



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

# Food Recovery Network

## ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Food Recovery Network (FRN) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

## ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The Food Recovery Network is a national organization that unites college campuses and students from across the country with the goal of eliminating excess food waste while attempting to alleviate hunger in our local community.

As part of the Food Recovery Network's national efforts, Food Recovery Network is a student run organization that works to help fight hunger in the Rochester community. We collect weekly inventories of food from various food locations on the University of Rochester's campus. We then donate the food to local food donation centers such as soup kitchens, homeless centers, and other food accepting institutions.

## 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 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 must attend at least three events per semester.
- 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. They have also attended fewer than three events per semester. They will not be able to hold an executive board position.

## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

### SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the active membership plus one or more officers.

### 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. Candidates must provide a platform.

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

### SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President, Vice President, Business Manager, Event Planner, Secretary

### 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. At least two officers must be certified to drive the SA vans.
- F. 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 that fulfills the purposes set forth above. They will also coordinate communications with food donors and food recipients, and manage communications with FRN National. Along with the Vice President, they will oversee the other executive board members, and organize donation runs and general member meetings. First-year students in their first semester are not allowed to hold this position.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. First-year students in their first semester are not allowed to hold this position.
- H. The Vice President 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. Along with the President, they will oversee the other executive board members, and organize donation runs and general member meetings. They will also perform the duties of the Compliance Officer. First-year students in their first semester are not allowed to hold this position.
- I. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. They will also co-manage our social media profiles with the Event Planner, and act as the primary contact between executive officers and general members (for example, through weekly emails).

- J. The Event Planner shall plan events (promotional, fundraising, bonding, etc.) for our organization, manage advertising these events, as well as co-manage our social media profiles with the Secretary.

**SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Active members interested in holding an executive position must nominate themselves prior to the election date with an established platform.
- B. Term of Office -. Each officer's term lasts for one semester, but active members are allowed to run as many times as they want.
- C. Timing of Elections - Student organization elections must be held at least 2 weeks before the last day of classes each semester.

**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 entire active membership 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 - RESOURCES**

**SECTION ONE - RESOURCES**

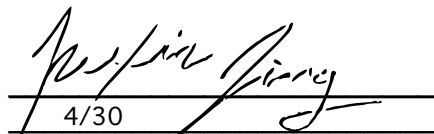
- A. The Food Recovery Network (FRN) of the University of Rochester will abide their Resource Agreement.

**ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Food Recovery Network (FRN). 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 VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Food Recovery Network (FRN) abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

  
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Signature of Confirmation

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President, Food Recovery Network (FRN).

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Signature of Approval

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

Date *04/27/2020*