

The Constitution of the UNC Wilmington College Republicans

PREAMBLE

We, the UNC Wilmington College Republicans, seek to establish a political presence on this campus in order to perpetuate the principles and ideas that form the foundation of the Republican Party. We charge ourselves with this mission because of our belief that the Republican Party represents the best hope for our nation's future and its role in the world. Through our commitment to Republican and Conservative values, and our dedicated service in the College Republicans, we hope to succeed in advancing the cause of the Republican Party and Conservatism in our university, community, and our nation.

ARTICLE I. Name

SECTION I. The name of this organization shall be the UNC Wilmington College Republicans, also may be referred to as the UNCW College Republicans, or the UNCW CR's.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

SECTION I. To make known and promote the principles and values of the Republican Party and the Conservative movement, among the student body at UNC Wilmington.

SECTION II. To recruit UNC Wilmington students as members of the College Republicans and to affirm they are registered with the Republican Party to participate in the electoral process.

SECTION III. To develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to this organization, other Student Organizations on UNC Wilmington's campus, as well as the Republican Party, and community.

SECTION IV. To establish and perpetuate a Republican political force at UNC Wilmington.

SECTION V. To assist the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans (NCFRCR), in achieving its objectives and goals.

SECTION VI. To assist the College Republican National Committee (CRNC), in achieving its objectives and goals.

SECTION VII. To assist the New Hanover County Republican Party, as well as the North Carolina Republican Party, and the Republican National Committee when needed.

SECTION VIII. To aid in the election or Republican candidates at all levels of government and the promotion of Republican policies at all level of governing.

ARTICLE III. Organizational Responsibilities

SECTION I. A membership table shall be set up during all freshman orientation organizational involvement fairs, as well as the fall and spring general involvement fairs, in order to recruit new

members.

SECTION II. The first regular meeting shall be held no later than two weeks after the membership table at the Fall Involvement fair is set up.

SECTION III. A quorum for regular meetings in order to pass legislation and enact decisions affecting the entire club shall be ten members.

SECTION IV. A campus canvass shall be conducted as thoroughly as possible, during the first month of the fall semester, if necessary, or if asked to do so through the New Hanover County Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

SECTION I. Non-exclusionary Membership Clause. This organization does not discriminate against and student, faculty, or staff based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or sexual orientation.

SECTION II. Members must support our Party, its platform, our candidates, our elected officials, and our fundamental values. Individuals who are not registered Republicans and do not share our values shall not be eligible for membership.

SECTION III. Throughout the academic year, membership dues will be collected from all students desiring membership in the UNC Wilmington College Republicans.

SECTION IV. Membership due amounts will be determined by the officers annually and collected up until the last club meeting of the spring semester.

SECTION V. Any student desiring membership in the UNC Wilmington College Republicans must participate in two events held by the club per semester. Events meeting qualification for membership shall be determined by the President, prior to the event.

SECTION VI. Students whose membership dues have been collected by the last meeting of the spring semester, and have participated in two events per semester, will be considered in “good standing” and eligible to vote in the annual elections.

ARTICLE V. Officers and Roles

SECTION I. The officers of the club shall be the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Administrative Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

SECTION II. Vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled at the next regular meeting by a special election or appointment with a majority vote of existing Executive Committee members.

SECTION III. In the event of the Office of the President becoming vacant, the Executive Vice-President shall assume the Presidency until the next regular meeting when a special election will be held.

SECTION IV. The duties of the officers shall be as outlined in the following subsections:

Subsection I. The President shall preside over all meetings of the organization and meetings of the Executive Committee. The President shall preside over the Speaker/Conventions Committee and shall finalize all committee activities and represent the organization in all official capacity and at NCFRCR and NHCGOP functions.

Subsection II. The Executive Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, shall serve as Parliamentarian during all club debate, provide initiative for policy formulation, provide counsel to the President, shall preside over the Volunteer Opportunities Committee involving public relations within the community and the campus, and perform tasks the President may assign.

Subsection III. The Administrative Vice-President shall preside over meetings if the President and the Executive Vice-President are unable to attend. The Administrative Vice-President shall carry out and coordinate programs and activities while presiding over the Advertising Committee and the New Members Committee. Th Administrative Vice-President will also perform tasks the President may assign.

Subsection IV. The Secretary shall preside over the Social Committee, record the minutes of the club meetings, and notify members of upcoming meetings and events of the club, and perform tasks the President may assign.

Subsection V. The Treasurer shall make all financial reports at Executive Committee meetings, receive and, with the approval of the President, distribute funds, and assist in the coordination of fund-raising activities. The Treasurer will preside over the Fund-raising and Finance Committee and will perform tasks the President may assign.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Committee

SECTION I. The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be to govern the club and provide it with overall direction, which enables it to adequately pursue its political philosophy and objectives in all activities and functions.

SECTION II. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and any chairman of a standing committee within the club.

SECTION III. The Executive Committee shall meet weekly or as the President deems necessary.

SECTION IV. The President shall appoint and fill, with the consent of the Executive Committee, such positions as may contribute and be necessary to the successful operation of the club.

SECTION V. The President shall form and appoint, with the consent of the Executive Committee, all committees and committee chairs as may contribute to the successful operation of the club.

SECTION VI. The Executive Committee shall report to the club as the beginning of each regular club meeting, and respond to any inquiries posed by club members to the officers of the Executive Committees.

ARTICLE VII. Standing Committees

SECTION I. There shall be six standing committees of the club: the Social Committee, the Fund-raising and Finance Committee, the Volunteer Opportunities Committee, the Advertising Committee, the Speaker/Convention Committee, and a New Member Committee.

SECTION II. The Committee Chairmen shall appoint all members of the respective committees.

SECTION III. The Social Committee shall be responsible for planning and organizing events within the organization to familiarize members with one another.

SECTION IV. The Fund-raising and Finance Committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing money-raising projects for the club. This committee will work primarily to assist the Treasurer in raising funds to facilitate the organization's cause.

SECTION V. The Volunteer Opportunities Committee shall be responsible for the research and organization of volunteer events within the campus community. This committee shall also be responsible for helping recruit new members to be more active in the idea of volunteering in their community.

SECTION VI. The Advertising Committee shall be responsible for the publicity of all regular meetings and all activities the club may sponsor. In addition, the Advertising Committee shall be responsible for other material the club disseminates, such as newsletters, electronic communications (i.e. Internet pages), etc.

SECTION VII. The Speaker/Conventions Committee shall be responsible for the research and recommendation of Conservative speakers to bring to campus. This committee shall also be responsible for the research of and recruiting members to attend the Conservative and College Republican Conference and Conventions that present themselves for attendance.

SECTION VIII. The New Member Committee shall be responsible for organizing and implementing programs to recruit new members of the organization. This Committee shall also be responsible for recruitment tables at involvement fairs, at the direction of the President of the club.

ARTICLE VIII. Annual Elections

SECTION I. Annual elections for officers shall be held during the spring semester at a regular club meeting between April 1 and April 30, but must be after the spring NCFRCR Convention.

SECTION II. Notice of the occurrence of annual elections shall be reasonably provided to all members of the club not less than two weeks prior to the annual elections.

SECTION III. Any member in "good standing" will be eligible to nominate candidates, who are also in "good standing," for club officers from the floor.

SECTION IV. Officers shall be elected in the order in which they are listed in Article III, Section I, by an absolute majority of those members present and voting who are in "good standing."

SECTION V. In the event of an election between more than two candidates in which no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election will be held immediately after to determine a victor.

SECTION VI. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the Executive Committee, with the exception of the President, will vote on the candidates in order to determine a victor.

SECTION VII. Prior to the annual NCFRCR State Convention, members of the club in "good standing"

will elect delegates, who are also in “good standing,” to represent the club in any deliberations and elections during the conventions.

ARTICLE IX. Legislative Process

SECTION I. Any members of the club in “good standing” shall be eligible to propose legislation and resolutions from the floor.

SECTION II. Legislation and resolutions shall be passed into effect by a majority vote of club members in “good standing” present at the meeting.

SECTION III. In the event of a tie vote on legislation or a resolution, the Executive Committee, with the exception of the President, will vote on the measure in order to break the tie.

SECTION IV. The Executive Committee shall enact legislation and resolutions passed by the club as official club policy.

ARTICLE X. Impeachment Procedure

SECTION I. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed from the officer for failure to perform their duties properly and in good faith, or officially endorsing a Democratic candidate, or for other violations of this constitution.

SECTION II. To be impeached, the following must occur:

Subsection I. A formal complaint must be filed with the Secretary (or the President if the Secretary is accused), signed by two Executive Committee members, specifically naming the basis of the complaint.

Subsection II. The accused must be given a copy of the matter at least seven days prior to a hearing before the Executive Committee on that matter at which the accused shall be given an opportunity to offer a defense.

Subsection III. Upon an affirmative two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, the accused shall be considered impeached.

SECTION III. The removal will occur at a second hearing before the entire club which must occur at the next body meeting, after the Executive Committee hearing, at which the accused will again be given the opportunity to offer a defense.

SECTION IV. Upon an affirmative two-thirds vote of members in “good standing” present at the hearing, a member shall be removed from his or her position.

ARTICLE XI. Adherence

SECTION I. This organization will adhere to all University rules, regulations, and policies, as well as to all local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE XII. Nonprofit Clause

SECTION I. The UNC Wilmington College Republicans is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

SECTION II. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of its members, directors, officers, or other persons except that the organization shall be authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the organization.

SECTION III. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations with similar purposes or to one or more organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE XIII. Constitutional Amendment Procedure

SECTION I. Amendments shall be proposed from the floor by members in “good standing” with the club.

SECTION II. Amendments to this constitution may be adopted upon an affirmative vote by two-thirds of members in “good standing” present at the meeting.

SECTION III. Amendments to this constitution should be submitted to the NCFRC State Chairman to insure conformity with the NCFRC Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV. Adherence and Suspension of the Constitution

SECTION I. This Constitution shall be abided by at all times, in the idea of promoting the Republican Party and Conservatism on campus.

SECTION II. All or any parts of the Constitution may be temporarily suspended by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, until a special meeting can be held to amend this Constitution.

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