

Constitution

of

Young Americans for Liberty at The University of Delaware

Article I

Name and Affiliation

Section 1: Name and Affiliation

1. This student organization shall here be known as Young Americans for Liberty at The University of Delaware. The organization shall be abbreviated when necessary to YAL.
2. Young Americans for Liberty is an organization unaffiliated with any political party. However, YAL is devoted to the United States Constitution and individual liberties.

Section 2: University Affiliation

1. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Article II

Mission Statement and Statement of Principles

Section 1: Mission Statement

1. The mission of YAL is to train, educate, and mobilize youth activists committed to “winning on principle”. Our goal is to cast the leaders of tomorrow and reclaim the policies, candidates, and direction of our government.

Section 2: Statement of Principles

1. We are the Young Americans for Liberty. As Americans we recognize the natural rights of life, liberty, and property set forth by our Founding Fathers. Our country, directed by we the people, was created to protect the freedoms of the individual.

We recognize that freedom deserves responsibility and therefore we hold ourselves to a high moral character and conduct. Integrity emphasizes our stance towards action. Principle defines our outlook towards government. Peace and prosperity drives our ambitions toward our countrymen.

We inherit a corrupt, coercive world that has lost respect for voluntary action. Our government has failed and dragged our country into moral decay by limiting choice and restricting autonomy. The political class dominates the agenda with a violent, callous, controlling grip. For

Section 2: General Officer Rights and Duties.

1. Every officer must be a member of national YAL as described in Article III Section 1.
2. Every officer shall have the power to create committees and appoint chairs to those committees. The committees must be approved by the EOC with a simple majority.
3. Every officer is encouraged to attend every meeting. Substantial absences by a member of the EOC may result in impeachment.

Section 3: Specific Officer Responsibilities and Duties

1. The President shall:
 - a) Preside over all meetings and activities of the YAL chapter.
 - b) Attend University of Delaware functions that require the presence of an organization representative.
 - c) Have the power to oversee all official University of Delaware YAL expenditures.
 - d) Fulfill all duties of a vacant officer position when a vacancy in an officer position has occurred.
 - e) Conduct Executive Officer Committee meetings.
 - f) Lead the chapter in maintaining focus on its stated mission, take on any responsibilities unforeseen by this Constitution, and shall have the power to appoint any other responsibilities not delegated by this Constitution to any member of this organization upon approval of at least five out of six Executive Committee members.
2. The Vice-President shall:
 - a) Preside over all meetings and activities of the YAL chapter which the President is unable to attend.
 - b) Represent the YAL chapter at all University of Delaware functions that require the presence of an organization representative when the President is unable to attend.
 - c) Encourage other officers to fulfill their duties as prescribed by this Constitution.
 - d) Assist in appropriate and necessary communications among the Chapter's members and related constituents, including e-mails, website, and Internet message boards and groups.
 - e) Report to the National YAL chapter plans for future events, such as conferences, retreats, or speakers in the area to be hosted.
 - f) Be responsible for Liberty Studies at meetings, including assigning a topic for discussion to a member of the group so that said member can give a presentation on said topic.
 - g) Be responsible for inviting professors to meetings when necessary.
 - h) Be responsible for keeping in contact with the person who is presenting at each meeting and, in case of the presenters' absence, will be able to lead the group in the presentation.
 - i) Have the power to take on any other responsibilities directed toward the serious study of liberty for the group unforeseen.
3. The Treasurer shall:
 - a) Manage the finances of the YAL chapter and report this information in a timely manner to the Executive Officer Committee.
 - b) Oversee all financial transactions of the YAL chapter.
 - c) Ensure that all obligations of the Chapter are paid in a timely fashion and that amounts owed to Chapter are received in a timely fashion.
 - d) Ensure that all responsibilities relating to grants and funding received are fulfilled.
 - e) Be responsible for raising funds for the chapter through direct mail solicitations and fund raising events (at his/her discretion).
 - f) Prepare the yearly budget for review by the Executive Officer Committee.
4. The Campus Coordinator shall:
 - a) Contact all speakers regarding approved speaking engagements on the campus.

2. Any member in good academic standing of YAL may campaign or be nominated for any position on the EOC. The candidates' names will be announced at the previous meeting by the Vice-President to be voted on the last scheduled meeting of the school year.
3. The candidate for each office receiving a majority vote of members at the election meeting will be considered the victor. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then there will be a run-off between the top two candidates. The candidate who receives the most votes will be victor.
4. A required percentage of 75% of total roster members must cast a vote for an official EOC election. In order to cast a vote, the members must be present at the meeting. No votes are allowed over e-mail, phone or any other method.
5. Newly elected officers will take office at the end of the spring semester so that an EOC in place for the summer months.

Section 4: Removal Process

1. If an officer fails to maintain University requirements for holding office, he shall resign immediately.
2. If it is believed that an officer is not fulfilling his or her constitutional duties, then a petition requesting his or her removal from office must be signed by at least half of the voting membership and presented at a general meeting. Then, upon verification of the validity of the petition by the faculty advisor, and at least one week from the date of submission, another meeting shall be held at which the grievances will be presented with both sides having the opportunity to present a case.
3. The faculty advisor shall preside over the removal hearing. After all arguments have been heard, a secret ballot vote shall be held. 75% of the voting members must present for the impeachment vote to take place. The impeachment shall only be passed by 75% majority vote. If passed the officer shall be removed immediately.
4. If the President is removed or resigns, the Vice-President will take his/her place in the interim. If any officer other than the President is removed or resigns, the President will appoint a new officer to fulfill the position as soon as possible. A vote will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting so that YAL members may voice concern or disagreement of the president's appointed officer and no official title will be granted until a majority vote has occurred.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1: Meetings

1. YAL shall hold a meeting for all members no less than twice per month. Quorum for each meeting is at least 5 members and at least two officers.
2. YAL shall attempt, when possible, to hold meetings weekly.
3. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all meetings.

Article VII

Regulation of Funds

Section 1: Rules for Spending

1. Funds may only be spent on projects, events, and materials for YAL. Funds may not be used for personal expenditures. Failure to follow this rule will result in an automatic removal from office.

Section 1: Ratification

1. The Constitution must be ratified by both a 75% majority of the general membership and a 5/6 majority of the EOC.
2. An annual Constitutional Convention will be convened once a school year in the beginning of the fall semester.

Section 2: Amendments

1. Amendments may be proposed by any member. Upon receiving approval of at least half of the EOC, the amendment(s) must be proposed to the general membership where it must receive at least a 75% voting member approval to be adopted.

Signatures of current officers

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Campus Coordinator

Director of Media Relations

Head of Administrative Affairs

Alex - Student Centers