

## CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGY COUNCIL

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Undergraduate Anthropology Council 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 the organization  
The purpose of the Undergraduate Anthropology Council (hereafter referred to as the "U.A.C.") is to promote a fuller understanding of the field of anthropology and related fields through interaction with the students, faculty, and staff at the University of Rochester. The U.A.C., by encouraging dialogue between students, faculty and staff, hopes to emphasize the way in which anthropological knowledge can enrich and broaden the perspective students bring to the many other fields of study offered at the University of Rochester.
- Article II.                   Meetings  
Section A.                A meeting is valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present.  
Section B.                Definition of a quorum  
A quorum consists of at least 4, or half, the members.
- Article III.                Membership and Voting  
Section A.                Membership  
1. Eligibility-All students, faculty and staff are eligible for group membership.  
2. Definition of a member-Membership shall be granted to any individual who attends at least 30% of the U.A.C. functions, both organizational and social.  
Section B.                Voting  
1. Voting on any issue is official only if the meeting is valid  
2. All members have one vote on a given issue  
3. In order to vote on an issue brought before the group there must be a formal proposal made by a member on said issue and there must also be the opportunity to discuss and debate the issue before a formal vote. When every member present is resolved to vote on the issue each must cast a vote of either yea or nay, and the votes must be tallied and recorded by the U.A.C. secretary.
- Article IV.                Officers and Qualifications  
Section A.                The President-The president serves as the general head of the U.A.C. and shall be responsible for delegating duties to the other officers. The president shall preside over the meetings. The president shall also function as the liaison with the faculty advisors, the campus community and the Student's Association.

The Secretary-The secretary is responsible for such duties as recording the minutes of the U.A.C.'s organizational meetings, and sending them via e-mail to the Anthropology Departments faculty, staff, and students. The secretary shall also be responsible for keeping track of membership and any other clerical duties deemed necessary by the executive committee of the U.A.C. In the event that the president cannot attend a meeting it is the responsibility of the secretary to preside over the meetings in the president's place.

The Business Manager-The business manager is responsible for managing all incoming funds available for U.A.C. use. The business manager shall be responsible for all receipts and a record of the income and expenditures of the group. He or she shall also be the U.A.C.'s liaison to the SA for all matters of finance.

**Section B. Duties of the Officers**

1. All officers must be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. At least one officer 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.
4. All officers must enforce this group constitution.
5. All officers are responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and by-laws that apply to this group.
6. Some member shall be responsible for keeping an accurate list of the group members to be presented for inspection upon request of any group member, or member of the Students' Association.
7. Some member must preside over meetings; some member shall take minutes and roll, some members shall be responsible for finances.

**Section C. Nominations and Elections**

1. Any member can be nominated for an official position. When a member nominates another member they must specify the office they are nominating the person for. There is no maximum number of offices that a member can be nominated for. In order to be put on the formal ballot the nomination must be seconded by another member. Once there is at least one member nominated for each office a formal election shall take place. All members are able to vote. An office is filled when a ½ plus 1 majority has voted affirmatively to elect a member to an office.
2. If a group has one set of elections per year, they shall occur between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The term of each office shall be filled by an individual for 1 year unless a vacancy or resignation occurs.

**Section D. Vacancies and Resignations**

1. At the official meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled in accordance with the specifications listed in the constitution of each group.
2. 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 no confidence.
3. A vote of no confidence shall be defined as a 2/3 affirmative vote.
4. An office is declared vacant by a vote of no confidence.

Section E.

Provisions of Advisors

The U.A.C. of the University of Rochester shall actively recruit faculty involvement through faculty advisors.

Article V.

Finances

Section A.

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

Section B.

Historically, the U.A.C. has been SA funded. The organization desires to continue to be SA funded.

Article VI.

Amendments

Section A.

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

Article VII.

Adoption of the Constitution

Section A.

Two-thirds membership, or more if the group decides must approve the constitution.

Section B.

This constitution shall be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C.

This constitution should not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article VIII.

By-laws

Section A.

Provisions for adoption of by-laws are to be listed in the constitution.

Section B.

At least a majority of the membership must approve the by-laws. The group may set a higher limit if it wishes.

Section C.

By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the Senate Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX.

Hazing Policy

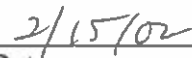
The harassment of one individual by another individual or group (sometimes called hazing) is not permitted by the Undergraduate Anthropology Council. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, 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 X.

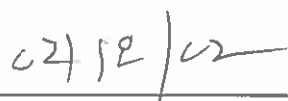
**Discrimination Policy**

The University of Rochester Undergraduate Anthropology Council does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap or religious affiliation.

  
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Signature of Officer Submitting Constitution

  
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Date

  
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Signature of SA Speaker Granting Approval

  
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Date