



Constitution of Rotaract Club

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Rotaract Club.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

1. Persons interested in becoming members may join after attending two consecutive meetings and paying the required dues. No formal application or interview is required.
2. Active members of the Rotaract Club shall include all students currently
3. and officially enrolled as students, and faculty or staff working at the University of Alabama.
4. All organization officers must be University of Alabama students.
5. Membership in the Rotaract Club shall be open to all students, faculty, or
6. staff of The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, or national
7. origin, except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.
8. Membership in this organization may only be withdrawn by a two-thirds vote of the
9. Executive Committee for violations of the Student Code of Conduct as adopted by Office of
10. Judicial Affairs as pertaining specifically to undergraduate and graduate students.

ARTICLE IV. MEASUREABLE GOALS

This organization will establish at least five measureable outcome goals related to the mission statement, which will guide the programs events, and activities. These goals must be assessed and will be used by the Office of Student Involvement during student activity fee funding requests.

Goals:

1. To develop professional and leadership skills;
2. To emphasize respect for the rights of others, and to promote ethical standards and the dignity of all useful occupations;
3. To provide opportunities for people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world;
4. To provide opportunities for working in cooperation with sponsoring Rotary clubs; and
5. To motivate people for eventual membership in Rotary.

ARTICLE VI. NON-HAZING STATEMENT

Hazing will not be used as a condition of membership in this organization. For a definition of hazing, please see the The University of Alabama Student Handbook.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

1. Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at University of Alabama. Non-students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.
2. The membership of this club shall consist of men and women of good character and leadership potential enrolled at University of Alabama.
3. Each member of this Rotaract club shall attend at least 60% of the club's regularly scheduled meetings annually, provided that absence from a regularly scheduled meeting of the club may be made up as follows: any member absent from a regular meeting of this club may make up such absence by attendance at a regular meeting of any other Rotaract club or any Rotary club on any day of the two weeks immediately preceding or following the day of the absence, or attendance and participation in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board.
4. All Rotary Foundation scholars shall be eligible for guest Rotaract club membership during the period of their study in another country.
5. Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason or (b) by termination of the club. (c) for cause, as determined by this club by vote of not less than 2/3 of all the members in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and such additional officer(s) as may be provided in the by-laws.
2. The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors composed of the president, immediate past president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and additional directors whose number shall be determined by this club, all to be elected from among the members in good standing. All decisions, policies, and actions of the board and of the club shall be subject to the provisions of this constitution and policy established by Rotary International and its members.

This club shall also be subject to the same regulations and policies established by the appropriate authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of University of Alabama. In the event of any conflict between the regulations and policies of Rotary International with the regulations and policies of University of Alabama, the regulations and policies of University of Alabama shall control. However, in the event of such conflict, this club shall seek the permission of Rotary International to deviate from its regulations and policies and agrees to abide by any request of Rotary International to terminate this club if such conflict cannot be resolved in a manner agreed to by both University of Alabama and Rotary International.

The board of directors shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeals from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees.

5. Duties of Officers:

President. The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors. He/she shall, with the approval of the board, appoint all standing and special committees and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, shall, with the approval of the board, fill such

vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. He/she shall be an ex officio member of all committees. He/she shall maintain communication with the sponsor club and the district Rotaract representative to ensure they are continually informed of all actions taken by the club.

Vice-President. The vice-president shall succeed to the office of president in the event or removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.

Secretary. The secretary shall maintain all club records. He/she shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the club and board of directors, and provide copies of such to the chair of the sponsor Rotary club's Rotaract committee.

Treasurer. The treasurer shall have custody of all club funds, maintaining all necessary records and depositing all such funds in a bank approved by the board of directors. He/she shall report on the club's financial status at each meeting of the club and shall hold all records available for inspection by any club member. All disbursements shall be by check and with the signature of two authorized officers.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS

1. Election for all officers including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and directors shall be held annually in February of each year. Any person that is not a member of this club in good standing is not eligible to be elected as an officer and/or director. A Rotaract club year is the same as a Rotary club year. Those elected shall take office on 1 July.
2. Nominations of officers shall be made in writing. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the members present and in good standing shall be elected.
3. In addition to president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer there shall be elected directors.
4. Elections of all officers and directors shall be conducted by methods compatible with local customs and procedures, provided that they do not conflict with the provisions above, but in no case shall more than a simple majority of the members present and in good standing be required for elections.

ARTICLE X. FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

This club shall at all times have one faculty/staff advisor that is a faculty or staff member employed by University of Alabama. The faculty/staff advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the directors, officers and members of this club. The faculty/staff advisor should attend executive meetings; however, the faculty/staff advisor may not vote in any club matters. The faculty/staff advisor should also attend all special events of this club. The faculty/staff advisor shall be nominated, confirmed, and removed by the directors of this club at any meeting held by the directors of this club. Responsibilities shall be those assigned by The University of Alabama Student Handbook.

ARTICLE XI. QUORUM

A majority of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the club.

ARTICLE XII. FINANCE

1. Each sponsoring Rotary club upon organization of a new Rotaract club shall be required to pay a Rotaract organization fee equivalent to US \$ 10.
2. In the event that the organization, Rotaract Club becomes defunct or terminated, all funds held in the Rotaract Club account at the Alabama Credit Union shall be donated in full to the University of Alabama Organization Scholarship Fund and the account officially closed.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

Upon dissolution or termination of this club, all rights and privileges relating to the Rotaract name and emblem shall be relinquished by the club and by its members individually and collectively. The Rotaract club shall also immediately pay all of its debts and then relinquish any remaining financial assets to the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE XIV. SPONSORSHIP

1. The sponsor of this Rotaract club is the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa which, through a committee of its Rotarians, the number of which shall be determined by the club, shall provide guidance and have supportive responsibility for this Rotaract club. The continued well-being of this club shall depend on the continued active personal participation of the sponsoring Rotary club.
2. The basis of organization shall be men and women studying at University of Alabama. This club is not a part of, and neither this club nor its members have any rights or privileges with respect to, the sponsoring Rotary club.
3. This club is a non-political, non-sectarian organization.
4. In the event that the sponsoring Rotary club is terminated, the governor of the Rotary district will seek to install another sponsoring Rotary club; if one cannot be found within 180 days, the Rotaract club will be terminated.

ARTICLE XV. MEETINGS

1. The club shall meet not less than twice per month, as provided in the by-laws, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the members.
2. The board of directors shall meet as provided in the by-laws.
3. Rotary International recommends each sponsoring Rotary club to designate one or more members of its club to attend the meeting(s) of its Rotaract club(s) at least once a month.
4. Meetings of the club and of the board of directors may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors. The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday or in case of the death of a club member, an epidemic, a disaster affecting the whole community, or an armed conflict in the community that endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.
6. Minutes of the meetings of the club and board of directors shall be provided to the chair of the sponsor Rotary club's Rotaract committee within two weeks after each meeting is held.

ARTICLE XVI. ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

1. Within the limits prescribed in Articles II and IV, this club shall be responsible for planning, organizing, financing, and conducting its own activities and shall itself supply money, labor, and creative imagination necessary thereto, except in the case of joint projects or activities undertaken in cooperation with other organizations, such responsibility shall be shared with such other organization(s).
2. This club shall undertake among its activities at least two major service projects annually, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding, and each shall involve all or most of the members of the club.
3. This club shall provide for a professional development program for its members.
4. It is the responsibility of the club to raise the funds necessary to carry out its program. It shall not solicit or accept more than occasional or incidental financial assistance from the sponsoring Rotary club, nor shall it make general solicitations from Rotary clubs other than its sponsoring Rotary club or from other Rotaract clubs; nor shall it solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses, or organizations in the community without giving something of value in return. All funds raised for service projects must be expended for that purpose.

ARTICLE XVII. COMMITTEES

1. There shall be provided in the by-laws of this club the following standing committees; club service, international service, community service, professional development, and such other standing committees as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the administration of the club.
2. The president, with the approval of the board, may appoint such special committees as he/she may deem necessary, citing their duties at the time of appointment. All such special committees shall lapse upon the completion of their duties, upon discharge by the appointing president, or with the end of his/her term of office, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE XVIII. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Every member of the club, by acceptance of membership, thereby accepts the principles of Rotaract as expressed in its purpose and goals and agrees to comply with the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that a copy of them has not been received.

ARTICLE XIX. STANDARD BY-LAWS

The club shall adopt the "Standard Rotaract Club By-Laws," together with such amendments as are not inconsistent with this constitution and which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the government of the club, provided that such amendments are adopted in accordance with the amendment procedure prescribed in the "Standard Rotaract Club By-Laws."

ARTICLE XX. ROTARACT EMBLEM

1. The Rotaract emblem shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of Rotaract club members. Each member of this club shall be entitled to wear or otherwise display the Rotaract emblem in a dignified and appropriate manner during the period of membership. Such entitlement shall be relinquished upon termination of membership or termination of this club.
2. When displayed by individual club members, the emblem may be used without further information. When the emblem is used to represent a club, the name of the club should appear with the emblem.

ARTICLE XXI. DURATION

This club shall exist so long as it continues to function in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and policy relating to Rotaract established by Rotary International, or until it is terminated (a) by this club upon its own determination and action, (b) by the sponsoring Rotary club upon withdrawal of its sponsorship, after consultation with the district governor and district Rotaract representative, or (c) by Rotary International for failure to function in accordance with this constitution or for other cause.

ARTICLE XXII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended only by a majority vote of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, provided notice of intention to call such a vote is given at least fourteen days earlier at a meeting of the club at which a quorum is present. All amendments must be permissible by Rotary International. All amendments to the constitution must be immediately submitted directly to the Office of Student Involvement of University of Alabama in writing for review and approval and the sponsoring Rotary club for review and approval prior to the amendment going into effect.