



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT

## **Minority Pre-Law Society**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Minority Pre-Law Society (mpls) 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 Minority Pre-Law Society aims to increase and prepare minority undergraduate students aspiring to pursue legal careers by offering customized support, mentorship, and opportunities.

### **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 CCC 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 - To maintain full active membership in MPLS general members must attend at least 30% of meetings each semester.
- 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 2/3 of the active membership plus 2 officers of the executive board.
- B. An executive board meeting is only valid if 2/3 Quorum is present

#### **SECTION TWO - VOTING**

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid (2/3 quorum of the executive board).

- B. All members shall be informed of the voting issue prior to the voting day
- C. All members shall have equal voting power.
- D. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by a simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie. In the case of presidential removal from office, the senior advisor shall vote in the case of a tie

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

### **SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS**

- A. President (Must have served previously on MPLS executive board)
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Business Manager
- E. Senior Advisor
- F. Outreach Chair
- G. Publicity Chair
- H. All Executive Board members require at least one semester of active membership to qualify to hold a position (unless no else is qualified). The executive board shall be composed of the following elected positions.

### **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. The President shall also be responsible for all duties including but not limited to:
  - a. All aspects of MPLS programming and strategic development.
  - b. Facilitation of all Executive board meetings and general membership meetings.
  - c. Responsible for the preparation of meeting agendas.
  - d. Ensuring that all meetings are run in a timely manner.
  - e. Delegates and oversee the completion of tasks among the executive board and general members.
  - f. Duties not limited to those above.
- F. 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. The Vice President shall also be responsible for all duties including but not limited to:
  - a. Responsible for assisting the President with all aspects of MPLS programming and strategic development.
  - b. Responsible for taking notes during weekly e-board meetings on days when



- f. Duties not limited to those above.
- J. The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for expanding the club's reach and fostering relationships with external parties. The Outreach Chair shall also be responsible for all duties including but not limited to:
  - a. Identifying and contacting potential partners, organizations, and alumni.
  - b. Coordinating community engagement activities and events.
  - c. Ensuring effective communication between the club and external stakeholders.
  - d. Collaborating with the Publicity Chair to promote outreach initiative.
  - e. Delegating tasks to other members involved in outreach efforts.
  - f. Duties not limited to those above.
- K. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for managing the club's public image and ensuring its presence on various platforms. The Publicity Chair shall also be responsible for all duties including but not limited to:
  - a. Developing and executing a publicity plan for the club's events and activities.
  - b. Managing the club's social media platforms and ensuring content is regularly updated.
  - c. Designing posters, flyers, and other promotional materials.
  - d. Collaborating with the Outreach Chair to spread awareness of the club's initiatives.
  - e. Coordinating with the President and other chairs to align messaging.
  - f. Duties not limited to those above.

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

#### **A. Nomination and Elections Procedure**

- a. Nominations for office shall open at least 10 days before the election date. Any member of the Minority Pre-Law Society may nominate him or herself or another person for office provided that person is in compliance with the rules outlined by Article III.
- b. Only active members are eligible for nomination.
- c. Election shall be held during an MPLS General Member Meeting.
- d. Applications will be turned in via email.
- e. New eboard members shall be appointed by majority vote.
- f. Active Members are allowed to apply for all positions excluding the President position which is only available for those who have served on MPLS executive board prior.
- g. The Senior Advisor is chosen by the incoming eboard based on their experience and ability to provide strategic guidance to the newly elected eboard.

#### **B. Term of Office**

- a. The term of office shall be from the last e-board meeting of each spring semester until the end of the second-to-last meeting of the subsequent spring semester.
- b. Shall an individual Eboard position remain unfilled for a semester, an election to fill that role will be held at the end of the semester.
- c. Should a vacancy in the office occur, the position shall be filled in accordance

with the procedure outlined in Article V, Section Four.

- d. Timing of Elections - Elections shall be held in the spring semester, around the second-to-last week in March, but no later than two weeks before the final 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 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. The Minority Pre-Law Society of 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 Minority Pre-Law Society. 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; and actions in the form of social pressure that might cause harm to an individual.

**ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Minority Pre-Law Society abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation  
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Signature of Approval  
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