

CONSTITUTION
of the
MATH GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
of the
University of California at Riverside

PREAMBLE

The members of the Math Graduate Student Association establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be *The Math Graduate Student Association*, hereinafter referred to as *Math GSA*.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The Math GSA shall represent and serve the interests of the mathematics graduate student community at UCR. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting graduate students in mathematics throughout their tenure at UCR and fostering communication between the student body, faculty, administration, main GSA and local communities.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership of this student organization shall be chosen without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, age or marital status.

Section 2. Membership in the Math GSA is limited to graduate students in the department of mathematics at UCR as well as any UCR graduate students affiliated with the department of mathematics through interdisciplinary means.

Section 3. The categories of membership include officers, representatives and members.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 4. The officers of the Math GSA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (i) the *President* organizes and presides over the Math GSA meetings, attends departmental meetings, heads outreach efforts and attends Main GSA meetings in case there are no Main GSA representatives;
- (ii) the *Vice President* serves as President in case the President is unavailable and is responsible for communicating with the committees of the Math GSA;
- (iii) the *Secretary* records and distributes the minutes of the Math GSA meetings and maintains the Math GSA website;
- (iv) the *Treasurer* maintains the Math GSA bank account, writes receipts and assists members applying for funding.

Section 5. All officers are required to be enrolled math graduate students and members of the Math GSA. If an officer ceases to be enrolled in the mathematics department for any reason, they shall forfeit their office.

Section 6. Officer positions are selected by general elections held annually during the first or second week of February. The general elections are run by a committee consisting of non-officers.

Winners are determined by simple majority. If no candidate receives a simple majority, a run-off election is held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If that, again, results in a tie, the result will be determined by a uniform random process.

In case of an uncontested election, a simple majority is assumed.

Section 7. The candidates for each officer position are determined by nomination. Candidates must be a member of the Math GSA and may run for one officer position at most.

Section 8. No officer may serve in any single position for more than two terms.

Section 9. Officers may be impeached only by either

- (i) a simple majority vote by the officers, or

(ii) by written referendum, signed by greater than one fourth of the members of the Math GSA.

Grounds for impeachment include dereliction of duties or abuse of office. When an officer is impeached, members will vote, by a simple majority, to remove the officer at the Math GSA meeting following the impeachment.

Section 10. Vacancies are filled by holding special elections, the date and time of which are decided by an election committee.

ARTICLE V

REPRESENTATIVES

Section 11. There will be up to two representatives to the Main GSA whose duties include, but are not limited to, attending the meetings of the Main GSA and serving on GSA committees, as required by rules and regulations of the Main GSA.

Section 12. Representative positions to other organizations or clubs may also be created as needed.

Section 13. Representatives are appointed by the officers, with strict preference given to non-officer volunteers. In case there are no non-officer volunteers, then the officers may choose the representatives amongst themselves.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

Section 14. Any member may propose the formation of a committee. The creation of all committees will lie at the discretion of the officers.

Section 15. An election committee will be created no later than one month prior to any election and dissolved immediately following the official announcement of the election result. This committee will consist of non-officer members of the Math GSA on a voluntary basis. The duty of an election committee is to run the election and to tally the votes.

Section 16. There will be a standing committee for the purpose of assisting members with attending conferences and publishing.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 17. General membership meetings will be held no less than once a month. These meetings are open to both members and non-members.

Section 18. The President has the authority to call special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 19. Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution. All proposals must be presented at a general membership meeting. The acceptance of a proposed amendment will be decided by a simple majority vote held during the following general meeting.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

Section 20. The Math GSA will not collect dues of any form from its members.

Section 21. The Math GSA may accept but not request donations from either members or the populace at large. It will also receive funding, as able, from the Main GSA. The Math GSA may raise funds to support itself and its members.

Section 22. The Math GSA, if it chooses to do so, may open a bank account which will be managed by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer will provide quarterly budget reports to the membership. The finances of the Math GSA are public to its members.