

# Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 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**

IEEE is one of the largest technical professional organizations in the world. It is dedicated to foster innovation and excellence to advance technology for the benefit of humanity. IEEE student chapter aims to create a professional community for students to benefit from faculty and collaboration. Events include seminars that highlight current research and roles of an engineer in industry. In addition, there are student-led activities that focus of essential academic and technical skills.

IEEE student chapter works on connecting current students with IEEE Rochester community. Students are welcome to attend monthly dinners with Rochester's IEEE chapter; which includes engineers in industry, faculty members in Rochester Universities.

By joining IEEE student chapter, students will be given the opportunity to participates in programs and professional networking that can help build critical skills.

# **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 student who attends all regular meetings but 2 with excused absences and participates in all activities organized by IEEE student chapter.

C. Definition of associate member - A student who attends half of regular meetings and participates in half of some activities organized by IEEE student chapter.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING**

#### **SECTION ONE - QUORUM**

A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one half of the active membership plus 3 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**

- President
- Vice President
- Project Manager
- Business Manager
- Operation Chair

#### **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 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 Operation Chair 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 Project Manager shall oversee room reservations and event organization.

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

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure Open nomination will be used to determine the candidates for positions and the active members will vote on who will be on the executive board.
- B. Term of Office The length of term is a full academic year. At the end of the spring semester, transition of positions will occur.
- C. Timing of Elections Elections will take place in the fourth full month of the spring semester.

#### 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 % 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.

**SECTION FIVE - PROVISIONS OF ADVISOR** 

### **ARTICLE VII - FINANCES**

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

**SECTION TWO - FUNDING** 

A. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers shall be eligible for SA funding.

### **ARTICLE VIII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers shall be classified as a pre-professional organization.

### 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 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. 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 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers 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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