



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Society of Earth and Environmental Science

Students

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Society of Earth and Environmental Science Students (SEESS) 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 objective of this academic council is to bring geoscience and environmental science students together who share a common passion. It is intended to provide students an exposure to earth and environmental science outside of the classroom, through seminars, guest speakers in the field of Geoscience/Environmental Science, educational field trips, group discussions and other social events. SEESS plans to expose students to job opportunities after college, prepare them for graduate school, and provide crucial networking opportunities. SEESS is a resource, a support system, and a way of uniting all students, faculty, and staff within the Earth and Environmental Sciences department.

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 member of SEESS is any person who has a passion for geological or environmental sciences, and a desire to continually expand their knowledge outside of the classroom. An active member must attend $\frac{2}{3}$ of all scheduled meetings or activities.
- C. Definition of associate member - An SA or Non-SA member who attends at least two of the meetings and/or events held. Associate members may not vote in elections.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as $\frac{1}{2}$ 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* - Must have participated in SEESS for at least one year, is creative and a self-starter, has shown dedication to the council, and possesses leadership qualities.
- B. *Vice President* - Must have participated in SEESS for at least one year, and has shown dedication to the council.
- C. *Business Manager* - must be responsible, organized, possess financial skills and a high level of integrity.
- D. *Secretary* - must be reliable, organized, committed to SEESS, and willing to dedicate time to help plan 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 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.
- H. 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.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations can be made by any members, including members who wish to nominate themselves for a position. All nominations must be seconded. A vote will be taken by secret ballot. A nominee must have a majority of quorum votes to be elected.
- B. Term of Office - One year. Officers will take office each Fall.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held in March of 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 VII - FINANCES

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

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

- A. SEESS shall be eligible for SA funding.

ARTICLE VIII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - SEESS shall be classified as an Academic Council - An academic council shall be any SA-recognized group that works with, is advised by or is run in conjunction with an academic department related to a specific major, certificate or concentration program.

ARTICLE IX - 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.

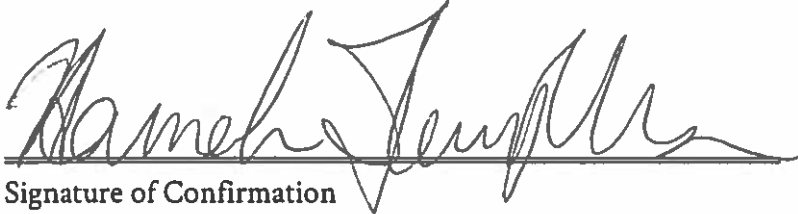
SECTION TWO - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the SEESS. 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 Society of Earth and Environmental Science Students 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.

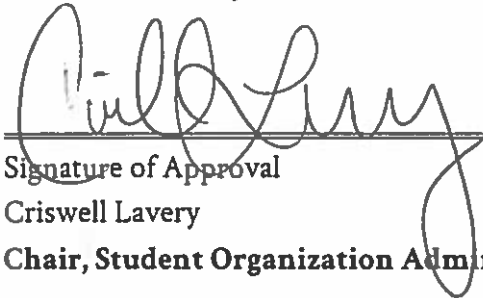


Signature of Confirmation

4/1/19
Date

Hannah Tompkins

President, Society of Earth and Environmental Science Students



Signature of Approval

3/29/19
Date

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee