

French Cultural Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the French Cultural Club (FCC) 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 purpose of the French Cultural Club shall be to provide the University of Rochester community with an opportunity for French speaking students to educate students of the University about French language and related culture. Students will learn about French culture and try to discuss in French language. Each semester will be filled with different activities, and weekly meeting. The purpose of this organization is to promote awareness of French culture and civilization.

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:
 - a. The FCC is open to all students and faculty of the University of Rochester.
 - b. Attending a majority of meetings and/or participating in projects acquires membership.

- c. Members are allowed to vote. All are also eligible to serve for executive board positions.
- C. Definition of associate member:
 - a. Associate members cannot vote or serve on the executive board.
 - b. They can freely attend and participate in planned events and brainstorming sessions.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE – QUORUM

A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined ½ of the organization's active membership plus at least one or more officer.

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. List of officer positions
 - a. President
 - Presiding over the meetings
 - Organizing club agenda
 - Carrying out discipline, when needed
 - Take attendance
 - b. Vice President
 - Acting as Present Pro-Tem
 - Arranging for meeting space
 - Attending Student Group Council meetings
 - Keeping minutes
 - c. Business Manager
 - Handling financial matters of club
 - Attending the Student Union Student Group Business Manager Orientation
 - Maintaining contact with Student Union Business Manager
 - Keeping club records
 - d. Press Officer
 - In charge of the group's email and responding to inquiries
 - Responsible of the group's social media
 - Accountable for promoting the club and its events

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 and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. 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.
- H. The Vice-President shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure Any student wanting to run for elections should:
 - a. Prepare a speech
 - b. Have attended at least 10 meetings
 - c. Be elected by a majority + 1

All votes will be held by secret ballot, and the election cannot be held during the weekly meeting. The election shall be held at another time.

- B. Term of Office Elected Officers will be in office for one year.
- C. Timing of Elections Elections shall be held at the end of each Spring 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 ¾ majority of the 2/3 of the 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 - FINANCES

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

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. French Cultural Club shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. French Cultural Club shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - French Cultural Club shall be classified as a Cultural Council of the University of Rochester.

ARTICLE VII - 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 the French Cultural Club. 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 XII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The French Cultural Club 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	4.117/17
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