

UR SEGway

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the *UR SEGway* 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 organization.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

UR SEGway is a sexual assault awareness group with two main goals: to educate our campus about sexual violence and to thoroughly circulate information about campus and community resources for survivors. This is achieved through awareness events and providing a forum for free discussion about these issues. Our discussions allow for exploration of topics that are generally considered to be taboo and have a tendency to be passed over.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Membership

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association 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 Club Connection site.
2. Definition of active member – In order to be an active member individuals must have attended at least three meetings/discussions OR participated in two events, e.g. tabling. Membership is reevaluated each semester. As an active member, individuals have the opportunity to run for e-board, and are able to attend group social events, e.g. pizza parties and dinners.
3. Definition of associate member – In order to be considered an associate member, an individual must be on the group mailing list, i.e. listed as a member on the organization CCC page. Associate members are not able to run for e-board, vote in elections, or attend member social events. Associate members are able to attend meetings and participate in events run by UR SEGway.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as ½ of the active membership of UR SEGway.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All active members shall have equal voting power.
3. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer.

Article IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

1. President- Only previous e-board members may run for the position of President.
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Business Manager
5. PR and Membership Chair
6. Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Chair- An individual must have been on the Walk a Mile Committee previously in order to run for this position.

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
5. 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.
6. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
7. The President and 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. Also, the Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
8. The Vice-President shall be responsible for assisting the President in all of their duties, organizing member social events, securing speakers for meetings, events and other activities, and will assume the responsibilities of the President if the President is unavailable.
9. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping track of organization archives, sending out emails to members about meetings, events, and volunteering opportunities. The Secretary will be the Virtual EMS contact of the organization, and is responsible for room and table reservations for events.
10. The PR and Membership Chair is responsible for overseeing membership and recruitment, maintaining all social media outlets for the organization, flyering and creating banners, and publicising organization functions.
11. The Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Chair is responsible for the Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event held in the Spring semester. They shall preside over the Walk a Mile in Their Shoes committee, and will delegate tasks as they see fit.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Members must volunteer to run for a position, and must be seconded by another member in order to be an official nominee. All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using an anonymous ballot vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie. Blank ballots may be handed in if an individual does not wish to vote for any individuals running for the position. In the event that blank ballots have the majority for a position. The floor is opened back up for new individuals to run and previous candidates to restate their platforms.
2. Timing of Elections - Elections for President and Vice President occur at the end of each Fall semester Elections for all other positions occur at the end of each Spring Semester..
3. Term of Office - one year

Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the active membership to pass the motion.
3. 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 an organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Section E. Provisions of Advisor(s)

There are no provisions of advisors at this time.

Article V. Committees

Section A. Purpose of Committees

1. A committee shall be an organized group within UR SEGway whose mission coincides and facilitates the overall mission statement of UR SEGway.
2. The goals of every committee must be in accordance and working towards the same goals as UR SEGway.
3. UR SEGway shall ultimately be responsible for the actions of their committees.

Section B. Committees

1. Walk a Mile in Their Shoes- This committee shall be in charge of planning, organizing, and running the Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event which will take place in the spring semester.

Section C. Chairperson

1. A committee chairperson shall preside over a committee.
2. A committee chairperson shall be elected at the same time as other officer elections and shall follow the same procedures for nomination and election.

3. A committee chairperson shall report directly to the organization during regular meetings regarding current business of the committee.
4. A committee chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the committee's Campus Club Connection webpage.
5. A committee chairperson is considered an e-board member and shall attend e-board meetings and be a part of e-board decisions.

Section D. Membership

1. All members of a committee shall be members of UR SEGway.
2. All members of UR SEGway shall be eligible for committee membership.
3. A member of UR SEGway may become a member of a committee by signing up on a list provided by the committee chair, or separately contacting the committee chair if the committee has already been formed.

Section E. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be presided over by the committee chairperson.
2. Meetings shall be determined by the committee chairperson and committee members as needed.
3. A valid meeting shall follow the same meeting and voting rules as mentioned above in Article III.

Section F. Budget

1. Committee budgets shall be determined and allocated by the organization's executive board.
2. Committee budgets shall be managed by the committee chairperson in consultation with the organization's business manager.
3. All financial requests shall be processed by the organization's business manager.

Section G. Promotion and Publication

1. When promoting a committee, it shall be advertised as "X is a committee of UR SEGway."
2. When advertising an event sponsored by a committee, it shall be advertised as "X event is sponsored by Y, a committee of UR SEGway."
3. If organization is SA-funded, "UR SEGway is SA funded" must also be included on all promotions, advertisements, and publications.

Article VI. Finances

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

Section B. Funding

UR SEGway shall be eligible for SA funding.

Article VII. Classification

Section A. UR SEGway shall be classified as a/an: Awareness Organization

- A. Awareness - An awareness organization shall be any SA-recognized organization whose primary focus is the promotion of cultural or social issues.

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

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

Article X. By-laws

Section A. At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.

Section B. By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA constitution or by-laws.

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the UR SEGway. 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. Discrimination Policy

The UR SEGway of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.

Handwritten signature: Hannah Greenwald

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Signature of Officer
Submitting Constitution

Date

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Signature of SA Speaker
Granting Recognition

Date