AS&E GSA Constitution
2022 Version
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Preamble.
The University of Rochester Arts, Sciences, and Engineering Graduate Student Association,
which shall be informally known as the Graduate Student Association (GSA), represents
graduate students in Arts, Sciences, and Engineering programs at the University of
Rochester. The GSA advocates on behalf of our students to the University's administration,
connects students to each other and University resources, and organizes activities that
promote personal, academic, and career success during graduate school.3(s)-4(the Gr)3(a)-3(du)10(a)-3 Tf
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Article III: Steering Committee.
The Steering Committee operates in collaboration with the AS&E Graduate Education and
Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA) office. The committee·s purpose is to help students have a
better experience during graduate school. To this end, the Steering Committee shall engage
in regular communication with the graduate student body, provide an outlet for the concerns
and ideas of students, advocate for policies that benefit students, and serve as an

x The Student Life Officer, who shall investigate and seek to resolve issues of
concern to graduate students, collect and analyze data on student life and wellness by
surveying students regularly, evaluate the effectiveness of GSA programming to meet
student needs, sit on the Graduate Student Wellness Committee, maintain a list of
other graduate students who sit on University committees and seek to maintain and
expand the graduate student voice at an institutional level, help arrange issue-related
and instructional seminars, and serve as a liaison to University administrative
divisions dealing with student life (e.g., Residential Life, International Students
Office, Office of Disability Resources, University Health Service, University
Counseling Center, the Interfaith Chapel, the Kearns Center, the Burgett
Intercultural Center, the Title IX Office);
x The Diversity and Engagement Officer, who shall maintain a list of active
graduate student clubs and organizations, encourage the formation of new student
organizations, provide logistical and planning support for clubs and organizations
hosting events, assist the Social Programming Officer in co-sponsoring events with
graduate student clubs and organizations, assist the Vice President in approving
requests for event funding, assist the
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T he names of all nominated candidates and any accompanying statements shall be shared

s imultaneously to ensure equal expos ure of ca ndidates . These s tatements s hall also be

emailed to the GSA membership body when the voting period begins.

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T he Dean of Graduate Studies for Arts, Sciences, and Engineering or the Dean·s appointed

deputies s hall ce rtify the res ults of the el ection. T he voting pe riod s hall rema in open for a

period of three days.

Article I V.B : V acancies .

In the event that a Steering Committee officer vacates their position before the end of their

term, the va ca ncy shall first be offered to the runner (s)-up for the pos ition from the pre vious

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All decisions at a General Meeting must be declared by a majority of the GSA Department
Representatives who are in attendance. One Representative from each department or proxy
who is present at the meeting shall cast an equal vote.
A two-thirds vote of the Department Representatives shall be necessary to overrule a
Steering Committee decision or expel a GSA member from an elected position. Other
decisions may be approved via a simple majority vote of the Department Representatives.
The Steering Committee shall give the Department Representatives an agenda of items to be
discussed at the General Meeting at least one week prior to the meeting. In addition,
Department Representatives shall each have a brief opportunity at the General Meeting to
share feedback about the Steering Committee.
Article VI: Compensation.
Members of the Steering Committee will be compensated for their time in the amount of $200 for each six-month period for which they serve, as detailed in the Bylaws. GSA
Steering Committee members are

AS&E GSA Bylaws
Fiscal Year:
The Fiscal Year shall be defined from July 1 to June 30. These dates coincide with the
University of Rochester fiscal year and accompany changes in the Steering Committee, while
allowing for the planning of events falling shortly after officer elections and the Steering
Committee turn-over to occur during the previous year and have funds appropriately
allocated.
Elections:
The April election for GSA Steering Committee officers shall occur through a secure
electronic polling site managed by the GEPA office on behalf of the Dean of Graduate
Studies for Arts, Sciences, and Engineering. Voting shall not occur via email. The polling site
must have a secure sign-in method, to prevent repeat voting by individuals, but the polling
site must anonymize votes once students cast them. The Dean or the Dean·s appointed
deputies will verify and announce the results of the election.
Election Turnover:
The term for the Steering Committee and Department Representatives shall begin on June 1,
and the term for the Steering Committee and Department Representatives shall end on May
30. New Steering Committee officers may attend the final meetings of the previous year·s
Steering Committee (e.g., meetings that occur between the April election date and May 30).
Likewise, old officers may attend the first Steering Committee meeting in the new term (e.g.,
after June 1) to effect a smooth transition of student leadership.
Every outgoing Steering Committee officer shall meet with their successor during the month
of May to discuss the re004>-3<0,lm1t 1 38.87 361 ilth te oviT耀瀅䘁偉 ԰Ԡ̀々 ̀圀hꀀn·쀄耀om̀刀0Հ瀅 ̀射쀅䠀et �ha
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