

The Constitution *of*
The Bangladesh Students Association
at
University of Rochester
v1.0

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We, the graduate and undergraduate students from Bangladesh at the University of Rochester(UofR) and University of Rochester Medical Center(URMC), in order to aggregate student lead efforts in promoting student welfare; fostering higher educational standards; enhancing cultural and social welfare; and to establish a bridge between Bengali speaking undergraduate, graduate and alumni from University of Rochester, as individuals and as a unit, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I Name & Abbreviation

The name of this association shall be The University of Rochester Bangladesh Association. In abbreviated form this association will be called, **UR Bangla**.

Article II Objective

The primary aim of this organization shall be to serve as a unifying force and cultural ambassador for Bangladeshi students at the University of Rochester. It shall foster camaraderie among its members and the broader Bangladeshi community, while actively promoting the university to prospective students from Bangladesh. The organization shall endeavor to provide guidance and support to incoming Bangladeshi students, facilitating their transition to academic life at the University of Rochester. Moreover, it shall strive to preserve and celebrate the vibrant traditions and festivals of Bangladeshi culture, sharing this rich heritage not only with American students but also with the diverse international student population on campus.

Article III Membership

Membership of **UR Bangla** will be based on registration and executive members will supervise the registration process. Only the primary and secondary members will have the privilege to practice the voting rights to elect the executive officers of **UR Bangla**.

SECTION 1. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT **UR Bangla** is committed to serving its members and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, political, veteran or religious affiliation/status in offering its membership.

SECTION 2. PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP All *registered* students, faculty, and staff at University of Rochester(UofR) and UR Medical Center (URMC), shall be eligible for voting membership. All registered students, faculty and staff at UofR will be considered the “Primary Members” of UR Bangla.

SECTION 3. SECONDARY MEMBERSHIP The *registered* spouses and children (older than sixteen) of the UofR and URMC faculty and students who are the citizens of Bangladesh or are of Bangladesh origin shall be considered “Secondary Members”.

SECTION 4. GUEST MEMBERSHIP All other *registered* students at the other schools or colleges in the State of New York, who are of citizens of Bangladesh and/or of Bangladesh origin, shall be considered “student guest members”.

SECTION 5. HONORARY COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP All other persons living in Rochester, NY are eligible to be “honorary community members”. Honorary (non-voting) memberships can be specified to people based on the decision of the executive committee.

SECTION 6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Student: \$1 per semester per person
- Spouse of Student (non-student): \$1 per semester per person
- Family (Non-student): \$2 per year per family

Note: Membership fees will be applicable only for Fall and Spring semester.

Article IV Executive Committee

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS The Executive Committee shall consist of following positions,

- a. President,
- b. Vice President,
- c. Secretary-Treasurer, and
- d. Advisor (Multiple Positions)

SECTION 2. All executive and legislative power granted herein shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

Article V Terms of Office

SECTION 1. The officers of the organization shall be:

- a. President,
- b. Vice Presidents (Separate Undergraduate and Graduate Positions),
- c. Secretary-Treasurer (Separate Undergraduate and Graduate Positions)

(Titles for the above positions may differ from those described at the discretion of the organization. Other positions may also be included as officer positions).

SECTION 2. All student voting members of the organization shall be eligible to hold office.

SECTION 3. The term of office for the officers of UR Bangla shall be one academic calendar starting from fall or spring. But the officers are allowed to keep their positions at will till an on-demand election situation occur.

SECTION 4. Elections will take place on-demand. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the voting members of the UR Bangla at the on-demand election.

On-demand situations for election can occur in three ways,

- a. If the term of an executive officer is over for one academic calendar year, any primary members are eligible to challenge the position. This will demand an election comprising of challenging candidate and the position holder.
- b. If an executive officer forfeits his/her/their position due to unforeseeable situation.
- c. If an executive officer's term naturally ends and he/she/they don't wish to continue the position.

SECTION 5. Whenever a position is made available by the executive committee, a duration for applicants will be set. If multiple applications found for the same position, electronic voting will take place and the term will start

SECTION 6. The Vice-President is responsible for recording the minutes of each meeting and implementing all tasks for the Association with the help of all members.

SECTION 7. Each member is responsible for whatever task/tasks he/she is assigned for by the executive committee of the association.

SECTION 8. The President is responsible for circulating information regarding which positions are available to be challenged for election to the general members by the first Friday of September every year.

Article VI Relationship

The UR Bangla Association will have no relationship to or to be controlled by any other local, state, or national organization.

Article VII Advisor(s)

One or more advisor(s) shall be elected in the same manner as the officers of the Association. Fixed advisor positions will be the followings-

- a. Faculty Advisor.
- b. Undergraduate Advisor,
- c. Graduate Advisor,
- d. Students Family Welfare Advisor

Other advisor positions may be created to ensure representations from different departments.

Article VIII Finances

SECTION 1. Funds will be raised by activities sanctioned by the Executive Committee which are permitted by UofR.

SECTION 2. Innovative fund raising ideas shall always be welcomed but will have to be approved as per UofR policy and permission.

SECTION 3. In the event of dissolution of the organization recognition, any funds remaining in the organization's account shall be donated to any welfare organizations either on campus or off-campus.

Article IX By Laws

By-laws to this constitution may be added at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds majority vote, provided the by-law has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.