



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Splash

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Splash (Splash) 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

Splash's mission is to provide opportunities for both high school students and University of Rochester undergraduates to take control of their education through the tenets of Choice, Opportunity, Accessibility, and Autonomy. We believe that these four values are essential to building internal motivation in students and will serve as a catalyst for future academic exploration. We strive to achieve our mission by hosting educational outreach programs for high school students with classes designed and taught by undergraduates. In addition, via the implementation of these programs we strive to foster a connection between UR students and the Rochester community. We hope that Splash members will serve as leaders and role models to high school students and will inspire in them academic drive and curiosity.

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 - An active member is defined as a member who attends at least 1/3 of the total number of meetings and attends at least one program hosted by Splash.
- 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.

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 two officers.

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. The officer positions for Splash shall be: President, Vice President, Business Manager, Communications Chair, Student Coordinator, and Teacher/Volunteer Coordinator. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.

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. They will also be in charge of fundraising projects to raise funds for Splash programs.
- 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.
- I. The Vice President shall aid the President in delegating duties and maintaining the functioning of the club. In times where the President is unable to fulfil their duties, the Vice President shall take over presidential duties until the President is able to resume their duties.
- J. The Student Coordinator shall be in charge of tasks involving high school students including, but not limited to, student recruitment and outreach to high schools, making announcements to students registered for Splash programs, and organizing support for students during events.

- K. The Teacher/Volunteer Coordinator shall be in charge of tasks involving Splash teachers and volunteers (UR undergraduates) including, but not limited to, teacher and volunteer recruitment, communications with registered teachers, and organizing pre-program orientation sessions as necessary.
- L. The Communications Chair shall be in charge of maintaining the club's public profiles and communications. This includes the Splash CCC page, website, email address, and social media profiles.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Elections for officers shall take place in the spring semester in the month of April to ensure proper training of elected officers before the beginning of their term at the start of the fall semester. Splash shall follow an open nomination process where any active member may be nominated to run for an officer position. Nominations for candidates shall be accepted from any active member and need not be seconded. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote via secret ballot. Elections shall be held in a general membership meeting with a quorum present or electronically on CCC.
- B. Term of Office - Officers will serve a one-year term. Transition to a newly elected board of officers will occur at the end of April, when newly elected officers will be trained on their positions by current officers. Newly elected members will start their term in the fall semester following the election.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur in April of every year, no fewer than two weeks before the end of classes.

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. Splash 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 Splash. 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

Splash abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation
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02/09/2021
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