



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Undergraduate Chemistry Council 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

The Undergraduate Chemistry Council seeks to build a community of engaged students interested in chemistry. We seek to promote an interest in chemistry among students and in the Rochester community, afford an opportunity for students of a chemical science to become better acquainted, to secure the intellectual stimulation that arises from professional association, to obtain experience in preparing and presenting technical material before chemical audience, to foster a professional pride in the chemical sciences, and to foster and promote awareness of the responsibilities and challenges of the modern chemist.

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 - active members are those attend at least three events per semester.
3. Definition of an associate member - associate members are those who receive Undergraduate Chemistry Council's e-mails. Associate members may not vote in elections or serve on the executive board.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 of the organization's active membership plus one or more officer(s).

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue is official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. 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. Board Positions

Any active member is eligible to hold any office. Each position may be held by up to two people.

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Business Manager
5. Publicity Manager

Section B. Duties of Board Members

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 by-laws 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 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. 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 Publicity Manager will be responsible for advertising the activities of the group as well as developing new ways to promote chemistry on campus.
9. The Vice-President will perform the duties of the President when necessary and will work with the President to oversee the activities of the chapter.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. **Nomination and Election Procedure-** Elections take place by vote. People can be nominated or nominate others for a position. All of those interested in the position will present a platform at the election meeting followed by a paper ballot vote.
2. **Term of Office-** The term of office for all board positions is one calendar year (April to April).
3. **Time of Elections-** Elections will be held in April each year.

Section D. Vacancies and Resignations

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)

1. (if any)

Article V. Committees
Not Applicable

Article VI. Finances
Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.
Section B. Funding
The Undergraduate Chemistry Council shall be eligible for SA funding.

Article VII. Classification
Section A. Undergraduate Chemistry Council shall be classified as an:
A. Academic Council - An academic council shall be any SA-recognized organization 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 VIII. Adoption of the Constitution
Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership 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 Undergraduate Chemistry Council. 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 Undergraduate Chemistry Council 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.

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October 27, 2014

Signature of Officer
Submitting Constitution

Date

William Min

10/27/14

Signature of SA Speaker
Granting Recognition

Date