

The Constitution of the Filipino American Students' Association

We the students, faculty and staff of the University of Rochester do hereby establish the Filipino American Students' Association 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*

To preserve a common cultural identity of the Filipinos and Filipino-Americans. To give the general public an opportunity to know more about the Filipino culture. To promote cultural diversity on campus.

Article II. *Meetings*

A meeting is valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. The quorum must consist of at least 1/2 of the total group membership.

Article III. *Membership and Voting*

Membership:

1. Eligibility-- Group membership is open to the general public.
2. Definition of an Active Member--To be eligible for active membership, one must have attended at least half of the general meetings and or functions.

Voting:

1. Voting on any issue is official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All active members have one vote for the following:
 - A. Any given issue
 - B. Elections
3. To approve a decision on any issue or election, there must be a 2/3 vote affirmatively by the active members.
4. An active member may vote by proxy.

Article IV. *Officers and Qualifications*

1. All officers must be students of the university who have paid the undergraduate river campus student activities fee.
2. The President must have attended at least 2/3 of the meetings.
3. The Vice President must have attended at least 2/3 of the meetings.

4. The Business Manager must be an active member.
5. The Secretary must be an active member.
6. The Public Relations Officers must be active members.

Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
2. The President is responsible for leading the meetings. The President must attend all meetings, unless excused by the majority of the officers. The President oversees the duties of the officers. The President is in charge of resolving any conflicts within the Filipino-American Students Association.
3. The Vice-President will carry out the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President must attend all meetings, unless excused by the President.
4. The Business Manager is responsible for the finances of the Filipino-American Students Association. The Business Manager must update the Association's finances for each meeting. The Business Manager is in charge for keeping a record of all expenditures. The Business Manager is the sole liaison between the Filipino-American Students Association and the Students Association Appropriations Committee. The Business Manager is in charge of any fund raising projects.
5. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution, open to inspection by all members of this group. The secretary must have a list of all members of the Filipino American Student's Association. The secretary must keep a record of attendance for each meeting. The secretary must keep a record of minutes for each meeting.
6. There can be up to two public relations officers. The Public Relations Officers are in charge of informing the members of meetings and functions. The Public Relations Officers are responsible for the distribution of flyers.

Nominations and Elections:

1. Nominations will be held one general meeting before the elections.
2. An active member can be nominated for more than one position in a given term.
3. In case of a draw, the current president will break the tie.
4. An active member can only hold one position in a given term.
5. The elections shall occur at the end of March.
6. The new term begins for the newly elected officers after the meeting of elections.
7. The term for all officers is one year.

Vacancies and Resignations:

1. 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.
2. An office is declared vacant by a vote of no confidence.
3. If there is a vacancy, there will be an election within two meetings according to the rules above.
4. An officer may resign upon written notification to the remaining officers.
5. A vote of no confidence shall be defined as a 2/3 affirmative vote by the active members.

Article V. *Finances*

1. Student's Association members shall receive priority at SA funded events conducted by the Filipino American Students' Association.
2. The Filipino American Students' Association would require funding as needed for the following: social activities, travel, cultural events and projects.

Article VI. *Adoption of the Constitution*

1. 2/3 of the active members must approve the constitution.
2. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.
3. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students Association constitution or by-laws.

Article VII *Amendments*

1. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.
2. Amendments shall not conflict with this constitution, the Students Association Constitution and by-laws.

Article VIII *By-laws*

1. Any member can propose or amend a by-law.
2. At least 2/3 of the active membership must approve the by-laws.
3. By-laws shall not conflict with this Constitution, the Student Associations' Constitution, and the Student Associations' By-laws.

Article IX *Discrimination Policy*

The University of Rochester Filipino-American Students Association 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, political, ideological views or affiliations.

SA Senate Speaker: Robert T. Brown 4/26/93