# Students' Association Government Annual Report 22–23

University of Rochester

### Executive Branch Summary 2022-23

The Executive Branch, led by the President and Vice President is comprised of the Executive Cabinet. The Cabinet consists of five Secretaries and various Deputies. The primary responsibility of the Executive Branch, led by the elected SA President and Vice President, is to serve at the official representative of the student body. The President and Vice President are responsible for implementation and execution of all legislation passed by the Senate. They appoint all Secreatrites and work with the Senate and its Committees to ensure Student Government's success. Additionally in their capacity as the faces of Student Government, the President and Vice President meet with university administrators on a regular basis in order to improve the quality of student services.

### Executive Branch Members 2022-23

- President & Vice-President: Adrija Bhattacharjee & Sybilla Moore
- Chief of Staff & Deputy Chief of Staff: Miraz A. Sadi & Josh Rosenblut
- Secretary & Deputy Secretary of Public Relations: Rilee Alverson & Carter Hasenoerhl
- Secretary & Deputy Secretaries of Community Engagement: Hannah Witkin, Jaeden Cortes, Saishaa Gupta & Kayla Dengler
- Secretary & Deputy Secretaries of Alumni & Advancement: Katherine Rodriguez, Alex Ophardt, & Olaposi Peters
- Secretary & Deputy Secretaries of Sustainability: Sage Arnold, Athena Li-Wu & Kaitlyn Yelencsics

### **Executive Branch Accomplishments Part 1**

- 1) DEI / Minority Students
  - a) Race Related Trainings
    - i) Student Survey (Nov 2022) ~ **502 responses**
    - ii) Faculty Survey (Dec 2022)
    - iii) Faculty Council Presentation (Dec 2022)
    - iv) Collaboration with 540 West Main
  - b) Cultural Holidays
  - c) Religious Holidays (Off Day Pay for Students)
  - d) Met VP Harris in Repro Justice Roundtable in DC
- 2) Pub Safe
  - a) Margolis Healy Report
    - i) Administrative Review Board
  - b) Created Student Advisory Board!
- 3) MERT
  - a) Working with Laura & WCSA on getting transition meeting / trainings
- 4) Greek Life
  - a) Alc Policy (Sorority Housing / Mixer & Party Rules / Etc)

### **Executive Branch Accomplishments Part 2**

- 1) National Student Government Coalition
  - a) Helped Sign Agnes College Letter for Repro Justice to Congress
- 2) Student Loan Debt Cancellation Resolution Passed!
- 3) Transportation
  - a) Created New Orange Line
- 4) Created the SA Newsletter!
- 5) SA Bonding Event
- 6) First SA Town Hall (Fri Nov 18 4:30-6pm)
- 7) PR
  - a) Revamped website
  - b) The instagram >> the posts!! >>
  - c) Social Media Policy
- 8) Mental Health Policy
  - a) Working w/ Dean Runner

### **Executive Branch Accomplishments Part 3**

- 1) Community Engagement Fair
  - a) Feb 2 3-5pm in Izone!
- 2) Intercollegiate Conference (Feb 5)
  - a) Relationship Building @ Fisher & RIT
  - b) Presentations
  - c) Me @ Fisher during their Spirit of Identity Week
- 3) Faith-Based Projects
  - a) Townhall
  - b) Student Support / Feedback Work
- 4) DEI Video
  - a) SA Course for RR training (meant for Faculty & Staff)
- 5) Performance Group Reservations

## Legislative Branch Summary 2022-23

The Senate (Legislative Branch) makes legislative and administrative decisions that enhance students, from the creation, budgeting, and oversight of student groups, to housing and dining policies and safety. The Speaker of the Senate and fellow Senators work closely with the Students' Association President, Vice President, and Committee Chairs to draft and implement legislations. The Senate is composed of eighteen Senators and five Committees that are presided over by a Chair.

### Legislative Branch's Bills 2022-23

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#### Bill to Update All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC) Doctrines Senate Bill No. 51

SPONSORED BY: ELIJAH BADER-GREGORY, Senator '26

CO-SPONSORED BY: RUT BONILLA, Parliamentarian '24 ZAIN NICHOLS, Chief Justice '23 EMILY BONANNO, Deputy Chief Justice '24

ENDORSED BY: The All-Campus Judicial Council

#### TO UPDATE ACJC DOCTRINES AND CREATE A PROCESS FOR THE ACJC SPECIAL SELECTIONS

The SA Bylaws currently state that the Deputy Chief Justice is included in the composition of the Senate Steering Committee and is required to attend Senate Steering. The Chief Justice is a voting member of the Senate Steering Committee and is able to represent the ACJC views in Steering without the need to have the Deputy Chief Justice present. This Bill would make it so that the Deputy Chief Justice isn't a part of the Senate Steering Committee and is therefore only required to attend as a proxy for the Chief Justice in the event of the Chief Justice being absent. As the SA Bylaws currently state, the Deputy Chief Justice shall be appointed by the Chief Justice-elect from among the Associate Justices and additionally requires a simple majority vote of the Associate Justices in order for the Deputy Chief Justice to be confirmed. It is precedent within ACJC to give the Chief Justice the ability to autonomously pick the Deputy Chief Justice as the role of the Deputy Chief Justice, as stated in the SA Bylaws, is to support the Chief Justice and fulfill the duties designated to them by the Chief Justice. This Bill would make it so the Chief Justice would have the ability to appoint the Deputy Chief Justice. This Bill would add to the SA Bylaws that the designees from ACJC for the second round and special selection committee would be selected from the Associate Justices based on seniority. This Bill shall correct an instance in the SA Bylaws where "Associate Justices" appears as "Associated Justices". There is currently no special selection process in place for the All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC) that outlines the



#### Bill to Improve SA Transitional Efficiency Senate Bill No. 52

SPONSORED BY: DANIEL PYSKATY, Senator and Committee Chair of Academic Affairs 25'

ENDORSED BY: ADRIJA BHATTACHARJEE, President '24 SYBILA MOORE, Vice President '24 RUT BONILLA, Parliamentarian' '24 ALEX FEGLER, Chair of Campus Life Committee '23 RILEE ALVERSON, Secretary of Public Relationt '24 ELIJAH BADER-GREGORY, Senator '25

#### TO INTRODUCE REQUIRED TRANSITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR CERTAIN SA OFFICEHOLDERS

Documentation regarding the resources utilized by a previous year's position is essential in ensuring a proper and smooth transition into a new SA yearly term. Currendly the Speaker, Committee Chairs, and Sceretaries are not required to complete transitional documentation by the end of a term. Within this bill highlights additions to the bylaws creating said documentation and enquainted with their positions. In the following year are prepared to quickly become acquainted with their position.

#### 1. Be it enacted by the Students' Association Government in Senate assembled,

2. that the Students' Association Bylaws shall be updated to reflect the requirement of

transitional documentation for certain SA officeholders. To Article III §1.E.d. of the
Bylaws, add clause 9 which states the following: "If leading a standing committee.

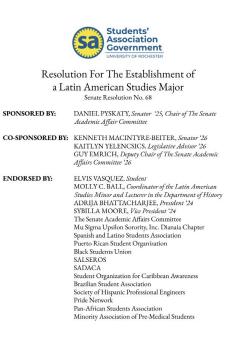
bytaws, and clause 9 which states the following: 1 teaching a standing committee,
oversee the creation of a comprehensive transition document detailing the academic

- year of their term. This document shall reside in the Legislative Folder within the SA
- 7. Google Drive". Then add subclause i to Article III §1.E.d.9. which states "This
- 8. documentation can include, but is not limited to completed projects, outstanding
- 9. projects to be addressed in the following term, and key administrative collaborators".

 Then add subclause ii to Article III §1.E.d.9 which states "More specific information 11.shall be established within each Standing Committee's Policy and Procedure Manual".

### Legislative Branch's Resolution 2022-23

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### Legislative Branch's Statements 2022-23

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#### Statement of Support for Student Debt Cancellation Senate Statement No. 35

SPONSORED BY: ADRIJA BHATTACHARJEE, President '24 SYBILLA MOORE, Vice President '24

CO-SPONSORED BY: NAVYA BHAGAT, Senator '25 DANIEL PYSKATY, Senator '25

ENDORSED BY: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS nationally there is \$1.7 trillion of federal student loan debt<sup>1</sup> in the United States;

WHEREAS 45 million Americans<sup>2</sup> currently hold student loan debt;

WHEREAS the average federal student loan debt is calculated to be \$37,667 according to the Education Data Initiative<sup>3</sup>, as of July 29, 2022;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hess, Abigai J. "The U.S. Has a Record-Breaking \$1.73 Trillion in Student Debt-Borrowers from These States Owe the Most on Average." CNBC, CNBC, 9 Sept. 2021. https://www.encom/2021/09/09/america-base.tor/in/2-trillion.in-student.debthorrowers.from.these.states.ove.the.most html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hanson, Melanie, and Fact Checked. "Average Student Loan Debt [2022]: By Year, Age & More." Education Data Initiative, 3 Dec. 2021, <u>https://educationdata.org/average-student-loan-debt</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hanson, Melanie, and Fact Checked. 'Student Loan Debt Statistics [2022]: Average + Total Debt.' Education Data Initiative, 28 Aug. 2022, <u>https://educationdata.org/student-loan-debt-statistics.</u>

### **Legislative Branch Statistics**

As per the annual report from <u>last year</u>, the senate in 2021-22 passed 4 bills, 1 resolution, and 2 statements, which was already down from 2020-21 which had 10 bills, 1 resolution, and 7 statement. This year, the numbers **dropped** even lower with only 2 bills, 1 resolution, and 1 statement throughout the whole year.

### Legislative Branch Members 2022-23

- Speaker of the Senate: Mystie Parker
- Deputy Speaker of the Senate: Gabe Lichte
- Parliamentarian: Rut Bonilla
- 2023 Senators: Falisha Hola & Daniel Kurtz
- 2024 Senators: William Bothe, Ruchita Makhun, Zachary Sussman & Jacob Edwards
- 2025 Senators: Finn Abbey, Kate Hidalgo, Charles Ndlovu, Lam Nguyen, Daniel Pyskaty, Olga Yuvchenko & Andrew Zhou
- 2026 Senators: Elena Junkala, Kenneth MacInTyre-Beiter, Jayce Pak & Elijah Bader-Gregory

### Legislative Branch Committees 2022-23

- Treasurer (SAAC Chair & Deputy Chair): Marissa Carlson & Potter Flynn
- ARC Chair & Deputy Chair: Evan Zhang & Garrett Briggs
- Academic Affairs Committee Chair & Deputy Chair: Daniel Pyskaty & Helen Kim
- ISAC Committee Chair & Deputy Chair: Amna Arain & Joanne Li
- Campus Life Committee Chairs: Alex Fegler & Keerthana Danasekaran
- DEI Committee Chair & Deputy Chair: Falisha Hola

## Senator Falisha Hola 2023



#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

A highlight for me this year was the ability to lead a brand new committee and assist with envisioning how our committee can be a resource for students! I've had an amazing time working with members on various issues while also pushing to establish connections and ties with offices and student organizations on campus.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

As a senator and chair, I've been happy to work alongside my committee members on varying projects:

Race Related Trainings: From our end, we've been developing the faculty survey! We've also been assisting with doing research and discussing how we can conduct conversations to help with creating a long term impact with race related/DEI training. We're also helping Adrija with creating a report on the findings from the survey that was sent out to the Student Body.

Cultural Fair: Currently we're working on creating a cultural fair that is similar to the activities fair! But we're looking at how we could make it more than just a simple activities fair.

Diverse Faculty Hiring: For this, we're currently doing research to narrow down a specific goal because this is a broad and complex project.

Student Org Climate Survey: We sent out a survey to student orgs that pertained to DEI so that we could establish a line of contact! We'll be reaching out to PR to publicize it and get more orgs to fill out the survey!

Cultural Fair & Cultural/Identity Week: This has been a project in the works since last semester! We're planning to host an Identity Week that would lead up to the Cultural Fair. The goal is to celebrate the diversity on campus and highlight the different groups on campus that are creating the spaces for students to thrive and be their authentic selves.

RR Trainings: Survey Summary Report is completed and ready!

Ongoing projects in the works: Addressing the lack of care and protection of students of color on campus & UR's Land Acknowledgement

Please tell us what you do in SA.

I'm a senator and Chair the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. The committee's responsibility includes gathering information and deliberating on the affairs and concerns of minority and marginalized students on campus. Initiating projects and conversations with administration and student body on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. And ultimately the committee has a responsibility in reviewing and engaging on initiatives with offices and cultural organizations such as the Office of Equity and Inclusion, Office of Minority Student Affairs, Minority Student Advisory Board, Douglas Leadership House, and etc.

### Senator Daniel Kurtz 2023

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Senator did not answer the survey.

What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Senator did not answer the survey.

Please tell us what you do in SA.

Senator did not answer the survey.

## Senator William Bothe 2024

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year? Being part of ARC

What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

The ARC Committee is responsible for a variety of tasks related to student organizations on campus. One of their main responsibilities is to go through the annual reports for all student organizations to ensure they are meeting their goals and objectives. Additionally, the ARC Committee is tasked with updating the constitutions for student organizations to ensure they are in compliance with the latest policies and procedures. Another important responsibility of the committee is reviewing applications for new student organizations to determine if they align with the mission and values of the university. By performing these tasks, the ARC Committee helps to ensure that student organizations on campus are successful, well-managed, and aligned with the university's goals.

Please tell us what you do in SA.

Senator.



### Senator Jacob Edwards 2024

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

My highlight is having been approved to the Senate. I was brought in late into the year, and have had little time to make my mark. However, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming better acquainted with the rest of our student government, and joining them in trying to make the U of R a better place.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

I am a new member of the SA Senate and have not had time to accomplish much. However, I have had the opportunity to vote on legislation and get involved in the community. I voted to approve a bill that would help to increase Greek Life representation/participation in student government (although it ultimately did not pass), as well as a bill aimed at making transitioning from one year to the next smoother. I am also getting engaged in actions against the Catholic Newman and Hillel Greenbaum Centers, both by spreading information when and where I can, and by participating in public demonstrations. I am also currently working on the Pre Advising Services with CCAS.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

The invitation to become a senator was very surprising, especially as it was nearly a year after I ran, but I met it as well as I could, and quickly began attending Senate meetings, discussing the issues, voting on measures, etc. I am increasingly becoming more active in campus community issues (like the public demonstration I mentioned earlier). Given more time with another term in Senate, I would much like to increase such engagements, especially through representing SA in student and community events, as well as in other student organizations. I like to see myself as a voice for constituencies in the Senate, and a voice for SA among my peers, but there is always room for improvement.

## Senator Ruchita Makhun 2024

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year? Being a part of ISAC

What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

The International Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) is a group dedicated to improving the experience of international students on campus. One of their recent projects involved conducting a mental health survey to better understand the needs of international students. The committee also works closely with the Career Center to ensure that international students have access to resources and opportunities that will help them succeed professionally. In addition, the ISAC members are currently creating questions to facilitate an event that will bring together domestic and international students to discuss their perspectives on different issues. Furthermore, they are working on organizing an event to welcome exchange students to the campus community. Finally, the members of ISAC are collectively working to improve the organization's website, social media presence, and newsletters to better serve the needs of international students. By engaging in these diverse activities, the committee is working towards creating a more inclusive and supportive campus environment for international students.

Please tell us what you do in SA.

Senator.



### Senator Zach Sussman 2024

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Dining Advocacy with Food-Allergens; Greek-Life Inclusion and Advocacy.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

As a Senator, I worked under the Campus Life Committee to help further advocacy for our dining. I worked with UR Dining to help promote allergen awareness in regards to contamination, hours of availability and operation for allergen friendly food stations, and helped advocate for increased training for workers that are interacting with food allergies. Further, I worked with fellow Senators to promote the inclusion of Greek organizations within our student government, as seen with the promoting and advocacy for the Presidential Advisory Council Greek Life Inclusion bill.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

Alongside other Senators and the Executive branch, as well as the ACJC/judicial branch, I work to help advocate for students' rights, goals, and for their ultimate success here at the University of Rochester.



### Senator Finn Abbey 2025

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Senator did not answer the survey.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Senator did not answer the survey.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

Senator did not answer the survey.

## Senator Kate Hidalgo 2025

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Senator did not answer the survey.

What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Senator did not answer the survey. **Please tell us what you do in SA.** 

Senator did not answer the survey.



## Senator Charles Ndlovu 2025

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Revival of ISAC

### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Revival of ISAC, assisted in establishment of CSOC, Partnerships with ISO & ISA, Active participation in the recruitment and info sessions for First year elections

### Please tell us what you do in SA.

Contribute during bill discussions, assist with recruitment and elections, attend committee meetings for MSCHE, expansion committee, ISAC on behalf of SA.



## Senator Lam Nguyen 2025

### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

I remember attending RIT Senate as a guest, and being the only Senator voting absent in the Bill to Allow Actual Abstention.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

I, with Senator MacInTyre-Beiter, are representing student body in the College's Administrative Committee, representing students' viewpoints in complicated issues of many students' academic decision. Be a member of SAAC, where we, with its advisor and diligent student accountants, review requests from student organizations and provide necessary funding. **Please tell us what you do in SA.** 

Senator.



## Senator Daniel Pyskaty 2025

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?



I would say that the highlights of my SA experience would have to be meeting so many passionate people who care so much about making this school a better place. I also would say that it was an amazing experience to work with members of other local universities' student governments, which has allowed me to better see how other universities' structures and solutions could be beneficial to utilize at the UofR.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

I have been very fortunate to be able to serve as both a Senator and Chair, allowing me to work on a large range of projects throughout SA. I have been particularly proud of bringing the Academic Affairs committee back to a normal size for the first time since before the pandemic and helping oversee a range of projects including a review of the university's academic accommodation system and advocacy for the creation of a Public Policy major. Throughout my term I have gotten the opportunity to meet amazing students and work with them on projects such as drafting and passing a resolution in support of the creation of a Latin American Studies major. I have also advocated for administration transparency and better coordination from issues that have arisen on campus surrounding changes to the Course Overload Policy and issues with the Academic Progress Tool. I have met with administrators to further conversations on the ways in which the Financial Aid system incorporates scholarships and RA grants, as well as advocated for a more comprehensive course catalog to be utilized during registration. As a SA representative on the FSA Standards Subcommittee, I helped oversee the accreditation process for greek organizations on campus. In the Senate, I have drafted and sponsored pieces of legislation to improve the overall efficiency of SA, including a bill that will require SA leadership to write transitional documentation for their successors, as well as a bill that requires intercollegiate Student Government collaboration. These changes will create an extremely lasting impact in the way that SA can structure itself to meet and accomplish goals. I am currently working on a bill with Eastman to address campus-wide issues as a whole.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

I am currently a Senator as well as the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. This year I have also been one of the sitting SA representatives of the FSA Standards Subcommittee.

### Senator Olga Yuvchenko 2025

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Senator did not answer the survey.

What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Senator did not answer the survey.

Please tell us what you do in SA.

Senator did not answer the survey.



## Senator Andrew Zhou 2025

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?



I think the biggest highlight is hearing about how other college student councils run their student government. I think that there are things that can learn from each other. I have an idea from seeing the intercollegiate conference, that can we host student lead workshops open to college students on various topics such as leadership, professionalism etc.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

I became a senator later on into the year, and many of the committee's schedules does not fit mine. I did find one that fits that being SAAC. I worked with the students accountants and treasurer, and our advisor on giving additional fundings to clubs, based on their needs and the rules we have. We did meetings with the clubs to hear their needs and release funding based on the questions we asked and discussion amongst the committee.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

I think the main thing I do is participate in SAAC and Class council as mentioned above. As a senator I participate in the discussions(as all of us should) topics like new buildings or shuttles to provide a voice to for my ABC community(American Born Chinese) since I think they are underrepresented. I do wish I can join more committees and do more.

### Senator Elijah Bader-Gregory 2026

What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

Working with such a great group of people both in SA and the entire campus community to help create positive change and advocate for students. What have you accomplished during this term in SA?



In addition to my more routine responsibilities and actions, which I enjoy very much, I have done the following: Advocated for and achieved an additional line for the morning Orange Line by working with Transportation. Helped brainstorm and comment on a novel internship for this summer with River Campus Libraries. Advocated for and documented student concerns on renovations for the Libraries Committee, some of which will be done in the POA this summer. Facilitated student feedback and began work on solutions to recent/old transportation issues, such as the removal of ZipCar, Bikeshare, and the RTS stop on campus (which will help keep dining locations open longer). On SORB, I've voted on and led deliberations on dozens of conversations about the approval and funding of student organizations on campus. I've worked with fellow senators and dining services to extend the hours of the Allergen-Free dining station, as well as address issues with transparency on the menu and allergens. I've written legislation to change how ACJC is allowed to select and elect justices, as well as details of their modus operandi; legislation that codifies intercollegiate collaboration between Rochester-area colleges; legislation that calls for compulsory communication between River Campus leaders and Eastman Leaders; and legislation that calls for representation of Greek Life on the Presidential Advisory Council. Lastly, one of the things I am most proud of, is my work with MSA and Dining to create a policy for meal service for fasting holidays that is the first of its kind at Rochester. The policy impacts students, especially students who observe Ramadan so that easy, accessible, and Halal options (Kosher for Yom Kippur) will be made available for students and distributed by Dining Services.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

As a senator, I am in charge of dining and transportation as a part of the Campus Life Committee. I am the representative for the River Campus Libraries Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, Dining Student Advisory Committee, and the Student Organization Review Board.

## Senator Elena Junkala 2026

#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

I've enjoyed getting to know my peers and working with them on issues that matter to all of us, even when we have different viewpoints.

### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

Assisted with outreach to student organizations about race related training, Met with central energy to learn about opportunities for students to get involved with sustainability, Assisted with the advocacy for unclean laundry rooms and the fact that there are frequently broken machines, Helped research for Race Related Training Petition, Maintained connections with the health promotions office, helped publicize with SA UCC counseling resources and drop in sessions, communicated to Campus Life Committee regarding the IT department with their refurbishing of Blackboard and Workday, providing them with student feedback and identifying problems

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

In SA, I attend weekly senate meetings where we discuss issues that have arisen that concern the student body. I vote on motions and courses of action to support the interests of the student body. I attend committee meetings (DEI and Campus Life), where I do work delegated to me by my committee leaders, such as research for Race Related Training, a main focus of the DEI committee this year, and take on projects of my own, such as a project to move the dining halls towards being 100% compostable. Often, this requires meeting with administrators and following up multiple times via email and with additional meetings because administrators often don't listen to students. Finally, I address and voice concerns brought specifically to me by the students.

### Senator Kenneth MacInTyre-Beiter 2026

### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?



My favorite thing by far is the friends and connections I've made with people who have similar interests of improving student experience at UofR. So many of these people are so smart and hard-working and push me to improve as an individual, and I love being in a group with them. This was amplified by events like the Intercollegiate Student Leadership Conference, where I got to be around not only the best of UofR SA, but the best of every other organization's student government in Rochester.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

I have had meetings with faculty members about the overload policy, office of disability resources, abortion access, financial aid, and more, and successfully relayed the thoughts and concerns of members of the student body. I met with the HPO and they committed to increasing accessibility for safe abortion sites off campus that students can go to that accept the Aetna Health Insurance, am currently working on a project to improve the process of applying for academic accommodations, and have coordinated an event that will take place in the coming weeks with the CCAS relating to meeting with advisors and potentially getting holds lifted.

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

I am a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and sole representative of the College Curriculum Committee. This means I do most of my work relating to projects revolving around academics, including my major project surrounding the Office of Disability Resources and work around the Overload Policy. I also am the sole communicator of student input on proposals for new majors, minors, clusters, courses, etc that are brought up to the College Curriculum Committee. I am also very vocal about my or other students thoughts on bills and updates presented during Senate meetings and during my meetings with Academic Affairs.

### Senator Jayce Pak 2026



#### What are the highlights of your SA experience this year?

I'd say that my highlight of being in SA this year is definitely being a contribution to there being impactful change in our campus community. It was truly a phenomenal experience working with such hardworking individuals in order to do what we can to improve our university one way or another.

#### What have you accomplished during this term in SA?

In this term in SA, I was a part of the following committees: Campus Life, Academic Affairs, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Being a part of the Campus Life committee, I got involved in the following subcommittees: IT, ResLife, and Facilities. I helped make posters to post around all of the residential halls' laundry rooms spreading the word on who to contact if there needs to be adjustments made in the washers/dryers. I am frequently in contact with Jason Wagner from IT to discuss pain points in regards to Wifi issues, Blackboard concerns, UR Student, a potential laundry app, etc. Additionally, I have met with administration and faculty in ResLife and Facilities to have conversations about housing and laundry.

In the Academic Affairs committee, I have been advocating for and trying to implement an Animal Nutrition course in order to help out the students who are pursuing a career in the Animal Sciences (Pre-Vet). I have opened up the conversation with the Biology Department and the Greene Center about providing more resources and information to be allocated for Pre-Vet students.

Being in the DEI committee, we are currently planning a Cultural Fair and Identity Week. I helped create a budgeting proposal in order for each collaborating department to be in the loop of tha plans we have for this eventful week and be aware of the costs and expenses in regards to the logistics for hosting the events in this week. For Identity Week and the Cultural Fair, I also helped create a menu of a variety of cultural foods from approved caterers and contacted each restaurant to ensure that everything in regards to food will be set in stone for our Cultural Fair. I have been in meetings with administration in order to ensure that we effectively celebrate the diversity that is on our campus. I am excited to see how this will turn out!

#### Please tell us what you do in SA.

I am a Class of 2026 Senator and I currently sit on the Academic Affairs, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and Campus Life Committees.

## Judicial Branch Summary 2022-23

The All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC) is the Judicial Branch of the Students' Association Government. The Council serves both as the SA's highest court and as a hearing panel, authorized by the University, to address alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct and academic Honesty Policy. ACJC shall hear, thoughtfully deliberate on, and adjudicate appeals pertaining to actions of SA Government. Fundamental to each of these roles is that the council provides a hearing panel of one's peers and provides an outlet for student governance in the University Judicial System.



### Judicial Branch Members 2022-23

- Chief Justice: Zain Nichols
- Deputy Chief Justice: Emily Bonanno
- Associate Justices: Aleeha Imtiaz, Annette Hopkins, Bill Waring, Frederick Liu, Kai Jia Liu, Morgan Gillespie, Taylor Sayles, Yaa Bake, Arielle Savoy, Lindsey Michaud

## Judicial Branch Accomplishments 2022-23

- ACJC collaborated with BAH liaisons and ISO to guest lecturing in CASC 170 a class that is meant for first year international students. We went to the class and informed them about academic honesty policy and BAH procedure and other resources available to them. The Justices lead the group discussions about certain scenarios that we created regarding certain academic honesty cases (potential cases).
- ACJC has also amended the SA constitution allowing ACJC to range anywhere from 9-15 justices odd or even.
- ACJC amended our bylaws which created a special selection process and the process of a special selection process for ACJC, and also removed the deputy chief obligations to attend steering committee.
- ACJC amended our PPM: adapted out overall hearing process to make it more concise and efficient. We created an Election violation hearing process to ensure election violations are handled in a timely manner. removed the deputy from steering committee. add a minimum amount of cases a justice needs to take a semester.
- ACJC has also worked with BAH leadership to change BAH procedure and policy. we have adapted the hearing board script to make it more transparent and informative to the student. We are in the process of creating a new sanction that will allow hearing board members in certain cases to take an educational approach. We are also codifying terms within the BAH policy and creating baselines for sanctions.
- ACJC has been working on the alcohol policy this year with administration being involved in benchmarking with other universities, wording of the policy, and then more specifically we reached out to students who this policy will be impacting the most to get their feedback to relay to the administration. Hopefully the policy will be enacted by the end of this year and implemented next year.
- Sat on BAH cases (board on academic honesty) this is where students go when they have violated the academic honesty policy. We have two Justices and two faculty members in the hearing. This is where the student can explain their situation or plead their defense to us and we determine whether they are responsible or not responsible for the violation and if responsible deliberate on an appropriate sanction for them.
- Worked with Adrija (president) as one of her missions was to create intercollegiate atmosphere among colleges in Rochester. Therefore we attended the St. John Fisher conference with multiple colleges in Rochester to share information and knowledge among colleges. We also attended St. John Fisher's senate with U of R President & Vice President and Chair of Academic Affairs to present what U of R SA gov is and our duties. I have also shared knowledge/resources with RIT about our Judicial branch as they were interested in creating their own Judicial branch.
- Sat in at multiple tabling events throughout the year for outreach of ACJC and awareness for BAH/Conduct Policies.
- ACJC is also in the process of changing our selection process by creating an application for students to fill out before they interview for us. We have also changed both our round 1 and 2 questions so that they fit the environment we are in and the skills we are seeking for an ACJC Justice.
- ACJC also hosted a ACJC/BAH lunch with the purpose of creating a better working relationship with the faculty on the board and to break down the divide between the Justices and faculty on the board.
- Included in on the interview process for the associate director of center for student conflict management (CSCM)

### Thank You!

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