

Constitution of the University of Rochester Cinema Group

Preamble

We, the students, faculty and staff of the University of Rochester, do hereby establish the University of Rochester Cinema Group and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this group.

Article I – Mission Statement

To publicly show movies, providing the campus with a positive and entertaining movie-going experience, and to provide a fun and fulfilling environment for our members.

Article II – Meetings

1. A meeting is valid only if quorum is present.
2. Quorum shall be defined as a majority of the persons with voting privileges.
3. Cinema Group will meet on a regularly scheduled basis decided by the Executive Board with all of these meetings open to all persons interested in Cinema Group.
4. Cinema Group will hold general interest meetings at least once per semester.

Article III – Membership and Voting Privileges

Section A. Membership

1. All members of the Students' Association are eligible to become standard Cinema Group members with voting privileges as defined in the By-Laws. Persons outside the Students' Association are eligible to become non-voting members.
2. The requirements and privileges of membership are outlined in the By-Laws.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue is official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All voting, unless otherwise stated, is decided by majority rule.
3. Voting privileges are given to anyone who meets the following criteria:

- a. Active Students' Association member
 - b. Cinema Group member who has attended one half or four of the meetings of the current semester, whichever is less
 - c. Cinema Group member who maintains valid membership as outlined in Section A.
4. Each person with voting privileges shall have one (1) vote on a given issue.
 5. All votes shall be tabulated by the Chairperson, who shall vote only in case of a tie.
 6. Voting by proxy will be allowed for any vote requiring advanced notice.
 7. Voting by proxy for Elections shall follow the following procedure:
 - a. Absence Proxy voting will be defined as giving the ballot to the Chairperson in case of absence at the Elections. Proxy ballots must be submitted by 9 pm the Saturday before the Election. In the case of multiple persons are nominated for the same position, then the ballot must clearly state their choices by ranking of first, second, and so forth.
 - b. Any voting member attending the Election but must leave before all Elections are held is allowed to leave their ballot with the Chairperson at the time of leave.

Article IV – Executive Board

Section A. Qualifications

1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the following:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Personnel Director
 - c. Programming Director
 - d. Business Manger
 - e. Publicity Director
 - f. Alternative Programming Director
 - g. Trailer Editor
 - h. Webmaster
2. Officer rank is outlined by the order above, Chairperson first.
3. All Executive Board members and Theatre Managers must be members with voting privileges in order to take office.
4. The positions of Chairperson and Personnel Director may only be filled by Theatre Managers.

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. Duties of All Executive Positions are as outlined in the by-laws.
2. All Executive Board Members
 - a. Shall promote active recruitment of new members.
 - b. Shall be responsible for maintaining current copies of this Constitution, to be open to inspection by any member of this group or the Students' Association.
 - c. Shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and by-laws that apply to this group.
 - d. Must enforce this constitution.
 - e. Must be willing to the job to the best of their ability
 - f. Shall be receptive to valid criticisms from the Executive Board about their performance

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Any member with voting privileges may be nominated for the position of Theatre Manager provided that a minimum of one meeting has passed between becoming a voting member and the nomination of being a Theatre Manager.
2. Any member with voting privileges may be nominated for a position on the Executive Board.
3. A nominee for the position of Theatre Manager will be elected to this position by a majority vote.
 - a. Nominations may occur at any meeting.
 - b. An election will occur no sooner than one (1) week after nomination, and no later than three (3) weeks after nomination.
 - c. Elections may occur at any meeting which has a majority of Executive Board members present.
4. Cinema Group will have one set of elections for the Executive Board per year; it shall occur no earlier than the official College Spring Break, and no later than three (3) weeks after. The following procedure shall be followed:
 - a. Elections will occur one (1) week after Nominations at a regular meeting.
 - b. All nominees must submit their nominations by the Wednesday before the Election, by 11pm, to the Chairperson. Late nominations will be allowed by the discretion of the Chairperson.
 - c. All nominees must submit their platforms by the Thursday before the Election, by 11pm, to the Chairperson. A platform will be required for each position a nominee would like to be elected to. Failure to submit platforms will automatically remove the nominee from the Election. Late submissions will be allowed by the discretion of the Chairperson.

- d. Platforms will be limited to 300 words for all positions, with the exception of the position of Chairperson, in which case up to 500 words shall be allowed.
 - e. The Chairperson will be responsible for the distribution of all platforms to all Voting members by Friday night.
 - f. A member may only be nominated on the day of Elections if there are no nominees for a certain position.
5. The term of office for the Executive Board shall be one academic year beginning immediately after the end of the current school year.
- a. The period between elections and the end of the academic year shall be a turnover period during which former members of the Executive Board shall be responsible for training their respective replacements to their new duties and responsibilities. Copies of job descriptions are to be passed on to their respective replacements.

Section D. Vacancies and Resignations

1. At the official meeting preceding the resignation of an Executive Board member or following the passing vote of no confidence in an Executive Board member, the vacant position is to be filled in accordance with the specifications in Section C, Numbers (1) and (2).
2. Before a vote of no confidence on any Executive Board member is to take place, an official meeting's notice must be given. Any person with voting privileges can call for a vote of no confidence.
3. The Personnel Director may revoke the privileges of any non-Executive Board member with due cause, after having notified the Executive Board.
 - a. Appeals may be directed to the Executive Board.
4. Executive Board members may only be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote from the remaining persons with voting privileges, as outlined in Article III, Section B.

Article V – Finances

Section A. Cinema Group funds shall be provided primarily by the Students' Association.

Section B. Cinema Group funds shall be supplemented by charging of admission to certain events conducted by Cinema Group.

Article VI – Students' Association Members' Privileges

Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at S.A. funded events conducted by this group.

Article VII – Ratification and Amendments

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adaptation of the entire constitution.

Article VIII – Adoption

Section A. Two thirds (2/3) of the persons with voting privileges must approve this constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Students' Association and the signature of its Chairperson.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX – By-laws

Section B. A positive vote of the majority of the persons with voting privileges is required to ratify a by-law or by-laws.

Section C. By-laws may not conflict with this constitution or the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article X – Hazing

The harassment of one individual by another individual or group (sometimes called hazing) is not permitted by Cinema Group. 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, or actions in the form of social pressure that might cause harm.

Article XI – Discrimination

Cinema Group, in its participation and membership policies, does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or religious, political ideological views or affiliations.