



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Society of Physics Students

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Society of Physics Students (SPS) 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 purpose of this Chapter shall be the advancement and diffusion of knowledge of physics and the encouragement of student interest in physics throughout the academic and local communities.

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 - All student, faculty, or staff who attends at least two (2) meetings and two (2) events in one academic year.
- 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. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to compete nor travel as part of a college student organization. Associate members must attend at least one (1) meeting and one (1) event in one academic year.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 of the active membership plus one (1) 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. Executive Board officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a Business Manager, a Secretary, an Outreach Chair, a Social Chair, and a Professional Development Chair.
- B. Non-Executive Board positions of the Chapter shall be First-Year Ambassador and Sophomore Ambassador.

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 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.
- 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.
- I. The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for organizing and executing at minimum four (4) outreach events throughout the academic year, in addition to presiding over the Outreach Committee.
- J. The Social Chair shall be responsible for organizing and executing at minimum four (4) social events throughout the academic year, in addition to presiding over the Social Committee.
- K. The Professional Development Chair shall be responsible for organizing and executing at minimum four (4) professional development events throughout the

academic year, in addition to presiding over the Professional Development Committee.

- L. The First-Year Ambassador shall be responsible for promoting the awareness of SPS events to the First-Year SPS members and potential new members.
- M. The Sophomore Ambassador shall be responsible for promoting the awareness of SPS events to the Sophomore SPS members and potential new members.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations shall be by any open nomination at a meeting in the previous month. The election shall be by closed ballot. Officers-elect shall assume their offices immediately following the April election and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected.
- B. Term of Office - Officers shall serve for one year, from their election until their successors are chosen. They shall act in an advisory capacity until the end of the current semester.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections for officer positions shall occur in April, two weeks or more before classes end. Elections for the Ambassadors shall occur in September.

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 Society of Physics Students 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 Society of Physics Students. 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 Society of Physics Students abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation

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