

College Republicans at Oregon State University Constitution

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Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the College Republicans at Oregon State University or Oregon State University College Republicans, an independent College Republican chapter. The nickname of the organization shall be the OSU GOP or OSU CR.

Article II Purpose and Membership

We, the College Republicans at Oregon State University, promote conservative ideas and provide informational services for the benefit of the students of Oregon State University, surrounding community, and the State of Oregon. Our main goals are to help promote the election of Republican leaders into public office, promote the election of College Republican members into student office, and further the conservative movement on the Oregon State University campus.

Section I. Membership shall be divided into executive, active, and non-active members. All members who do not hold elected office shall be said to be candidates for membership in the General Assembly.

A. Executive members shall be those who meet the following requirements:

a. Be a part of the Executive Council.

B. Active members shall be those who meet the following requirements:

a. Attend at least two meetings per term.

b. Be a member of the General Assembly.

C. Non-active members shall be those who meet the following requirements:

a. Attend less than two meetings per term.

Article III Leadership Positions

Section I. The College Republicans at Oregon State University shall have six elected officers and they represent membership in the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall be responsible for: making executive decisions, overseeing all

committees and appointing committee chairpersons.

Section II. The members of the Executive Council, when able to reach agreement, shall refer any appointment decision of an Executive Council seat to a quorum of the General Assembly. All appointments must be approved by a simple majority vote of the said quorum.

Section III. Executive Council meetings shall be attended only by elected officials. Directors and General Assembly members may attend the Executive Council meetings at the request of the President.

Section IV. All members of the Executive Council shall refer all actions outside of their scope of duties and responsibilities as given in this Constitution to the President for consideration. The President shall appoint persons to handle these issues as he or she deems necessary.

Section V. The President (Chairman) shall call, publicize, and preside over all meetings of the College Republicans at Oregon State University. The President shall maintain and set agendas. The President shall represent, or designate a representative of, the College Republicans at Oregon State University at any function that requires a representative be present, including College Republicans events and Benton County Republican Party Executive and Central Committee meetings. The President may appoint any active member to a director position as he or she deems necessary. The Executive Council shall approve all appointments by a simple majority. The President shall oversee all Vice Presidents and the Secretary.

Section VI. The Vice President (Vice Chairman) shall assume all responsibilities of the President should he or she: vacate office, be absent, or be unable to perform the duties of the office. The Vice President shall be an assistant overseer to the President over all other Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and all directors. The Vice President shall be the specific overseer of all directors in his or her committee should the committee exist. The Vice President shall give reports at the general and executive meetings.

Section VII. The Vice President of Community Outreach and Development shall oversee all community and outreach activities. Community and outreach activities shall be defined as those that build relationships with the community and other organizations. The Vice President of Community Outreach and Development shall oversee directors in his or her committee should the committee exist. The Vice President of Community Outreach and Development shall give reports at the general and executive meetings in regard to the actions of the directors that he or she oversees.

Section VIII. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall oversee all internal matters of the College Republicans at Oregon State University. Internal affairs include events, projects, and other matters that pertain only within the group. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall oversee directors in his or her committee should the committee exist. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall give reports at the general and executive meetings in regard to the actions of the directors that he or she oversees.

Section IX. The Vice President of Finance shall maintain records of all monetary transactions that occur with regards to the College Republicans at Oregon State University. It is the responsibility of the Vice President of Finance to interact with the Memorial Union Business Office for the proper maintenance of any account

that the College Republicans at Oregon State University may possess. He or she shall oversee all on- and off- campus College Republican accounts. The Vice President of Finance shall give monthly reports to the Executive Council as to the financial status of the College Republicans at Oregon State University. The Vice President of Finance shall prepare and present an annual budget of the Educational Activities account through Student Involvement at the request of the Educational Activities chairperson. The Vice President of Finance shall oversee the directors in his or her committee should the committee exist. The Vice President of Finance shall give reports at the general and executive meetings in regard to the actions of the directors that he or she oversees.

Section X. The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking of accurate minutes at meetings of the General Assembly and at meetings of the Executive Council. The Secretary shall also maintain attendance records of all general and executive meetings. These records shall be used to create a directory of membership status to be updated weekly. This directory shall list all executive, active and non-active members of the College Republicans at Oregon State University. The Secretary shall oversee the directors in his or her committee should the committee exist. The Secretary shall give reports at the general and executive meetings in regard to the actions of the directors that he or she oversees.

Section XI. Directors may be appointed only by the President. The President must have the approval of a simple majority of the Executive Council.

Section XII. Officers' terms shall last from May 1st to April 30th of the next school year. Elections for officer positions will take place at the last general meeting of Winter Term with nominations taking place at the meeting immediately preceding. Nominations made outside of the general meeting shall be directed to both the President and Vice President. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of the General Assembly. The time from election to the beginning of the officer's term will serve as the transition period for the old officer to pass down materials and teach the new officer.

Section XIII. Should a vacancy occur in an officer position prior to the conclusion of the elected term, that vacancy will either be filled with an appointment by the President or by Special Election. The method used to fill the vacancy will be determined by the President. The person chosen to fill the vacancy will serve out the remainder of the elected term.

Section XIV. Officers are required to attend all Executive Council and General Assembly meetings. If an officer cannot attend a meeting he or she must notify both the President and Vice President.

Section XV. Should an officer's action or lack of action come into question, a simple majority of the Executive Council may put that officer on probation for a period of three weeks. The terms of the probation will be determined by the Executive Council. At the end of the three week period, a majority vote of the Executive Council may either lift the probation or recommend removal from office.

Section XVI. Should an officer's actions or lack of actions come into question, an examination of that officer's actions will take place before the Executive Council. After the examination if conducted, a unanimous vote of the Executive Council excluding the officer in question is required to remove an officer from his or her position. However, the Executive Council can place the matter before the

General Assembly with a simple majority vote. A two thirds majority of the General Assembly is required to remove an officer from his or her position.

Section XVII. Only the President and Vice President of Finance shall have the ability to withdraw money from the College Republicans at Oregon State University Memorial Union Business Account and any off-campus accounts with the consent of the Executive Council. All receipts of transaction of the College Republicans at Oregon State University must be transferred to the Vice President of Finance.

Article IV Committees

Section I. The Executive Council shall have the power to initiate any committees and appoint chairpersons to said committees, as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization. The Executive Council may also refer such decisions to the General Assembly.

Section II. If a committee is created, one Executive Council member must become the chairperson unless the committees outnumber the Executive Council members. Not all Executive Council members are required to be committee chairpersons; that is, if there are fewer committees than Executive Council members.

Article V Voting

Section I. On all matters procedural in nature, a simple majority of the General Assembly shall be sufficient for passage.

Section II. In matters of amendment of this Constitution, three-fourths of the General Assembly voting in the affirmative shall be required for passage.

Section III. All items to be voted on by the General Assembly, including but not limited to procedural matter, critical issues, and Constitutional amendments, shall be introduced to the General Assembly during the "new business" section of a regular meeting of the College Republicans at Oregon State University. These motions shall then be reviewed by the Executive Council and set on the agenda of a later regular meeting of the General Assembly.

Section IV. The President may suspend Section III of Article V in any case deemed as an emergency of the President.

Article VI Meetings

Section I. The regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be held on a routine basis as determined by the General Assembly.

Section II. The Executive Council shall meet on a regular basis as determined by the

President.

Section III. Special meetings shall be called by the President or the Executive Council.

Section IV. Of active members, 50% + 1 shall be constituted as a quorum.

Section V. Standing committees shall have meetings on a regular basis as determined by the chairperson.

Article VII Relationships

Section I. The College Republicans at Oregon State University shall be an independent College Republican chapter.

Section II. The College Republicans at Oregon State University shall pursue a relationship with the Benton County Republican Party, the Benton County Republican Women, the Oregon Republican Party, Republican Women, Young America's Foundation, the College Republican National Committee, the Republican National Committee, and other conservative political organizations that share the ideology of the College Republicans at Oregon State University

Section III. The College Republicans at Oregon State University shall pursue relationships with other organizations at Oregon State University, and with other College Republican organizations at other colleges and universities throughout the State of Oregon.

Article VIII Advisor

Section I. One or more advisors shall be elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority.

Section II. The Executive Council may consult the advisor when needed.

Article IX Oregon State University Requirements

Section I. Membership shall not be denied to any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability or disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

Section II. All voting members and officers of the College Republicans at Oregon State University must be currently enrolled for at least six credits at Oregon State University and pay student fees.

Section III. Officers shall have earned at least six credit hours in their most recently completed term. This requirement does not apply to first-term freshmen or first-term transfer students.

Section IV. Officers shall not be on disciplinary probation.

Section V. Officers shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and not have been on probation for the most recently completed term prior to the term of election.

Section VI. A graduate student must pay student fees and meet the same requirements as an undergraduate student with the exception that full-time status shall be a minimum of six hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Article X Events

Section I. OSU College Republicans will host a Annual Second Amendment week to be held during the Month of April.

Section II. OSU College Republicans will host a First Amendment Week to be held during Winter Term.

Section III. OSU College Republicans will send Student representatives to the Dorchester Conference.