



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## Students' Association for Interfaith Cooperation

### ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Students' Association for Interfaith Cooperation (SAIC) 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 II - MISSION STATEMENT

Interfaith dialogue introduces and reinforces interdependence, cooperation, and respect amongst people of varying beliefs and practices. SAIC will actively seek to connect religious, spiritual, and unaffiliated students on campus. SAIC will plan interfaith dialogues, community service programming, worship observations, and social events in order to promote understanding of others and build a more accepting campus community.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION ONE - Membership

- A. 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.
- B. Definition of active member –
  - a. Board Member – An elected officer of the executive board. Must attend at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of E-board meetings during the semester.
  - b. Active Member – Participates in events organized by the executive board. Must attend at least three events or meetings during the semester.
- C. Definition of associate member – A non-SA member who fulfills all other requirements for active membership, but may not vote in elections or serve on the executive board.

## ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS AND VOTINGS

### SECTION ONE – QUOROM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if quorum is present. Quorum is defined as at least 1/2 of the organization's 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*: Prepare and run meetings. Oversight of programs shared by the President and Vice President.
- B. *Vice President*: Oversight of programs shared by the President and Vice President.
- C. *Secretary*: Write down minutes during meetings and send minutes to the group via e-mail.
- D. *Business Manager*: Manage funds.
- E. *Publicity Chair*: Create publicity materials for events, and manage social media.

### SECTION TWO – DUTIES OF OFFICER

- 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 Vice President will share the responsibilities for oversight of programs with the President. In the President's absence, the Vice President will conduct Executive Board meetings.
- G. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions.
- 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 take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

- J. The Publicity Manager is responsible for the creation of flyers, banners, and online advertisements for all fundraising events. This also includes general maintenance of the CCC page for advertising purposes.

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

- A. Nomination and Election Procedure - Students may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. In the latter case, the individual must accept the nomination. Nominees will have the opportunity to make a short speech followed by a paper ballot election during a regular meeting time.
- B. Term of office - The length of term for all officers is one year. Officers will take office at the end of Fall Semester.
- C. Timing of elections - Elections will normally take place late-Fall semester, in order for new officers to transition into their positions.

### **SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, ND REMOVALS**

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in Article V, Section Three.
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.

## **ARTICLE VI - FINANCES**

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

**SECTION TWO** - SAIC shall not be eligible for SA funding, since it is a religious group. SAIC will be funded by the Interfaith Chapel.

## **ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATIONS**

**SECTION ONE** - SAIC will be classified as a religious group.

## **ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**SECTION ONE** - Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

**SECTION TWO** - This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

**SECTION THREE** - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

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

## **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

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


**SECTION TWO** - 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 Students' Association for Interfaith Cooperation. 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 – NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

The Students' Association for Interfaith Cooperation 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.

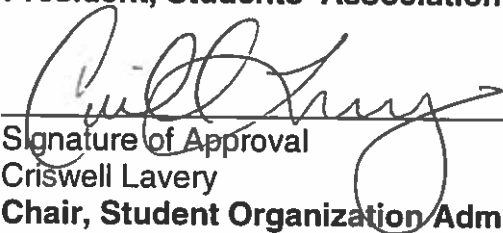


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Date

11/9/18

**President, Students' Association for Interfaith Cooperation**



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Date

11/12/18

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