



SWING DANCE CLUB

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Swing Dance Club 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

Swing Dance Club aims to educate students about American dance forms originating in the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Swing Dance Club members learn primarily Lindy Hop (a partnered dance) and Charleston (both a partnered dance and a solo dance). Swing Dance Club members learn East Coast Swing and Blues Dancing secondarily. Swing Dance Club acts as an outlet for dancers in UR's Dance Department's Jazz class, expanding students' repertoire and understanding of vernacular jazz. Lessons are taught by UR student instructors with swing dance experience and qualified local instructors from Groove Juice Swing, a local swing dance organization. Lessons include topics such as musicality and jazz appreciation. An emphasis is placed on teaching social dancing skills that can be used locally on campus and in the Rochester community, as well as nationally at Lindy Hop exchanges and events.

Swing Dance Club works to integrate itself into the Rochester swing dance community and to connect with other swing dancers at fellow universities, such as students in the RIT Swing Dance Club and the Geneseo Swing Dance Club. Swing Dance Club also plans events that integrate the Rochester swing dance community and other Swing Dance Clubs to the University of Rochester, such as the UR's annual Spring Swing Dance, with live music historically provided by UR's Jazz Band. Swing Dance Club members regularly attend local community dances, such as the weekly Lindy Jam and the monthly Groove Juice Special, both hosted by Groove Juice Swing. In addition, club members have the opportunity to learn from local and national dancers at a number of dance workshops held in Rochester. Rochester is home to three different dance weekends each year which draw in people from all over the world: Steven & Virginie (Lindy Hop), Girl Jam (a follower-focused weekend), and Stompology (solo jazz and Charleston). Swing Dance Club members benefit from dancing and learning from the extended Lindy Hop community.

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 active member – A member is defined as a person who has paid their activities fee, as well as the dues for the club and attends a minimum of ½ of the meetings each semester. Members fall into the category of University of Rochester Undergraduates.
3. Definition of associate member – An associate member is defined as a person who has paid their activities fee, as well as the dues for the club and attends a minimum of ¼ of the meetings each semester. Members fall into the categories of University of Rochester Undergraduates, Graduate students, and community members. Members who attend less than ¼ of the meetings cannot vote. Only active members can serve on the 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 ½ + 1 of the total group membership.

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

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Business Manager
4. Community Coordinator

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. The President is responsible for coordinating lessons and sending out weekly e-mails. The President must have participated in Swing Dance Club for at least one year and be involved in the Rochester Swing Dance Community.
6. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating the dances on campus and advertising. The Vice President must have participated in Swing Dance Club for at least one year.
7. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. The Business Manager will be in charge of dues for the club. Also, the Business Manager will budget for dances on campus such as the Spring Swing. The Business Manager must have participated in Swing Dance Club for at least one year.

8. The Community Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating events in the community and arranging rides to dances and workshops off campus. The Community Coordinator must have participated in Swing Dance Club for at least one year.
9. The President and Business Manager 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 President shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of group members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure – Any member who receives two nominations may run for a position. Candidates will have an opportunity to address the Swing Dance Club, stating why they want the position. Every member shall have one vote for each position. The candidate with the most votes will be appointed to the position.
2. Timing of Elections – Mid April
3. Term of Office – One 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 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 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.

Section E. Provisions of Advisor(s)

Article V. Finances

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

Section B. Funding

Swing Dance Club shall be eligible for SA funding.

Article VI. Classification

Section A. Swing Dance Club shall be classified as a/an:

Performing and Fine Arts - A performing or fine arts organization shall be any SA-recognized organization whose mission is to promote the arts and artwork through performances, shows, and exhibitions

Article VII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active 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 shall 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 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 X. Hazing Policy

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

<i>Lindsay Gardner</i>	B 12/13/10
Signature of Officer Submitting Constitution	Date
<i>James J. Gave Jr.</i>	12/13/10
Signature of SA Speaker Granting Recognition	Date