety of vegetarian and vegan food and food-related events
11. **Philanthropy Liaison**
 - Community service provides an opportunity for activism and education. The role of philanthropy liaison has been created in order to have a more well-rounded and active club. The publicity liaison is responsible for the following:
 - Maintaining and cultivating contact with appropriate local service organizations (i.e. those whose missions relate to non-violence, animal rights, food service, etc)

- o Coordinating community service opportunities (at least 2 major programs per semester)

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Active members can be nominated (by themselves or active members) for an e-board position. Ambitious and qualified inactive members may also run for any position besides President/VP. All those up for election will present their platform at a general meeting, where any active member is invited to vote. Any members who wish to run but are unable to attend the meeting may have their platforms read by the secretary. A majority vote (by active members) will determine the future e-board. In the event of a tie, the president serves as a tie breaker.
2. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur towards the end of each semester, early enough to allow for a transition/training period. President, Dining Representative, and Secretary positions will begin in the fall and Vice President, Business Manager, Publicity Chair, and Philanthropy Chair will begin in the spring. Elections for specific positions may also be held at another time under extenuating circumstances (e.g. the officer is no longer able to commit to his/her responsibilities) or as need arises.
3. Term of Office - Every position is for one-year, except under extenuating circumstances. Officers are allowed to re-run, even for consecutive terms.

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 active 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 organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Section E. Provisions of Advisor(s)

Article V. Committees "Not applicable"

Article VI. Finances

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

Section B. Funding

The Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth shall be eligible for SA funding.

Article VII. Classification

Section A. The Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth shall be classified as a/an: Awareness

- A. Awareness - An awareness organization shall be any SA-recognized organization whose primary focus is the promotion of cultural or social issues.

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization 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 shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

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

Article X. By-laws

Section A. At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.

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

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth. 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 XII. Discrimination Policy

The Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization 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.

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04/09/12

Signature of Officer
Submitting Constitution

Date

Daniel J. Kelly

04/09/2012

Signature of SA Speaker
Granting Recognition

Date