

HONOR CONSTITUTION
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STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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PREAMBLE

The men students of the university, having accepted as a body and upon their honor, the responsibility of protecting their members and the college against the stigma of dishonesty in the written work presented for academic credit; declare the following as the principle upon which their action in fulfillment of their responsibility will be based:

(1) The dishonest act of any student in the presentation of written work will be regarded and treated as an act of disloyalty to the student body and to the college, and as putting a stigma upon the integrity and the honor of both the student-body and the College.

(2) Such dishonest student will be regarded as having forfeited all right to participate in the organized social life and activities of the student body until such time as, in the judgment of the body, he shall have given satisfactory evidence of a complete change in his dishonest attitude and action.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Within two weeks after the opening of the spring term of each year, a student committee shall be chosen to represent the student body, and to deal with all cases involving violations of the Honor System.

Sec. 2. This committee shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be members of the Senior Class, two of the Junior Class, and one of the Sophomore Class. All shall be chosen the first year by vote of the student body from candidates proposed by the Honor Committee, twice as many candidates being proposed as the number of places to be filled. Each candidate when elected shall serve for the remainder of his college course. Each succeeding year two Seniors, one Junior, and one Sophomore shall be chosen by the same method. The election shall be held

during the second week of the spring term. Vacancies shall be filled at the following student meeting. A quorum of the committee shall consist of five members.

Sec. 3. The chairman of this committee shall be chosen by the committee itself and such choice shall be made from its Senior members. The Chairman of this committee shall convene all meetings of the committee and preside at all investigations conducted by that body.

ARTICLE II

Violations of the Honor System

Section 1. Examinations—The following acts committed during any written class room work or examinations shall constitute violations of the Honor System:

(1) Any attempt to receive assistance from written or printed aids, or from any person or his papers, and any attempt to give assistance, in any manner

whatsoever. These rules shall hold both within and without the examination room during the entire time in which the examination or test is in progress, that is, until the time set for the same has expired.

(2) If during the progress of any written class room work or examination a student detects a fellow student in violation of this Honor System, in preparation of his paper, he may before the close of the examination advise such student that his act has been discovered and that his paper must not be submitted. In cases of this kind, no report need be made to the Honor Committee. However, if after warning has been given, the paper is submitted, he must place the matter in the hands of the Honor Committee.

Sec. 2. Essays—The presentation of any written college exercise such as theme, essay, etc., purporting to be original work, which incorporated the work of another without credit, shall constitute a violation of the Honor System.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The presence of the instructor in the examination room shall be optional with him.

Sec. 2. During an examination each student shall have perfect freedom of action and conversation, provided he does not interfere with or annoy others. It is recognized that regulations to insure such freedom from interference and annoyance may be made by any instructor. It is understood that, during an examination, no student shall absent himself from the room except after conference with the instructor.

Sec. 3. The examination shall be taken in the room designated by the faculty.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. At such time as this constitution shall be made operative every student in the University shall be required to read the same and sign a declaration of acquiescence to said constitution.

Sec. 2. Freshmen and all others entering the University as students shall be required to read said constitution and make said declaration either upon or immediately after matriculation. Responsibility for making the terms and conditions of this Honor System understood by all new students and securing their adherence thereto shall be vested in the Honor Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. All proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Honor Committee, which body shall, after consideration of the same, cause the proposed amendment or amendments, together with the decision of the Committee, to be published in the "*Campus*" at least one week prior to the final vote of the student body. A four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) majority of the total ballots cast shall be necessary for the adoption of such amendment or amendments.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. This constitution shall be in force immediately upon its ratification by a four-fifths ($4/5$) majority of the ballots cast.



