

# Northwestern University College Republicans

## Constitution of the College Republicans

*Adopted February 13, 2007*

### Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the College Republicans.

### Article II: Purpose

- 1) The College Republicans will work to promote the discussion and acceptance of Republican and conservative ideas and policy positions on the Northwestern campus. Also, it will discuss those ideals within the membership of the club, in order to create a better definition, understanding and consistency in those ideals.
- 2) The College Republicans will have the goal of creating a friendly conservative community on the Northwestern campus.
- 3) To serve these purposes, the College Republicans will engage the campus through personal interaction and media, including speaker events.
- 4) The executive board shall further these goals to the best of their ability.

### Article III: Membership

#### Section 1: Qualifications for Membership

Any Northwestern University Undergraduate Student shall be eligible to become a member of the College Republicans upon addition to the NUCR listserv. Membership is not required for attendance at meetings or events.

## Section 2: Voting Rights

All members who have attended at least two (2) meetings during the academic year shall be entitled to vote on any matters that come before the organization's membership, including elections and amendments to this constitution, provided that they are present when the vote is taken.

## Article IV: Officers

### Section 1: Officer Duties

#### A. The President shall:

1. Call and chair all regular and special meetings
2. Oversee the activities of all officers
3. Serve as a liaison to the Associated Student Government (hereafter known as the ASG) and the Center for Student Involvement (hereafter known as CSI).
4. Arrange for all speakers and prepare contracts for approval
5. Be responsible for funding proposals and annual review

Things to improve:

#### B. The Executive Vice President shall:

1. Serve as a liaison to local Republican organizations, the College Republican National Committee, and the Illinois College Republican Federation
2. Serve as the official spokesperson for College Republicans

3. Foster relationships with other student groups
4. Assume the duties of the President in the case of temporary inability to fulfill the duties of the office
5. Inform members about volunteer opportunities

C. The Vice President-Finance (Treasurer) shall:

1. Maintain accurate records of all financial transactions of the College Republicans
2. Disburse and monitor the disbursement of funds
3. Be responsible for all communication with the Student Activities Finance Board (SAFB) and the Student Organization Finance Office (SOFO)
4. Attend and present information at group audits

D. The Vice President-Events shall:

1. Be responsible for room reservations, sound and sight, and setting up for all events
2. Plan any minor events, including any leading up to major events
3. Plan social events for the membership
4. Coordinate participation in the annual Activities Fair

E. The Vice President-Publicity shall:

1. Coordinate design and distribution of all publicity materials
2. Arrange for all advertising

F. The Vice President-Fundraising shall:

1. Coordinate all fundraising
2. Coordinate all alumni relations

G. The ASG Senator shall:

1. Attend all ASG meetings
2. Report on actions of the ASG to the general membership

## Section 2: The Executive Board

A. The Executive Board shall consist of all officers listed in Section 1 above.

B. The Executive Board shall meet no less than twice per month. Additional meetings may be called at the President's discretion.

C. The Executive Board may suggest to create another officer position; the membership must approve the addition of this position by a 2/3 vote

1. In the case that an officer position is created or an officer position is vacant, an announcement will be made to the general membership that a special election will be held. The following week, the special election will take place and will follow the election guidelines as listed in Article IV Section 3

D. The members of the Executive Board shall attend all regular and special meetings

E. The Executive Board shall have the following exclusive powers:

1. Approving all co-sponsored events before they are proposed to the ASG

2. Removing by 2/3 vote any officer who is found to be delinquent in his duties; the officer in question shall not vote on this issue

### Section 3: Officer Elections

- A. All officers listed in Section 1 above shall be elected during the final meeting of winter quarter.
- B. The election procedure shall be as follows:
  1. Candidates shall be nominated from the floor, and must be seconded
  2. A candidate may run for more than one position, but may not hold more than one position
  3. Each candidate shall give a speech of not more than two minutes, in the order of nomination
  3. All candidates shall answer questions for no more than five minutes
  4. All candidates shall leave the room while discussion, debate, and elections take place for that officer position
  5. Members shall vote by secret ballot; the President must appoint a member who is not running for any office to count the votes and to announce the winners
  6. Members shall vote on candidates by secret ballot, and the President shall announce the winners
- C. Officers shall serve for a one-year term from the beginning of Spring Quarter, and are eligible for re-election.

## Article V: Meetings

- A. The College Republicans shall have weekly meetings throughout the academic year whenever classes meet, excluding Reading Week and Finals Week.
- B. The President may call special meetings for specific purposes at any time, provided an effort is made to notify the membership 48 hours in advance.

## Article VI: Committees

The officers shall form committees to assist in the operations of the College Republicans, as they deem fit.

## Article VII: Adoption and Amendment

Section 1: This Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting of the College Republicans.

Section 2: This Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting of the College Republicans, provided that said amendment shall have been proposed at least one meeting prior to the meeting at which it is approved.