



# **Simulation Gaming Association**

## **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the University of Rochester Simulation Gaming Association (URSGA) 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 goal of the University of Rochester Simulation Gaming Association is to provide University of Rochester students and members of the Rochester community with an open community for the discussion and furthering of interests in simulation gaming, tabletop gaming, and derivative activities – including but not limited to board gaming, tabletop roleplaying, and trading/collectable card games – conducting social events to expand and develop this community, and promoting simulation gaming to the community as a whole.

## **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 is a member who attends a minimum of three meetings in the span of the last two months during which classes were in session, and whose name is on the club roster. If a member cannot attend meetings consistently, the executive board may vote within a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to allow active membership to a student.
- 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 ½ 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**

All officer positions require at least one semester of active membership (excluding Office Manager) to qualify for a position and must show consistent, active participation in the club. Additionally, all officer positions must be willing to transport equipment to and from the office on a weekly basis and for special events. The previous requirements and those below are waived in the event that no one qualified is willing to run.

- A. President
  - a. Must have held an executive board position previously to hold the position.
  - b. Must demonstrate a vested interest in club activities and the well-being of the club. This will be evident in their attendance at weekly meetings and special events.
- B. Vice President
- C. Business Manager
- D. Secretary
  - a. Must be consistently available to attend weekly board meetings and to take roll call at weekly meetings.
- E. Publicity Officer
- F. Office Manager
  - a. Must be a first year student to hold the position.
- G. SIMCON Officer
  - a. Must have served for at least one term in the SIMCON committee, and be nominated by the outbound SIMCON Officer.
- H. Trading Card Game Chair (TCG Chair)
  - a. Must have at least one semester of active membership in the affiliate meetings, in addition to general requirements.
  - b. Is voted for by the members of the affiliate, not of the club as a whole. In context, dealing with the TCG Chair, the active membership consists of the active membership in the TCG affiliate, rather than that of URSGA as a whole. This includes but is not limited to election and removal from office.

## **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 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. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- H. The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for promoting the organization on campus and online, designing and distributing posters, and for maintaining club social media accounts. The Publicity Officer shall also be responsible for taking photos (as desired) during club activities, and maintaining said photos in a place easy to access for promotional purposes.
- I. The Office Manager shall be responsible for maintaining the club office neat and orderly, make sure fire code is observed, to keep stock of games and office supplies, and to make recommendations to the club on these concerns.
- J. The SIMCON Officer shall be responsible for organizing and running the club's annual convention, SIMCON.
- K. The Trading Card Game Chair (TCG Chair) shall run affiliate meetings and be responsible for representing the needs of the TCG affiliate. The TCG Chair shall keep stock of TCG relevant game supplies, and make recommendations regarding them. The TCG Chair shall also collaborate with other officers to propose, organize, and fund TCG specific events.

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

- A. **Nomination and Elections Procedure** - Any active undergraduate member of the University of Rochester Simulation Gaming Association can be considered a nominee for an officer position if they are nominated by another member and/or self-nominated prior to the date of election, if they fulfill the requirements for nomination to the position. A vote shall be held to determine which of the nominees for a given officer position will hold that position.
- B. **Term of Office** - All officers will serve a term of one year, expiring at the end of the academic year, or when the position becomes vacant. All officers, with the exception of the Office Manager, will take office at this time, following a transitional period after their election. The Office Manager will take office immediately after being elected.
- C. **Timing of Elections** - Elections for all positions, with the exception of the Office Manager, will take place during the second week of April or after SIMCON has

occurred. Elections for Office Manager will take place during the second week of October. Candidates should announce their intent to run one week prior to the election date. All elections must be held 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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 Simulation Gaming Association of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

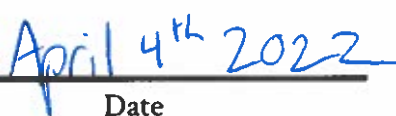
### **ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Simulation Gaming Association. 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.

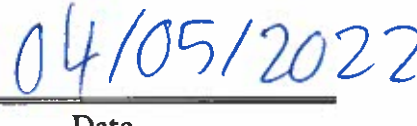
### **ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Simulation Gaming Association abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

  
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President, Simulation Gaming Association

  
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Chair, Administration & Review Committee

  
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