

Constitution

Rice Iranian Society

1. The name of this organization is “Rice Iranian Society” (RIS).
2. The purpose of this organization shall be as follows:
 - a. To act as a link between Rice students and the Iranian community,
 - b. To provide a support system for Iranian students at Rice,
 - c. To promote Iranian cultural events and activities on the Rice campus,
 - d. To encourage cross-cultural interaction.
3. Members of this organization shall be as follows:
 - a. Regular members: All students at Rice and their spouses are eligible,
 - b. Honorary members: All other persons interested in joining the society (i.e. faculty members, alumni, students at other universities, etc.) are eligible,
 - c. At least one-half of the members must be members of Rice community.
4. All regular members must pay the established annual membership fee. Honorary members are not required to pay any membership fees.
5. All decisions will be voted on by the regular members. In order to pass a decision, at least 51% of the present regular members must vote in affirmative.
6. The executive committee members must be currently registered students at Rice University. The executive committee will consist of the following:
 - a. The President, who shall oversee all the meetings and activities, and make sure that, at all times, the organization is abiding by the rules and regulations set forth by the Student Association of Rice University. In the case that a representative is needed, the President will represent the organization on its behalf except in the case where another member has been assigned by vote according to the measures described in article 5,
 - b. The Vice-President, who shall be responsible for documenting all the organizational paperwork and distributing the minutes from all meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President should fulfill his tasks,
 - c. The Treasurer, who shall maintain a correct balance of the organization’s funds, keep track of the checkbook of the organization, and regularly make available a written breakdown of the income and expenses of the organization.

- The presence of all members of the executive committee is mandatory for all regular meetings.
7. Members of the executive committee shall be selected by general vote from the pool of candidates every year, at the first week of September, according to the measures described in article 5.
 8. When necessary, special tasks can be assigned to members by vote according to the measures described in article 5.
 9. All money spent shall be voted on by the regular members. The authority to sign checks shall be given to the members of the executive committee. Two signatures are required for each check.
 10. The faculty sponsor for the organization must be voted from the pool of candidates according to the measures described in article 5.
 11. Amendments to the organization's constitution can only be made by vote according to the measures described in article 5.