



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

College Feminists

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish College Feminists 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

The purposes of the University of Rochester College Feminists is to educate the university community about feminist issues and to enhance the feminist community on campus by raising consciousness and awareness of intersectionality. It is also to establish a broad constituency of diverse students to work in pursuit of feminist ideals and to educate and take action on campus, local, state, national, and international feminist issues and concerns. Finally, our mission is to also facilitate open and constructive discussion about feminists and human issues and to provide leadership and career building opportunities for our members.

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 active member believes in the mission statement, attends at least one meeting per month, and participates in College Feminists' events, tabling, and co-sponsorships.
- C. Definition of associate member - An associate member believes in the mission statement, supports College Feminists, and keeps updated on College Feminists activities. This member cannot be on the executive board, and cannot vote.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 50% of the active membership plus one presiding officer and secretary.
 - a. An associate member cannot vote.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All active 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. Procedure: The outgoing president presides over elections; the other president shall only vote in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. The permanent officers of the organization shall be the offices of the Co-Presidents and Business Manager.
- B. Other officers include, but are not limited to: Secretary, Public Relations Manager, Activism Chair, Community Outreach Chair, and The Vagina Monologues Co-Directors.
- C. Other officers or committee heads may be appointed by the Co-Presidents.

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 Co-Presidents 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.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for performing all financial transactions and recording them in detail. It shall be the responsibility of the Business Manager to update the Executive Board on the club's financial standing each week, write the budget proposal for the following year, and manage copy center interactions. Additionally, the Business Manager shall attend all fundraising and logistics meetings for The Vagina Monologues and preside over all financial transactions.
- G. The Co-Presidents 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.
- H. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending out emails, making room reservations, booking on-campus promotional displays, taking meeting minutes, sending out tasks to eboard members weekly, manage the roster, and create and update membership signup documents.
- I. The Community Outreach Chair shall be responsible for fostering connections in the greater Rochester area through volunteer and activist opportunities. The Community Outreach Chair shall organize and oversee at least one community service event per semester and is responsible for Reproductive Justice Week in the Spring semester. The Community Outreach Chair also maintains alumni relationship through monthly email updates and management of the facebook group.
- J. The Activism Chair shall be responsible for keeping up with local, national, and international news and events in order to update College Feminists on activist

opportunities. The Activism Chair is responsible for Women's History Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Week (Take Back The Night). The Activism Chair is also responsible for communicating with other groups off-campus to get involved with their activist activities.

- K. The Public Relations Manager shall be responsible for updating the College Feminists Facebook page and all corresponding social media accounts, regularly posting the dates and details of upcoming meetings and events, and creating flyers for any events.
- L. The Vagina Monologues Co-Directors shall facilitate and attend all rehearsals, as well as publicity, fundraising, and logistics committee meetings, organize fundraising and donation efforts beginning in the fall semester, manage performance logistics, spearhead advertisement and outreach efforts, and hold auditions and rehearsals.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Eligibility for Executive Board Position - Candidates for executive board positions are eligible if they have attended three general member meetings, two co-sponsored events, and one tabling event in the given semester, with the exception of an emergency election at the beginning of the semester due to premature vacancy in an executive board position.
- B. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Candidates for executive board positions may self-nominate or be nominated by any group member at a designated meeting. Once nominated, the candidate must receive a second before they are eligible for running for the position. Elections may be held either at the same meeting or at the following meeting.
- C. Term of Office— The term of office will be for two semesters unless an office holder chooses to vacate their position or a sudden vacancy arises
- D. Timing of Elections - One Co-President shall be elected at the end of the fall semester and shall serve from January 1-December 31. Elections for all other positions shall be held at the end of the spring semester (usually in April), or following a vacancy of office, and shall serve for from May 1- April 30. The exact date of each semester's elections shall be determined by the current Executive Board.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the executive board 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.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

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

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. College Feminists shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. College Feminists shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - College Feminists shall be classified as an awareness group.

ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

SECTION TWO - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

SECTION THREE - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

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

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

SECTION ONE - At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

SECTION TWO - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by College Feminists. 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 XIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

College Feminists 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
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12/05/17

Date ~~October 3, 2017~~
December 5, 2017



Signature of Approval
Alex Guerrero
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

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