



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Students for Israel

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Students for Israel (RSI) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

Students for Israel serves to celebrate and promote Israeli culture, history, and peoples through a variety of venues and programs, including but not limited to films, cultural celebrations, educational events, speakers from all facets of Israeli society, and outreach programs involving the Rochester community. Students for Israel also serves as a medium to educate and inform the campus on current events pertaining to the region and facilitate an open dialogue at the U of R.

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 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 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 - An individual who attends at least 50% of meetings and at least 50% of events.
- C. Definition of an 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. All students who choose to participate in events or meetings or include themselves in the e-mail list are members.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as 50% of active members plus an officer.

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 - Must have previously served on the executive board unless no one is qualified.
- B. Vice President
- C. Business Manager
- D. Community Engagement Chair
- E. Secretary
- F. Israel Week Chair

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. **President** – Leads meetings and discussions, in charge of overseeing positions and all group projects and activities, approves event/meeting ideas and ensures they are seen to fruition, runs executive board meetings, runs general meetings, assists executive board members, acts as liaison between Students for Israel (RSI) and other student groups, oversees potential issues, and ensures the club remains focused on our mission statement of Israeli cultural awareness. The president is also the point person for any outside organizations that the executive board feels necessary to involve and will be listed as Primary Contact on the CCC page.
- B. **Vice President** - Assists the President with any duties, and sets an example for the rest of the Executive Board.
- C. **Business Manager** – Consults with president about any financial expenditure, goes to SAAC office to submit requests, is on good terms with club accountant, submits correct budget, fills out PPAC forms for every event, turns in monetary requests in a timely manner, attends business manager meetings, and fills out supplemental funding requests.
- D. **Community Engagement Chair** – Utilizes club and e-board members to help hang up fliers, reserves banner space, maintains Facebook page, creates Facebook events, ensures pictures are taken at every event, and posts events on the Weekly Buzz. This position is also responsible for bringing co-sponsorship propositions to the executive board, and is the point person for reaching out to departments and other clubs in the University community for co-sponsorships.
- E. **Secretary** – Responsible for taking minutes during meetings, both executive as well as general, sends out email reminders for meetings, maintains Campus Club Connection

website, and reserves rooms.

- F. **Israel Week Chair** - This position is responsible for the culminating event of Israel Week, done at the end of the school year. They work closely with Business Manager to budget, as well as planning and organizing events, rooms, catering, and other aspects of the week. They are allowed to create a committee beneath him/her to assist in his/her efforts.
- G. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- H. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- I. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- J. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- K. All officers shall come to meetings unless excused, and email the President in advance.
- L. All officers shall respond to emails or other communications including but not limited to phone calls, text messages, and GroupMe with a timely manner.
- M. 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.
- N. The Vice President shall assist the President with any duties, and sets an example for the rest of the Executive Board.
- O. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- P. The Public Relations (PR) Chair 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.
- Q. 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.
- R. The External Engagement Chair shall be responsible for bringing co-sponsorship propositions to the executive board, and is the point person for reaching out to departments and other clubs in the University community for co-sponsorships.
- S. The Israel Week Chair shall be responsible for the culminating event of Israel Week, which is held at the end of the semester.
- T. New executive board positions can be made for solely one to two semesters, if the current board feels necessary. Any more than two semesters, and it is required to become a constitutional executive officer.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. **Nomination and Elections Procedure** - Anyone can nominate themselves for any open position except for the position of President. Presidents must be nominated by a current executive board member and must be current or former executive board members unless no one is qualified. Each member running is required to give a platform speech. Voting is done by the active members of the club assembled at that specific meeting. Election winners are determined by a majority vote.
- B. **Term of Office** - No officer will hold any given office for more than two consecutive semesters running for reelection.
- C. **Timing of Elections**- Elections will be held at least two weeks before the end of the 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 V, Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 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. Any member of the organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES


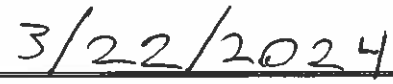
- A. The Students for Israel (RSI) of the University of Rochester will abide by our Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by Students for Israel (RSI). 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 Students for Israel (RSI) of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.

Signature of Confirmation

Date

Matthew Freeman

President, Students for Israel




Signature of Approval

Date

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