



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **Tau Beta Pi: New York Kappa Chapter**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Tau Beta Pi (TBP) New York Kappa (NY K) chapter of the University of Rochester as an Academic Honor Society and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

### **ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT**

The New York Kappa Chapter of Tau Beta Pi aims to recognize engineering students who have distinguished themselves by their academic performance and exemplary character. Members of Tau Beta Pi will contribute to both the campus and city of Rochester community through co-sponsorship events, regular tutoring, and volunteering.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility – Membership into the NY K Chapter of Tau Beta Pi is by invitation only and open to engineering students who meet the following criteria: in the top 1/8 of the junior class or in the top 1/5 of the senior class and displays exemplary character. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students, if inducted into Tau Beta Pi, shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site.
- B. Definition of active member – A student who earns at least 10 points per semester by attending social events, tutoring sessions, co-sponsorship events, and academic enrichment events, based on the point assignment designated by the Secretary. One point is typically equivalent to an hour-long event. While the number of events vary by semester, 10 points typically corresponds to approximately 20% of eligible events per semester. In addition, students must participate in 2 hours of tutoring sessions per semester. During semesters in which obtaining 10 points is not feasible due to extenuating circumstances, the active member point requirement will be evaluated and adjusted.
- 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 must have been initiated into Tau Beta Pi but did not meet the point requirements as stated above. They are not eligible to vote. If they earn 10 points in a semester, then they may become an active member again.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING**

### **SECTION ONE - QUORUM**

- A. A meeting shall be valid if quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 2/3 of the organization's active membership plus 4 officer(s).

### **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. All officers must be active members to qualify to hold the position.
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Business Manager
  - e. Social Chair
  - f. Tutoring Chair

### **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, submit paperwork to the national organization, and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above. The President shall also 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.
- F. The Vice President shall invite professors and the deans to initiation, inform initiates of their requirements, order TBP shirts, and support the President.
- G. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- H. The Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of active TBP members, send out weekly emails, manage event point assignments, and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. The Social Chair shall reserve rooms and organize events for members such as study breaks and volunteering, manage co-sponsorships, order food for any official event, and assist the Secretary.
- J. The Tutoring Chair shall plan tutoring sessions, advertise for tutoring sessions around campus and take attendance for each tutoring session.

### **SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations can be made by any member, including any member who wishes to run for that position, but graduating senior

members are not eligible to run. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to become elected.

- B. Term of Office – All officer positions serve for a one year term.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur annually at least one last week before the end of January.

**SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS**

- A. At the 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 an organization can 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 - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by Tau Beta Pi. 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 VII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Tau Beta Pi New York Kappa Chapter of the University of Rochester abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation

Kendall Kohout

**President, Tau Beta Pi: New York Kappa Chapter**

4/7/23

Date



Signature of Approval

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4/10/2023

Date