

Journal of Undergraduate Research

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Journal of Undergraduate Research (JUR) 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 Journal of Undergraduate Research is dedicated to providing the student body with intellectual perspectives from many academic disciplines. JUR serves as a forum for the presentation of original research thereby encouraging the pursuit of significant scholarly endeavors. Seeking to enhance the scholarly community on campus, JUR also reflects students' varied interests.

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 will be a person who attends 25% of our general member meetings. A general member can be promoted to the position of content editor (CE) if he or she has completed the above.
- 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 perform, 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 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. The President/Editors-in-Chief (EICs) must have served as Content Editors and preferably Managing Editors prior to their election and service as EICs, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Managing Editors (MEs) are required to have served as Content Editors in the past in order to understand the editing and publication processes, unless no one else is qualified.
- C. Content Editors (CEs) are not elected but instead any individual who completes work as assigned in a timely fashion as determined by MEs and EICs and also attends 75% or more of officially held meetings can be a CE, unless no one else is qualified. There are no term limits for CEs.

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/Editors-in-Chief 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. They 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. They shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. CEs work in teams of four or five under a managing editor by reviewing and editing all pieces assigned to that group. Managing editors (MEs) work more closely with editors-in-chief (EICs), who work with the more administrative aspects of JUR; professors, who review departmental pieces; and, authors, with whom the MEs work in conjunction to edit pieces for publication.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure Any candidate who meets officer qualifications for the position he or she seeks is eligible to nominate his or herself for the position in question. Furthermore, any voting member of the Journal of Undergraduate Research can nominate another person for a position if the nominee is eligible for the position. Nominees may win by most votes.
- B. Term of Office –Terms of one academic year, transition occur at the end of the spring semester. They are limited to terms of one academic year but are subject to reelection surpassing no more than three academic years. EICs have a term limit of one academic year but are subject to reelection surpassing no more than two academic years, where two EICs are elected annually. Managing Editors have a term limit of one academic year but are subject to reelection surpassing no more than three academic years. Content editors have no term limit.
- C. Timing of Elections Elections will occur at the end of the spring semester, at least two weeks before the last day 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 3/3 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 Journal of Undergraduate Research at the University of Rochester will abide by 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 Journal of Undergraduate Research. 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 Journal of Undergraduate Research abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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