

College Republican Constitution

University of Delaware

We, as students of the University of Delaware, in order to orient students to a Republican ideology, provide opportunities for practical political involvement, promote the spirit of the Republican Party, and train students to be a leader in the political field, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution and By-Laws for the College Republicans at the University of Delaware.

Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the College Republicans, herein referred to as the "C.R.s" The College Republicans at the University of Delaware shall be affiliated to the Delaware Federation of College Republicans and the College Republican National Committee.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The C.R.s shall foster the spirit and encourage the activities of the Republican party, assist in the election of Republican candidates to local, state, and national offices, and formulate and administer programs aimed at involving college students in the Republican Party.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership in the C.R.s shall be held by all full-time students or faculty at the University of Delaware who have an expressed an interest in joining the C.R.s for the current academic year. Part-time or graduate students can join through associate membership.

Section 2: Formal application for membership shall include: the applicant's name; the applicant's local address; the applicant's phone number; the applicant's home phone address; and the required dues payment. All applicants who have not submitted their dues payment shall not be considered full members; however, they may take part in all C.R. activities with the exception of voting or holding office.

Section 3: Application for membership may be made at any time during the academic year.

Section 4: All membership shall be considered terminated at the

end of each academic year, with reapplication necessary each year for continued membership in the C.R.s.

Section 5: A membership shall be considered terminated if the student member, for some reason is removed from the roll of the University of Delaware, whether it be by withdrawal, graduation, or expulsion.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the C.R.s shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected at the final meeting of the fall semester. The new officers shall be considered sworn in at the adjournment of the election meeting.

Article V: Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board shall be the governing body of the C.R.s.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall include: all of the elected officers, the Executive Officer, and the Fundraising Chairman.

Section 3: The Fundraising Chair and Executive Officer shall be non-voting members of the Executive Board. In the case of a tie vote within the board, the Executive Officer shall be given the deciding vote.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall meet before the next general meeting.

Section 5: All reimbursements shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Any reimbursement below \$20 for one particular event or project can be authorized by the Chairman alone in the event that there is not enough time to present this to the Executive Board vote.

Section 6: For voting purposes, a quorum shall consist of at least 3 of the 4 elected Executive Board members.

Article VI: Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Board and all appointed members.

Article VII: Officer's Duties

Section 1: The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and at all meetings of the body of members. He shall have the power to appoint all the committees and their chairs, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Chairman shall have supervision

over the development of all C.R. programs. The Chairman shall be the official spokesman for the club as well as the official liaison to the Newark community. The Chairman shall make all appointments to fill vacancies within the organizational structure, with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Board, unless responsibility for such an appointment is delegated elsewhere. The Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. In addition, the Chairman shall present at the end of his term a report entailing the year's activities and offering suggestions for the future.

Section 2: The Chairman holds the authority to appoint new officers if their seats become vacated. Said officer shall be considered sworn in at a majority confirmation vote.

Section 3: The Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman when the Chairman is unable to fulfill them or if the office or Chair becomes vacant. Vice Chairman shall perform all duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall keep the official financial records of the club, and shall submit an accurate report of his records including membership information, receipts, and donations, to the Chairman or any member. The Treasurer shall be responsible for making any necessary reimbursements as approved by the Executive Board or Chairman.

Section 5: The Secretary shall keep the official records of the C.R.s and shall record and preserve the minutes of the general meetings and events. The Secretary shall also be responsible for official correspondence from the club, and for taking attendance at general meetings and events.

Article VIII: Officer Terms, Qualifications, and Removal

Section 1: All officers must be full time students in good standing with the University of Delaware.

Section 2: All officers and special committee members shall be members of the C.R.s. A vacancy shall automatically exist when the officer or special committee member tenders his resignation or terminates his student status, not including a summer recess where the officer or special committee member intends to resume student status at the next school term.

Section 3: The Executive Board exercise executive authority during certain extreme situations and call for a removal, hereby vacating officers or special committee members from their post. One week notice must be given to a member desired for removal, then a hearing will be scheduled before the Executive Board. A two-thirds majority of the executive board, including appointed executive positions, must be attained for a said removal.

Section 4: If the Chairman is not performing duties to the best of this document, any club member can propose the removal of the Chairman. At this, the Executive Officer will call for a vote of "No Confidence" and one week will be allowed for caucusing. Caucusing will take place at the next meeting which will conclude with a vote. A two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance must be attained for said removal. If removal results, the Vice Chairman will assume the chairmanship until a new Chairman is elected within 2 weeks of removal.

Article IX: Elections

Section 1: All members in good standing are eligible for office. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Section 2: In order for a member to be eligible to vote, the member should attend at least three meetings for the semester, and/or two CR sponsored events.

Section 3: The executive board shall meet before the day of elections to assess voting eligibility of all members. Eligibility to vote shall be based on records kept by the Treasurer and the Secretary concerning membership and voting qualifications previously stated. In the case of questionable voting eligibility, it shall be determined by a majority vote to be taken by the board at the executive board meeting.

Section 4: The Executive Officer shall conduct elections.

Section 5: The faculty advisor shall be present at elections. If in fact the advisor is unavailable, a substitute faculty advisor will be chosen by a majority vote of the current executive board.

Section 6: All elections will be by secret ballot. No absentee ballots will be accepted under any circumstances.

Section 7: Each candidate shall be allotted two minutes to speak to the group before voting.

Section 8: Ballots will be counted by the Executive Officer and the

faculty advisor.

Section 8: The winner shall be declared elected by receiving a simple majority of votes cast. If there is no simple majority or in the case of a tie, there will be a runoff between the top two candidates. If there are only two candidates and they tie, the faculty advisor shall cast the deciding vote.

Article X: Dues

Section 1: Each member of the C.R.s shall pay the club five dollars or each academic year.

Section 2: Payment of dues may be by cash, check, or money order payable to the College Republicans.

Section 3: Dues must be paid before full membership will be granted.

Article XI: Endorsements

Section 1: No Republican candidate for public office, whether local, state, or national, shall be endorsed or opposed by the C.R.s prior to a party nominating convention; however, this shall not prohibit any member from participating in any campaign on an individual basis.

Section 2: No candidate for any D.U.S.C. elective office shall be endorsed or opposed without a 3/4 affirmative vote from the body of members; and in no instance shall any candidate be endorsed or supported before the beginning of legal campaigning.

Article XII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern all C.R. proceedings except when inconsistent with this document.

Article XIII: Amending

Section 1: An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by any member at any time.

Section 2: The amendments will take effect in immediately upon approval by the Executive Committee, and subsequent approval by 3/4 affirmative vote at the next duly called meeting of the C.R.s.

Section 3: The person proposing the amendment should be prepared to defend it if called upon to do so by the Executive Committee prior to voting.

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