

Constitution of the College Republicans At Texas

ARTICLE I – UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

Section 1: This organization is a recognized student organization at The University of Texas at Austin and shall comply with all campus policies as set forth in the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities.

ARTICLE II – PROHIBITION OF HAZING

State law and Sec. 14-103(3) of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities define hazing as any intentional, knowing or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

ARTICLE III – NAME, AFFILIATION, AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be “College Republicans at Texas”

Section 2: The College Republicans at Texas shall be the recognized campus affiliate of the Texas Federation of College Republicans and shall be subject to and abide by the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Resolutions thereof.

Section 3: In the event that the College Republicans at Texas is dissolved, all of its holdings and assets shall be liquidated and donated to the Texas Federation of College Republicans. If The Texas Federation of College Republicans does not exist at the time, or is not affiliated with the College Republicans at Texas, then assets shall be liquidated and donated to the Republican Party of Texas.

Section 4: The purpose is as follows

- A. to make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among members of the University of Texas campus and community.
- B. To aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government.
- C. To encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels.
- D. To foster a sense of camaraderie and companionship among the members of this club.
- E. To develop political skills and leadership among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the Party and community.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers who comprise the College Republicans at Texas shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, and President Emeritus.

Section 2: All officers shall be elected at the last general meeting of the semester of the year, to be announced to all members not less than two weeks in advance, with terms beginning after the last day of that semester. Terms may begin immediately after an election for individual positions upon a two thirds vote of members present.

Section 3: Any members wishing to run for an office shall declare intent to run for said office to the President not less than one week prior to the election.

Section 4: Officers shall be elected by a majority of those members present and voting.

Section 5: Members will have one vote each while current officers will be given two votes each.

Section 6: Vacancies occurring among the officer board shall be filled by appointment by the President. A majority vote of the remaining officers is required to fill any vacancy.

Section 7: Members of the officer board shall be required to attend meetings of the officer board and general meetings. More than 2 unexcused absences will constitute grounds for impeachment under Article V.

Section 8: President. All executive powers of this organization shall be vested in the President. The President shall serve:

- A. To take any official action as deemed necessary and proper in carrying out the purposes of the College Republicans at Texas as set forth in Article 2.
- B. Preside over meetings of College Republicans at Texas.
- C. To call meetings of the officer board.
- D. To coordinate the activities of the College Republicans at Texas, including with other organizations.
- E. To determine the final outcome of a vote within the officer board in the event of a tie.
- F. To establish ad hoc committees and appoint committee heads as needed.

Section 9: Vice President

The Vice President shall work closely with the President and shall be vested with the following powers:

- A. To preside over meetings of College Republicans in the absence of the President.
- B. To succeed the President should that office become vacant for any reason.
- C. To provide oversight for the actions of committees and committee heads.
- D. To assist the President and Outreach Coordinator with the planning and coordination of social events.
- E. To exercise any other powers granted to him/her as deemed necessary by the President in carrying out the purpose of this organization.

Section 10: Secretary

The following duties shall be those of the Secretary:

- A. To record minutes for both General meetings as well as those of the officer board.
- B. To keep a list of members and keep the roll of all members and officers who attend each meeting.
- C. To provide the members of the College Republicans with an agenda at events

Section 11: Treasurer

The following duties shall be those of the Treasurer:

- A. To advise the President on the organization's finances at the beginning and end of the semester
- B. To work with the President to plan financial strategy, including but not limited to raising funds.
- C. May create a budget, in coordination with the President, which may be presented to the membership at a general meeting, and to be voted on by the officers

Section 12: Media Coordinator

The following duties shall be those of the Media Coordinator:

- A. To administer the social media accounts of the College Republicans at Texas, at the discretion of the President.

Section 13: Outreach Coordinator

The following duties shall be those of the Outreach Coordinator

- A. To coordinate with the president on the date, time and location of events.
- B. To manage on-campus outreach efforts, including but not limited to tabling, at the discretion of the President.

Section 14: President Emeritus

- A. The previous semester's President shall be an honorary, non-voting member of the officer board, and shall act as an advisor to the same. If graduated, still a voting officer, or no longer a member, the previous semester's President is not eligible for the role of President Emeritus
- B. The President Emeritus shall be the presiding officer over officer elections. If unable to preside over elections, the current officer board will take a majority vote to decide on who will preside over officer elections.

Section 15: Elections of Officers

- A. The presiding officer/member over the elections of officers may not be a candidate for an elected officer position.
- B. The presiding officer may not vote in the election, and will publicly tabulate the votes of each election. Each voter's name will be kept private at all times, but their votes public.
- C. The vote count for each election will be shared during the tabulation and confirmed at the end of the tabulation.
- D. A candidate must gain 50% of the total vote to be considered the victor in their election.

Section 16: Regarding election requirements and procedures

- A. Candidates must win a majority (fifty percent) of the vote in order to be elected.
- B. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, then a run-off vote shall take place between the two candidates that received the most votes.
- C. Each candidate shall be given an opportunity to address the members in attendance before this run-off vote occurs.
- D. The run-off vote shall occur before moving down in precedence to the next officer position.
- E. Any candidate with a planned conflict for the date of the election, and who has not missed more than one meeting without an excused absence in the current semester, may join the election via video stream to vote and run in the election.
- F. A debate between candidates for any officer position may be permitted at the discretion of the President, with the voluntary participation of any candidates.

Section 17: The Procedure for Officer Removal will be outlined in ARTICLE VI – IMPEACHMENT.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person affiliated with the University of Texas community is eligible for membership.

Section 2: Annual dues are not required for membership in the College Republicans.

Section 3: Honorary memberships may be granted at the discretion of the President and the available officers.

Section 4: Honorary members do not pay dues, and can not vote in elections.

Section 5: The Procedure for membership removal is as follows: Members may be removed upon the vote of a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of officers, with the required votes rounding up. One of the votes to remove a member must be cast by the President.

Section 6: In accordance with Sec. 6-202(a)(2) and Sec. 6-302 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities, this organization restricts membership to students, faculty members, and staff members of the University

Section 7: In accordance with Sec. 6-202(a)(3) of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities, this organization may not deny membership on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, citizenship, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, except that a registered student organization created primarily for religious purposes may restrict the right to vote or hold office to persons who subscribe to the registered student organization's statement of faith; and a registered student organization may restrict membership based on the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

ARTICLE VI – IMPEACHMENT

Section 1: Any officer who has demonstrated disloyalty to the Republican Party, negligence or incompetence in the performance of his/her prescribed Constitutional duties, or has willfully impeded the College Republicans at Texas from achieving its purposes may be impeached and removed from office. Officers acting in a manner to disrupt, coordinate against, or harm the College Republicans at Texas may be impeached and removed from office. Officers who do not disclose affiliations with other student organizations, including memberships and any official position they have may be impeached and removed from office.

Section 2: Impeachment charges may be brought against any officer by any member or officer in good standing. The secretary will note the date and nature of the charges. Impeachment proceedings shall occur at the next general meeting, and the charged officer will have the opportunity to defend himself/herself prior to the vote.

Section 3: The President Emeritus will be the presiding officer over the impeachment of any officer. If unavailable, the officer board, excluding any officer charged with impeachment, will determine a presiding officer over the impeachment of an officer. Officers under impeachment charges may not preside over the impeachment process of another officer.

Section 3: A 2/3 majority of the members present is required to remove a charged officer from office.

Section 4: An officer who is removed from office via impeachment is immediately removed from office, but may retain membership if approved by the remaining officer board.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1: Temporary committees shall be established at the discretion of the President, and expire at the end of his/her term, unless noted otherwise by the succeeding President.

Section 2; Committee decisions are subject to oversight of the officer board, including, but not limited to, approval of committee members, veto of committee decisions, dissolution of committees, etc. Oversight decisions subject to majority vote on officer board

Section 3: Committees are not allowed to make decisions on behalf of the club, nor do committee decisions supersede officer board decisions. Committees may make recommendations to the club, which are subject to approval by majority vote.

Section 4: Only elected officers with Constitutional authority of office are allowed to vote at officer meetings. Committee Chairs and appointed directors may be present at officer meetings, but may not vote.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Any member may propose a written Constitutional Amendment.

Section 2: The Constitution may be amended only after the introduction of an amendment and a 2/3rd vote of support by the members present.

Section 3: The officer board may decide to veto an amendment upon the vote of a 2/3 majority of officers present, with the required votes rounding up. One of the votes to veto an amendment must be cast by the President.

Section 4: All amendments or changes to this constitution must be reflected in an updated constitution that must be submitted to Student Activities in the Office of the Dean of Students at 2609 University Ave., Suite 2.112 within 14 days of its approval.

ARTICLE IX – ADVISOR

Section 1: In accordance with Sec. 6-101 (14) and Sec. 6-101(15) of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Information on Students' Rights and Responsibilities, this organization may have a University Advisor who is at least twenty-one years of age, is not enrolled as a student at the University, and serves as either:

- A. a part-time or full-time employee of the University.
- B. a representative of a national organization that is associated with the registered student organization.
- C. serves as either.
 - i. a part-time or full-time employee of the University.
 - ii. a representative of a national organization that is associated with the registered student organization (registered student organizations only).