Constitution

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Preamble

We the members of Rice Computer Science Club, subscribing to the regulations and policies of Rice University, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

Article I. Identification and Purpose

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the *Rice Computer Science Club* ("the Club"), abbreviated *Rice CS Club* or *CS Club*.

Section 2. Subsidiaries

The following functional subsidiaries are a part of the CS Club. The CS Club government runs their organization and operation.

1. HackRice
   An initiative to host student led hackathons at Rice during which people collaboratively implement projects of technical merit within a short period of time to compete for prizes.

2. Rice Apps
   An initiative for developers at Rice to improve student life through creation and maintenance of open-source software and technology.

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of the Rice CS Club shall be:

1. To provide and maintain a support network that encourages the personal, intellectual, career, and social growth of Rice undergraduates who are interested in Computer Science - especially those who are majoring in Computer Science;

2. To provide opportunities to exercise and develop skills important to Computer Science, through conducting programming competitions, holding informative talks, organizing algorithm challenges, providing a platform for open-source software contributions through Rice Apps, and hosting hackathons through HackRice;

3. To foster community among members by way of social events such as study breaks, social lunches, bowling and movie nights, trivia, and beer debates;

4. To establish a link between Computer Science major alumni, graduate students, and undergraduate students at Rice; and

5. To provide information concerning computing careers that cannot be learned in the classroom.

Article II. Membership

The membership shall consist of those who meet the following criteria:
1. Be a current undergraduate student at Rice University
2. Be signed up for the Club mailing list
3. Attend at least 2 CS Club events every academic year
4. Sign up on the official CS Club Membership Roster

Only current members may participate in organization activities. Non-member undergraduates who express interest in joining CS Club may attend club events. Non-members can attend a CS Club event / activity if they belong to a group that is explicitly invited to the specific event / activity.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. Duties of Officers

Officers are not limited to the duties and responsibilities defined here and are required to take a holistic and well-rounded approach to their respective positions. Officers may interchange responsibilities to suit their strengths and preferences. Officers may create committees and recruit members as necessary to help fulfill their responsibilities.

1. Duties and responsibilities of the President:
   a. Be the chief executive of the Club.
   b. Preside over meetings of the Club.
   c. Lead the other officers and help them successfully fulfill their goals and responsibilities pertaining to the Club.
   d. Serve as the liaison between the Club and relevant organizations such as the Rice University Computer Science Department and Rice University Student Activities.
   e. Take care that this constitution and the laws of the student body are faithfully executed.
   f. Conduct elections and ensure the succession of officer positions.
   g. Perform any administrative power or duty not provided for in this Constitution with majority agreement amongst the other officers and the Club Faculty Advisor.

2. Duties and responsibilities of the Vice President:
   a. Exercise presidential duties in absence of the President.
   b. Assume Presidential office upon vacancy
   c. Manage the Club mailing list.

    d. Oversee Rice Apps.
    e. Handle executive committee task management and delegation.
    f. Help coordinate Club events.

3. Duties and responsibilities of the Technical Chair:
    a. Organize technical events for the Club that foster development of skills important for Computer Science majors. Examples include:
        i. Technical Resume Review
        ii. Algorithm Challenges
        iii. Programming Competitions
    b. Organize and lead HackRice

4. Duties and responsibilities of the Social Chair:
    a. Organize social events that foster community and fellowship among the members. Examples include:
        i. Study Breaks
        ii. Bowling Nights
        iii. Trivia
        iv. Beer Debates
    b. Connect members of the Club across the years through social events and activities.

5. Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer:
    a. Ensure that the Club effectively utilizes monetary and campus resources to carry out its activities.
    b. Maintain a correct balance of the organization's funds.
    c. Take minutes during meetings.
    d. Record useful data such as event attendance, statistics, membership roster, alumni contact info etc.

Section 2. Term of Office

The term of office shall be from the election that inducts the officers until the next general elections.

Article IV. Elections

Section 1. General Elections

1. The Rice CS Club shall hold general elections to elect new officers. The general elections shall be held annually during the Spring semester.

Section 2. Voter Eligibility

1. Only members of the Rice CS Club, as defined in Article II of the constitution, are eligible to vote in Rice CS Club elections.

Section 3. Candidate Eligibility

1. Election candidates must be Rice University undergraduates who are either freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.
    a. Sophomores and juniors that run must be declared Computer Science majors.
    b. Undergraduate seniors, graduate students, and alumni are not allowed to run for office.
2. If a candidate has any intention of studying abroad for the term that they are running for, this must be made clear to voters.
3. Candidates running for the office of Technical Chair must have been on the Technical Chair Committee of a previous Rice CS Club administration, unless there was no Technical Chair Committee formed or there are no Technical Chair candidates running for the office from a previous Technical Chair Committee.
4. Must be an active student at Rice (e.g. not studying abroad or taking time off) for at least Fall or Spring of the upcoming academic year, except in the case of:
    a. President, must be an active student at Rice during both Fall and Spring semester.
    b. Technical Chair, must be an active student at Rice during the semester that HackRice is held.

Article V. Faculty Advisor

1. There shall be exactly one full-time faculty advisor to advise the officers of the Rice CS Club on matters pertaining to the Club.
2. The new advisor will be designated by the Club officers, with approval from the current designated advisor.
3. The advisor shall serve until his or her replacement or resignation.
4. The advisor shall have no direct authority over the Club officers or members.

Article VI. Constitution Amendments

Section 1. Amendment Procedure

1. An amendment to this constitution may be proposed by Club members or by officers.
2. After the amendment proposal, it must first approved unanimously by all Club officers.
3. After the unanimous approval from officers, voting for the addition of the amendment may occur.
    a. Eligible voters are club members.
    b. The voting must occur on a specific date, stated to the club members at least two weeks prior.

c. For the amendment to be added to the constitution, there must be a majority affirmative vote by the members.

Signed by:

Name	Position	Signature	Date
Waseem Ahmad	President		04/12/14
Salvatore Testa	Vice President		4/12/14
Peter Washington	Technical Chair		4/27/14
Carolyn Shuford	Social Chair		04/27/14
Aaron Roe	Treasurer		4/25/14