



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **URunning Club**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the URunning Club 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 URunning Club is to provide a fun and healthy environment for undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members to run both competitively and non-competitively. URunning Club will inform its members of safe running procedures and proper training techniques during club meetings and training sessions. URunning Club will also encourage social interactions among the University of Rochester community, and will act to integrate the running community of the Rochester area and other universities.

### **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 is defined as an active member of the URunning Club if he or she has been in attendance the equivalent of at least one URunning Club sponsored run every two weeks and/or has paid dues.
- C. Definition of associate member - An associate member is any member of the URunning Club who is not currently a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Rochester or Eastman School of Music. Associate members may include graduate students, faculty, staff, undergraduate students from other universities, or community members. An associate member may not hold office or

vote on club matters. All associate members must follow the procedure for membership as outlined in the Club Sports Manual.

## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

### SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the active membership plus one 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. **President:** The President is required to have had at least one full year as an active member before he or she can be elected as President. There is a one-year term limit for the President, provided that he or she upholds his or her Duties to the URunning Club, as enumerated in Article IV, Section B. A President may hold consecutive terms.
- B. **Vice President:** The Vice President is required to have had at least one full year as an active member before he or she can be elected as Vice President. There is a one-year term limit for the Vice President, provided that he or she upholds his or her Duties to the URunning Club, as enumerated in Article IV, Section B. A Vice President may hold consecutive terms.
- C. **Business Manager:** The Business Manager is required to have had at least one full semester as an active member before he or she can be elected as Business Manager. There is a one-year term limit for the Business Manager, provided that he or she upholds his or her Duties to the URunning Club, as enumerated in Article IV, Section B. A Business Manager may hold consecutive terms.
- D. **Secretary:** The Secretary is required to have had at least one full semester as an active member before he or she can be elected as Secretary. There is a one-year term limit for the Secretary, provided that he or she upholds his or her Duties to the URunning Club, as enumerated in Article IV, Section B. A Secretary may hold consecutive terms.
- E. **Captain:** The Captain is required to have had at least one full semester as an active member before he or she can be elected as Captain. There is a one-year term limit for the Captain, provided that he or she upholds his or her Duties to the URunning Club, as enumerated in Article IV, Section B. A Captain may hold consecutive terms.

### 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. All officers shall be responsible for identifying races and events that members of the URunning Club are eligible to participate in.
- 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, as well as maintaining a binder cataloging the history of the URunning Club.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. The Business Manager shall work in conjunction with the Secretary to ensure that all necessary documentation for the Students' Association, Club Sports Council, or any other association is current and accurate.
- H. The Secretary 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.
- 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.
- J. The Secretary and Business Manager shall work in conjunction with the Secretary to ensure that all necessary documentation for the Students' Association, Club Sports Council, or any other association is current and accurate.
- K. The Captain shall be responsible for maintaining all past copies of the constitution.
- L. The Captain shall also be responsible for chronicling URunning events by taking photos and recording race data of URunning Club members.
- M. The Captain shall also be responsible for choosing the weekly run routes and communicating this to members.

#### **SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - All active members are required to be in attendance at election meetings or cast absentee ballots. Members may self-nominate to any position, or they may nominate any other member with the second party's consent. Elections will be cast by a secret ballot to be tallied by the current Secretary. A plurality vote will determine the new officers.
- B. Term of Office - All officers will hold a term for one year. All previous officers may hold concurrent terms of office. Officers will take office immediately following their election with a two-week transition period in which old officers must continue to attend meetings and assist with the transition of new officers.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections to determine all positions for the fall semester shall be held at a specific election meeting in early April each year.

#### **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 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. URunning shall be eligible for SA funding.

**ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - The URunning Club shall be classified as a Club Sport.

**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 X - AMENDMENTS**

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

**ARTICLE XI - 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 XII - HAZING POLICY**

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

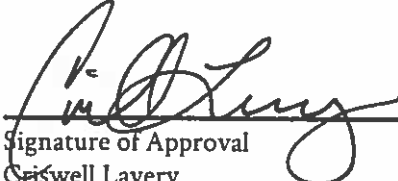
The URunning Club of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.



Signature of Confirmation  
Ian Lawson  
President, URunning Club

2/21/19

Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Approval  
Criswell Lavery

2/22/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**