

The College Republicans at FSU Club Constitution and By-Laws

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Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the College Republicans at FSU, hereinafter referred to as the club.

Section 2: The club shall be affiliated with the College Republican National Committee (CRNC). The club should be responsible for the rules and regulations determined by FSU; but moreover, to the club's Constitution and bylaws.

Article II: Objectives

Section 1: To provide a political forum for all Republicans at FSU and to encourage the development of an intelligent, dynamic, and cooperative group.

Section 2: To provide, through its organization, a means to encourage participation in the activities of the Republican Party.

Section 3: To honorably promote the platform and candidates of the Republican Party.

Section 4: To provide FSU students and club members with the means of obtaining practical political knowledge.

Section 5: To accurately represent and transmit the views of the FSU community to the leadership of the Republican Party.

Article III: Powers and Responsibilities

Section 1: The powers of the club shall be to direct, manage, supervise, and control its business,

property, funds, and any other function that is deemed necessary in order to carry out the club's objectives.

Section 2: It shall be the responsibility of the club to aid any and all College Republican clubs, clubs sharing similar interests, the Republican Party, as well as its candidates and its causes, and the CRNC to the best of its ability.

Section 3: The club shall be responsible for the coordination of its activities and for the concerns of its members.

Article IV: Constitutional Amendments and Revisions

Section 1: Proposed amendments and revisions to the club's Constitution may be considered at any official E-Board meeting, provided that all E-Board members have been given a written copy of the amendments or revisions three (3) days before it shall be voted on.

Section 2: The proposed amendments and revisions of the club's Constitution must be voted on in a membership meeting within thirty (30) days of the E-Board meeting at which said amendment or revision is considered by the E-Board.

Section 3: Proposed amendments and revisions to the club's Constitution must acquire at least three (3) favorable E-Board votes in an E-Board meeting prior to a membership meeting.

Section 4: Approval of a proposed amendment and revisions to the club's Constitution requires a three-fifths (3/5) vote of all registered active members in attendance of the membership meeting.

Section 5: Proposed amendments and revisions to the club's Constitution may be considered at any regularly scheduled general membership meeting, provided that members have been given reasonable notification and a written copy of the amendments or revisions three (3) days before it shall be voted on.

Section 6: A fully comprehensive vote by the E-Board shall be rendered within three (3) days of the E-Board meeting at which the Amendment was considered.

Article V: By-Laws

Section 1: The club shall adhere to By-Laws that act with the authority of the Constitution in matters related to General Membership Meetings, E-Board Meetings, Election Procedures, Special Procedures, Non-Voting E-Board Offices, and Organizational Goals.

Section 2: By-Laws may be revised at any E-Board meeting by acquiring at least three (3) favorable E-Board votes or any regularly called general membership meeting with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all active members in attendance.

Section 3: Members must be given reasonable notification of changes to the By-Laws.

Section 4: Dates specifically outlined in the By-Laws may not be changed inside of a two (2) week period preceding the event.

Article VI: Interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1: The E-Board shall bear the responsibility of interpreting the club's Constitution and bylaws.

Section 2: Any E-Board member or club member may request interpretation of any section of this Constitution or its bylaws regarding any situation or issue which the club might need to consider.

Section 3: Any request for interpretation must be fully detailed and explained; the interpretation shall only be as specific as the request.

Section 4: Requests should be typed and submitted to all E-Board members at least three (3) days prior to the E-Board meeting in which the request is to be judged.

Section 5: Favorable judgment of any request must receive at least a three-fifths (3/5) vote from the eligible E-Board members.

Section 6: Voting eligibility of an E-Board member(s) shall be denied due to a conflict of interest. In the case that a conflict of interest arises and an E-Board member refuses to recuse his or herself from the voting, a vote shall be undertaken by the remaining E-Board members. A unanimous vote is necessary in order to forfeit the E-Board member's voting rights.

Section 7: A fully detailed and expanded judgment shall be rendered within three (3) days of the E-Board meeting at which the request was considered. A copy of such judgment shall be rendered to the questioning party and a record of the judgment shall be rendered to the club's Secretary to remain on file.

Article VII: Finance

Section 1: No university student may be denied membership due to inability to pay dues. If a member is not able to pay dues, other arrangements will be made.

Section 2: Upon the request of any and all club members, Republican organization, or FSU official, an itemized financial report shall be rendered within two (2) weeks of a written request to both the Chair and the Treasurer.

Section 3: All expenditures shall be written and approved for a specific amount by the E-Board. The Chair shall have the power to veto any and all expenditures and must certify the approval with his or her signature.

Section 4: The remaining E-Board members can override the Chair's veto with a unanimous vote.

Section 5: Payment for all certified expenditures shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer, his or her designate, and, if necessary, the Chair.

Section 6: The club's Chair is obligated to keep the club's finances in good balance and current on all debt at all times.

Article VIII: E-Board Elections and Qualifications

Section 1: Election of E-Board members shall occur once a year, near the end of the spring semester by secret ballot.

Section 2: E-Board terms last from their inauguration to the following inauguration ceremony.

Section 3: E-Board members must meet FSU requirements to hold office for a recognized university organization.

Section 4: A candidate for an E-Board position must be an active member.

Section 5: All E-Board members and candidates must be registered Republicans or non-citizen members of the Republican Party.

Section 6: A member can only run for one position per election.

Section 7: It is up to the E-board to determine the agenda for elections, including, but not limited to, the time each candidate will receive for their applicable speech and/or debate.

Section 8: Candidates must receive a majority (more than 50%) to win a respective election.

Section 9: If an election for a position does not receive a majority (more than 50%), then the two (2) highest vote-receiving candidates shall participate in a run-off election immediately after the primary election.

Section 10: Each candidate has the right to one (1) representative to supervise the counting of ballots.

Section 11: The counting of ballots must take place at the end of the agenda. After each vote, the ballots will be sealed by the Elections Chair. After all elections have finished voting, the ballots will be officially counted and verified.

Section 12: Tie-Breaking Procedures

- A. In the case of a tie, there shall be a recount, and a secondary vote. If in the case of a tie in the secondary vote, the E-Board shall vote to break the tie. If there is a tie amongst the E-Board, the election shall revert back to the general membership. The tied election shall move to the bottom of the agenda where the membership shall continue to vote in rounds until the tie is broken.
- B. A five-minute open floor forum shall take place between each round of voting in the tie-breaking procedure.
- C. Any E-Board member running for the office for which the tie occurred, cannot vote in the tie-breaking E-Board vote.

Section 13: Members are eligible to vote in E-Board elections if they are personally present on Election Day and are considered an active member (with the exclusion of the “payment of dues” stipulation).

Section 14: Associate members are allowed to be present, but may not speak, participate in, raise questions, or create any other distractions or disturbances during the election process. Any Associate member violating this provision shall be removed from the election meeting.

Section 15: Newly elected E-Board members shall be sworn in no less than three (3) and no more than ten (10) days following their election or immediately following a special election.

Article IX: E-Board Position Description

Section 1: The Chair

- A. The Chair shall coordinate the short and long range goals of the club through the establishment of the CRNC, FSU, and club policy.
- B. The Chair shall conduct all E-Board meetings.
- C. The Chair shall represent the club in all official capacities.
- D. The Chair shall be responsible for facilitating all general membership meetings.
- E. The Chair shall regularly communicate club news and updates with the membership through general membership meetings, e-mail, and other forms of technology.
- F. The Chair shall be responsible for personal contact of all political entities, both individuals and organizations, for the betterment of the club and its membership, including elected officials, other clubs and organizations, financial supporters, and members.
- G. The Chair shall be responsible for contacting members in Leon County and maintaining strong contact with county clubs, organizations, and public and private officials.
- H. The Chair shall be responsible for the maintenance of continuous communication and for the coordination of functions among the CRNC, Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) and the club.
- I. The Chair shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining a faculty advisor as required by the University.

Section 2: The Vice Chair

- A. The Vice Chair shall be directly responsible to the Chair for the administration of the club.
- B. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair with his or her duties and responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- C. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair as a state liaison.
- D. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the role of the Chair.
- E. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for acquiring money through soliciting supporters and organizing fund raising events for the club.

- F. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for planning activities and events of a political nature that forward the club's goals of education, outreach, and involvement in campaigns and policy.
- G. The Vice Chair shall also handle any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Section 3: The Membership Chair

- A. The Membership Chair is responsible for the effective maintenance of the club's membership through membership tables, information, and unification.
- B. The Membership Chair shall be directly responsible to the Chair for the management of social functions and membership services.
- C. The Membership Chair shall coordinate and be responsible for providing successful membership services and functions.
- D. The Membership Chair shall also be responsible for promotion of the club, its meetings, and all other activities.
- E. The Membership Chair shall also handle any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Section 4: The Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall be directly responsible to the Chair for all financial activities of the club, including, but not limited to, fundraising and budgeting.
- B. The Treasurer shall maintain the integrity of all finances; keep accurate records of all financial transactions, reimbursements, and all things necessary and proper.
- C. At the request of the Chair, the Treasurer shall render a detailed financial report to the E-Board at the second regularly scheduled E-Board meeting of each month.
- D. The Treasurer shall keep a continuously updated list of members that are current on dues and regularly transmit it to the Secretary.

E. The Treasurer shall also handle any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Section 5: The Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall be directly responsible to the Chair for keeping all accurate records for the club.
- B. The Secretary shall maintain attendance rosters and transmit it to the Membership Chair.
- C. The Secretary shall maintain a continuously updated copy of the club's Constitution and By-Laws, which can be made available at any meeting of the general membership or E-Board.
- D. The Secretary shall maintain a current list of active members as outlined in Article XI, Section 4, which can be made available at any meeting of the general membership, or E-Board.
- E. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of the club's technology including the club's website and social networking sites.
- F. The Secretary shall serve as a secondary signature, where needed, on all club accounts.
- G. The Secretary shall also handle any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Section 6: No club member in his or her capacity as an E-Board member or member representing the club shall endorse or oppose any Republican candidate before or during a primary election or primary run-off election.

Article X: Non-Voting Officers

Section 1: Non-voting officers are considered members of the club's E-Board with all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities implied except that they do not have a vote in club business.

Section 2: Non-voting E-Board offices shall be created and defined in Chapter 5 of the By-Laws.

Section 3: Unless otherwise specified, non-voting officers shall be active members appointed to their positions by the Chair, confirmed by three-fifths (3/5) or more vote of the E-Board, and their appointments shall expire at the end of the Chair's current term. Appointees serve at the pleasure of the Chair. Chairman Emeriti are considered non-voting officers, and are exempt from the active member requirement as well as the expiration requirement.

Section 4: The Chair may request a dismissal of a non-voting officer at any time. This request must be approved with a three-fifths (3/5) vote or more of the E-Board.

Section 5: All non-voting officers shall be supervised by, and coordinate their efforts with, the proper E-Board members as directed and deemed necessary by the Chair.

Section 6: All members elected to statewide College Republican Office shall be considered non-voting officers with the role of advising the club and its officers, as well as serving as a liaison between the organizations.

Article XI: Membership

Section 1: This organization agrees to adhere to the University non-discrimination statement: No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status.

Section 2: No hazing or discrimination shall be used as a condition of membership within this organization. Information regarding hazing can be found at <http://hazing.fsu.edu>.

Section 3: There shall be three (3) recognized divisions of members: active, associate, and honorary.

Section 4: Active members shall receive all benefits of membership, including, but not limited to, the right to vote in elections. Active membership shall be distinguished by being an enrolled FSU student and completion of the proper forms. To maintain active member status, students must

attend more than half of all regularly scheduled general body meetings for the semester up to that point. In addition, the member must be current on club dues to be considered active.

Section 5:

- A. Any member who cannot afford dues may petition the Chair and receive a waiver on this stipulation.
- B. Any member who has attended at least forty percent (40%) of the previous ten (10) meetings and at least five (5) meetings of the current school year, or has spent at least fifty percent (50%) of that time studying abroad, in internships outside of Leon County, or in active military service may petition the E-Board and receive a waiver on this stipulation.
- C. The E-Board will set a deadline for all petitions to be submitted, and will consider all valid petitions for active membership. Active membership will only be approved with a three-fifths (3/5) vote or greater of the E-Board.
- D. Within the first three weeks of the school year, the E-Board must meet to determine what events will be considered as a substitution to a meeting. At each new E-Boards' discretion, attendance at political, philanthropic, educational, informational, or other official club events may be considered as an attendance at a general body meeting, for active membership purposes.

Section 6: Associate members shall receive basic benefits of membership providing they are FSU students and have completed the proper forms. However, associate members are ineligible to vote or run for office.

Section 7: Honorary members shall receive basic benefits and are distinguished by not being enrolled as a student at FSU and significant contribution to the club.

Section 8: Recognized student organizations shall be limited to currently enrolled FSU students.

Article XII: Impeachment and Revocation of Membership

Section 1: An E-Board member(s) may be impeached by either a petition which includes the signatures of one third (1/3) of the club's active members or by a petition signed by three-fifths (3/5) of the E-Board. Such a petition shall be filed with the club's Secretary, Chair, or Advisor.

Section 2: Upon impeachment, the E-Board shall meet and vote to temporarily relieve the accused of his or her powers or responsibilities. This action shall require a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the E-Board. At this time, the E-Board shall coordinate to procedures, including a date, time, and location, for the impeachment trial.

Section 3: The accused shall not be denied the right to present a defense to the E-Board and membership at the impeachment trial.

Section 4: At the impeachment trial, a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board and three-fifths (3/5) vote of all present active members shall be necessary for an impeachment conviction, excluding the vote(s) of the accused. Such convictions will result in the immediate removal from the office of the accused E-Board member(s).

Section 5: The active members shall be given reasonable notification of the impeachment trial date, time, location, and charges at least seven (7) days prior to the trial. The accused shall receive the same advanced written notice at least ten (10) days prior to the trial.

Section 6: Grounds for impeachment shall include malfeasance in office, failure to perform the respective office's duties, a misuse of official capacity, action contrary to the CRNC, FSU, and/or the club's Constitution and bylaws, and action detrimental to the effective functioning of the club. Grounds for expulsion of a member(s) shall be statements and actions detrimental to the club and/or conduct unworthy of a member of the club.

Section 7: The procedure for revocation of membership shall be the same as that delineated for the impeachment of an E-Board member.

Section 8: The unexcused absence of an E-Board member to three (3) E-Board meetings during their term will trigger an impeachment as outlined above, beginning in Section 2. This proceeding does not require an impeachment petition and is not optional. The E-Board must begin an impeachment procedure, as outlined above beginning in Section 2, if an E-Board member is absent to three (3) unexcused E-Board meetings during their term.

Section 9: Each year, within the first three weeks of the school year, the E-Board must convene and determine what will, for the remainder of the year, be considered an excused absence.

Section 10: Three (3) late arrivals of an E-Board member will count as one (1) absence to an E-Board meeting.

Section 11: Upon conviction, the E-Board member shall immediately be removed from office and the position will be considered vacant. In the case of revocation of membership, the accused shall immediately be removed from the membership roster. If cleared, the defendant shall immediately have all powers and responsibilities restored.

Article XIII: Appeals Process

Section 1: Any member whose membership is revoked is entitled to one (1) appeal. The said member must notify the E-Board of their intention to appeal within 7 days of their membership being revoked.

Section 2: The member may appeal directly to the membership of the organization, in an appeals trial, to be held under the same rules under Article XII, Section 5.

Section 3: A vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all present active members to reinstate membership is required for the revoked member to regain membership.

Article XIV: Resignation of Officers

Section 1: Officers no longer wishing to serve on the board must submit their resignation to the Chair at least two (2) weeks in advance. Prior to the officer's final day, he or she shall provide all documents relating to the organization and brief his or her replacement of current projects in his or her care.

Section 2: Vacant or vacated positions shall be appointed by the Chair and confirmed by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board on an interim basis. This arrangement shall be effective until the next annual E-Board election.

Section 3: Appointments made by the Chair and confirmed by a three-fifth (3/5) vote of the E-board, must also obtain a one-third (1/3) confirmation of active members.

Section 4: In the circumstance that the Chair and Vice Chair become vacant, a popular election pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution for both positions shall take place upon the earliest and most convenient time with the coordination of the remaining E-Board.

Article XV: Advisor

Section 1: The Advisor of the club will serve in an advisor role to the club, providing insight to the E-board or general membership when called upon.

Section 2: The advisor will be chosen using the procedures set out by the RSO handbook.

Article XVI: Publications

Section 1: All advertisements of the organization must comply with the University Posting Policy (<http://posting.fsu.edu>).

Section 2: A three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-board is required to approve all publications, shirts, flyers, etc. prior to duplication and distribution.

BY-LAWS

Chapter 1: General Membership Meetings

Section 1: The purposes of general membership meetings are to provide an opportunity for members to get involved with Republican politics, unify, meet other members, E-Board members, public officials, and speakers with similar interests, and entertain.

Section 2: General Membership meetings shall be regularly scheduled. The day and time of general membership meetings shall be determined at the beginning of each semester by the Chair. The location of the general membership meetings shall be determined by the availability of rooms of FSU's campus. Members shall be informed of the location of the general membership meeting no longer than three (3) days from the meeting date.

Section 3: General membership meetings shall be run by the Chair or the Vice Chair in his or her absence. The Chair may allow any willing voting E-Board member the ability to run a general membership meeting.

Section 4: It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to determine the agenda for each general membership meeting.

Section 5: The Chair, with a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board, may cancel or change the dates, times, or locations of general membership meetings at his or her discretion but must provide three (3) days of reasonable notice to members.

Section 6: The Chair may call a special general membership meeting with three (3) days of reasonable notice to members. This meeting must not be considered when determining a member's active membership status.

Section 7: Club business shall only be conducted at a regularly scheduled general membership meeting and a quorum of ten (10) active members shall be required.

Section 8: No entity shall be, without due process, denied the right to address the general membership meeting on issues and events of concern to the Republican cause.

Chapter 2: E-Board Meetings

Section 1: The purpose of E-Board meetings shall be to conduct club business, address the concerns of members, and develop short and long term plans for the betterment of the club and its members.

Section 2: E-Board meetings will be regularly scheduled at least once a week, at a location, date, and time to be determined by the Chair depending on the availability of rooms at FSU.

Section 3: E-Board meetings shall be run by the Chair.

Section 4: It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to determine the agenda for each E-Board meeting.

Section 5: The Chair may cancel or change the dates, times, or locations of E-Board meetings at his or her discretion but must provide at least three (3) days of notification to E-Board members or receive unanimous approval from the E-Board.

Section 6: The Chair may call a special E-Board meeting with three (3) days of notice to the general membership.

Section 7: The Chair may call an emergency E-Board meeting at any time with the unanimous approval of the E-Board.

Section 8: A quorum of three (3) members shall be required for an E-Board meeting.

Section 9: No member shall be, without due process, denied the right to address an E-Board meeting.

Section 10: No E-Board member or non-voting Officer shall be denied the right to address an E-Board meeting.

Chapter 3: Election Procedures

Section 1: Elections shall take place at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting, in the second (2nd) week prior to exams.

Section 2: Nominations shall take place at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting immediately prior to the election.

Section 3: Nominations shall be taken by the Chair or his or her designate. The person accepting nominations cannot be nominated for any office.

Section 4: Nominations shall be opened, accepted in the order of Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, and closed. Nominations may only be open for one office at a time. Once nominations for one office have been opened, nominations for previous offices may not be reopened.

Section 5: Once nominations are closed they cannot be reopened.

Section 6: Nominations require a first and a second by active members and must be accepted by the nominee. If the nominee is not present, he or she may submit to any member of the E-Board (excluding his or herself) a written “intent to accept” for the office prior to nominations.

Section 7: Members shall be given reasonable notice of all nominees for each office.

Section 8: Upon the closing of nominations, candidates shall coordinate to select a Chair of Elections.

Section 9: The Chair of Elections shall be responsible for coordinating with the E-Board to resolve nomination disputes prior to the election.

Section 10: To ensure unbiasedness, the Chair of Elections will not be eligible to vote in the elections.

Section 11: Election procedures shall be determined by the Chair of Elections and approved by all candidates.

Section 12: The Chair of Elections shall coordinate with the E-Board to provide all necessary election resources.

Section 13: Only the Chair of Elections, his or her assistant(s), the Chair, and representatives for each candidate may be present to count ballots in any given election.

Section 14: The counting of ballots must take place at the end of the agenda. After each vote, the ballots will be sealed by the Chair of Elections. After all elections have finished voting, the ballots will be officially counted and verified.

Section 15: Election results shall be announced by the Chair immediately after winners have been determined in all elections.

Section 16: All ballots should be preserved and made available for inspection until the new E-Board is sworn in.

Section 17: The Chair of Elections shall be responsible for coordinating with the E-Board to resolve election disputes prior to the new E-Board being sworn in.

Section 18: The outgoing E-Board shall be responsible for ensuring the transfer of all resources, paperwork, records, materials, and accounts to the new E-Board and advising the new E-Board during the transition period prior to the Inauguration.

Chapter 4: Special Procedures

Section 1: Inauguration

- A. The inauguration of new officers shall take place at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting following the elections.
- B. The Chair-elect shall determine the agenda for the inauguration.
- C. The oath of office shall be administered to the Chair by a former or outgoing Chair as chosen by the Chair-elect, if one is unavailable, the Chair of Elections, a current FFCR officer, club advisor, ranking member of the outgoing E-Board, RPOF member, LREC member, or Republican elected official may be substituted. If none are available, the responsibility falls to the most senior active member present.

- D. The oath of office for the Chair shall be recited as follows: "I, (insert name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall faithfully execute the office of the Chair of the College Republicans of (The) Florida State University, and shall to the best of my ability, uphold its Constitution and work for the betterment of its members and the Republican Party."
- E. The oath of office for the remaining E-Board shall be administered simultaneously by the new Chair.
- F. The oath of office for the remaining E-Board shall be recited as follows: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall faithfully execute the office to which I have been elected in the College Republicans of (The) Florida State University, and shall to the best of my ability, uphold its Constitution and work for the betterment of its members and the Republican Party."
- G. In the event of a vacancy, the Chair or his or her designate should administer the oath of office upon the confirmation of the new E-Board member.
- H. In the event of the vacancy of the Chair, the oath of office shall be administered to the Vice Chair at the earliest convenience by any other E-Board member or former or outgoing Chair.
- I. In the event of a special election, the oath of office shall be administered immediately following the election by the Chair of Elections.

Section 2: Honorary Membership

- A. Honorary Membership may be conferred on any individual by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board or a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership.
- B. Honorary members should be presented a token commemorating the event and permanently noted in the club's historical record.
- C. Honorary Membership may be rescinded by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board or a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership.

Section 3: Reasonable Notification

- A. Reasonable notification of an upcoming event shall be defined as contacting the general membership by e-mail and announcements at any interim general membership meetings.
- B. Reasonable notification of a past event shall be defined as contacting the general membership by e-mail and an announcement at the next regularly scheduled general membership meetings.
- C. Any changes to this Section of the By-Laws shall be subject to Reasonable Notification rules as they were before the change.

Section 4: Endorsements and Resolutions

- A. The club may, at the request of any active member, consider endorsing a Republican candidate or a position on a current referendum. Such an endorsement shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present active members.

- B. The club may consider adopting any resolution written and submitted by an active member. Resolutions require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present active members.
- C. Endorsements and resolutions should be made known and permanently noted in the club's historical record.

Section 5: Hall of Fame

- A. Membership in the College Republicans at FSU Hall of Fame is the highest honor a member can achieve. This honor shall be bestowed upon any member who has performed their duty as a member of the club with the highest standard of excellence.
- B. Prospective candidates for this award shall be nominated in Resolution format. Included in the Resolution should be the name of the member to be nominated, the years in which the individual served as a member of the club, and reasons why the member is deserving of this honor.
- C. Once a member has been nominated, the nomination shall be forwarded to the Voting Board, and shall become a member of the College Republicans at FSU Hall of Fame by majority vote.
- D. The Voting Board shall determine the criterion for selecting the recipients of the award. The following exceptions to this apply:
 - 1. Only the member's accomplishments during their time in the club shall apply.
 - 2. Holding a position of club leadership shall not be the sole basis for determining if a nominee is qualified.
 - 3. Only members who have been involved two years or more with the club may be considered.
 - 4. No person shall be considered for membership following their graduation from Florida State University.
 - 5. No more than four (4) members shall be inducted in the Hall of Fame per year.
- E. Once a nominee has been selected to be a member of the College Republicans at FSU Hall of Fame, they will be notified in a timely manner as to the award. The members placed in the Hall of Fame placed should be made known and permanently noted in the club's historical record.

Chapter 5: Non-Voting E-Board Offices

Section 1: The E-Board shall coordinate and advertise a time to interview members for non-voting positions. Unless otherwise noted, all non-voting E-Board Officers shall be appointed by the Chair and approved by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board. The E-Board will not be required to appoint all or any of the following non-voting positions.

Section 2: Chair of Elections

- A. The Chair of Elections shall serve as the organizer and moderator of all elections. During the election, he or she acts with the power and authority of the E-Board. Additionally, he

or she shall coordinate with the E-Board to resolve any disputes surrounding the nomination or election process. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair of Elections to ensure the election and transition of power run smoothly.

- B. The Chair of Elections shall serve a tenure from their appointment until the new E-Board is sworn in and serves at the pleasure of the outgoing E-Board.
- C. The Chair of Elections shall be exempt from the active membership requirement and may be filled by a non-member.
- D. The Chair of Elections may, if necessary, appoint a deputy and sergeant-at-arms to assist in the Election process.
- E. The Chair of Elections shall be responsible for coordinating with the E-Board to interpret the Constitution as it applies to the election procedures.
- F. The Chair of Elections shall certify the results of each election prior to the individual being sworn in.

Section 3: Chair Emeritus

- A. The Chair Emeritus shall serve as an advisor to the E-Board and moreover the Chair personally. He or she should make recommendations for actions and events based on past experience and provide a historical perspective to leadership. He or she should also help the Chair and other members to build networks and connections in the community and other organizations closely associated with the club. Additionally, the Chair Emeritus may take on special projects as coordinated with the Chair.
- B. The Chair Emeritus must be a former Chair of club and still involved to some extent in club affairs.
- C. The Chair reserves the right to appoint multiple Chair Emeriti.
- D. The Chair Emeritus shall coordinate with and report to the Chair.

Section 4: Executive Director

- A. The Executive Director shall serve as an advisor to the Chair. He or she will serve as a constant point of contact between the Chair and the non-voting members of the Executive Board, ensuring that club goals are carried out in a timely and efficient manner. The Executive Director shall also assist the Chair in any ways deemed necessary by the Chair.
- B. The Executive Director shall report directly to the Chair.
- C. The Executive Director may appoint a deputy Executive Director only with the permission of the Chair.
- D. The Executive Director is wholly appointed by the Chair; no vote of the Executive Board is required for confirmation.

Section 5: Social Chair

- A. The Social Chair shall be responsible for the successful implementation of social activities to increase involvement and club activism. Any activity outside of club

meetings, and perhaps in conjunction with club meetings, shall be the Social Chair's responsibility. The Social Chair must organize creative and noteworthy events to inspire leadership and participation in the club by members. Additionally, the Social Chair shall handle any other related duties as deemed appropriate by the Chair or Membership Chair.

- B. The Chair reserves the right to appoint multiple or deputy Social Chairs.
- C. The Social Chair shall coordinate and with and report to the Chair and Membership Chair.

Section 6: Intramural Director

- A. The Intramural Director shall be responsible for organizing club involvement in intramural sports. Registering the club, forming teams, and scheduling practices shall be the responsibilities of the Intramural Director. The Intramural Director should engage the membership, being responsive to the events they want to participate in and fostering a desire in all members to both participate and watch. Additionally, the Intramural Director shall handle any other related duties as deemed appropriate by the Chair or Membership Chair.
- B. Team performance and win-loss records shall not be factored into decisions to appoint or dismiss the Intramural Director.
- C. The Intramural Director shall coordinate with and report to the Chair and Membership Chair.

Section 7: Historian

- A. The Historian shall be responsible for keeping a record of the clubs events both written and pictorially and publishing it for the benefit of the club and its members. The Historian should also continuously seek to expand the historical record of the club through research. Above all, the Historian is responsible for preserving the existing record and ensuring its passing to future generations. Additionally, the Historian shall handle and other related duties as deemed appropriate by the Chair or Secretary.
- B. The Chair reserves the right to appoint multiple or deputy Historians.
- C. The Historian shall coordinate with and report to the Chair and Secretary.

Section 8: Philanthropy Chair

- A. The Philanthropy Chair shall be responsible for planning events and activities that give back to the community. These events should be consistent with the values of the Republican Party. The Philanthropy Chair should engage the membership, being responsive to the types of events they want to participate in and fostering a desire in all members to get involved. Additionally, the Philanthropy Chair shall handle any other related duties as deemed appropriate by the Chair or Membership Chair.
- B. The Philanthropy Chair shall coordinate with and report to the Chair and Membership Chair.

Section 9: Greek Outreach Chair

- A. The Greek Outreach Chair shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with Greek organizations on campus. He or she will actively engage in recruiting new members from recognized fraternities and sororities at Florida State University.
- B. The Greek Outreach Chair shall coordinate with and report to the Chair and Membership Chair.

Section 10: Publications Chair

- A. The Publications Chair shall be responsible for assisting with the organization and maintenance of club publications, such as the Red Ink newspaper.
- B. The Publications Chair shall be in charge of design and content control of publications.
- C. The Publications Chair shall coordinate and report to the Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair.

Section 11: Internship Coordinator

- A. The Internship Coordinator shall be responsible for regularly compiling a list of internships available to the membership – from lobbying firms, campaigns, and other political organizations. The Internship Coordinator shall make regular reports to the Executive Board and the General Membership at the direction of the Chair.
- B. The Publications Chair shall coordinate with and report to Vice Chair and Chair.

Section 12: Political Action Director

- A. The Political Action Director shall be responsible for creating and facilitating debates, protests, rallies, creating legislative appointments, and any other political duties as deemed necessary by the Chair and Vice Chair. The Political Action Director shall also serve as a liaison between the club and political campaigns, if deemed necessary by the Vice Chair or Chair.
- B. The Political Action Director shall coordinate and report to the Vice Chair and Chair.

Section 13: Education Chair:

- A. The Education Chair shall be responsible for planning the weekly political discussion group, including the selection of articles to educate the members of the club. As well as being responsible for the soliciting of conservative institutions for donations of academic nature.
- B. The Education Chair shall be responsible for setting up educational workshops and presentations at the direction of the Chair.

- C. The Education Chair shall coordinate with and report to the Chair and Vice Chair and must be responsible for any other education activities as deemed necessary by them.

Section 14: Vice-Membership Chair(s)

- A. The Vice-Membership chair(s) shall be responsible for assisting the Membership Chair in any and all of his or her duties.
- B. The club may appoint as many as two (2) vice-membership chairs at one time.
- C. The Vice-Membership Chair(s) can be dismissed at any time by the Membership Chair.
- D. The Vice-Membership Chair(s) shall coordinate with and report to the Membership Chair.

Section 15: Editor-in-Chief

- A. The Editor-in-Chief shall be a member of the Publications committee.
- B. The Editor-in-Chief shall be appointed by the Chair with a 3/5 vote of the E-board approval.
- C. Any articles or writings submitted in Publications such as Red Ink, must first be processed through the Editor-in-Chief.
- D. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for editing and correcting any and all articles or writings submitted in Publications.
- E. The Editor-in-Chief shall coordinate and report to the Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair.

Section 16: General Counsel

- A. The General Counsel shall represent the club in litigating and appealing cases in the Student Supreme Court as they occur.
- B. The General Counsel shall offer consultation with the leadership of the board to the best of their ability.

Chapter 6: Organizational Goals

Section 1: Publicity

- A. The club shall regularly maintain a presence at the Student Union's Market Wednesday events.
- B. The club shall regularly chalk and flyer on campus to promote meetings and other major events.
- C. The club shall maintain a website, contact list, and presence on popular social networking sites. Additionally, the club shall stay invested in and on the lookout for new and innovative ways to use technology to spread the club's message.
- D. The club shall coordinate with other like-minded organizations to organize events and spread the club's message.

- E. The club shall continuously encourage its members to become more involved in club affairs.
- F. All advertisements of the organization must comply with the University Posting Policy.

Section 2: FFCR Participation

- A. The club shall strive to maintain its status as an active Federated chapter in the FFCR.
- B. The Chair shall be the club's official representative to the FFCR and strive to attend or designate a representative at each state board meeting.
- C. The club shall strive to earn a maximum number of delegates and send a full slate to the annual state convention.
- D. The club shall continuously lobby for its members to have leadership positions within the FFCR.
- E. The club shall strive to work with other College Republican clubs across the state to further the Republican cause.

Section 3: Republican Club Participation

- A. The club shall maintain a good and working relationship with the RPOF, LREC, and other local Republican organizations.
- B. The club shall encourage its members to participate in events with the RPOF, LREC, and other local Republican organizations.
- C. The club shall encourage its members to become involved in the party building process.

Section 4: Spring Gala

- A. The club shall strive to host an upscale gala during the Spring Semester, which shall be open to members and non-members.
- B. The purpose of the gala shall be to raise funds, showcase the club to the local community and Republican leaders, and provide networking opportunities for its members.

Section 5: Political Process

- A. During general election periods, the club shall involve itself in the campaigns of Republican candidates at all levels and encourage members to phone bank, walk precincts, and find innovative ways to become involved with campaigns. It shall also strive to educate its members on current issues and referendums.
- B. During primary election periods, the club shall encourage its members to become involved in the campaigns of candidates and provide information on how to become involved. It shall also strive to educate members on the candidates and issues in an unbiased manner.

- C. The club shall from time to time bring in speakers and elected officials to help educate members on the political process, issues, Republican values and histories, and other topics pertinent to the membership.
- D. The club shall continuously provide the membership with information on how they may become involved with public policy, the political process, and elections.
- E. The club shall strive to, if possible, plan, organize, and facilitate for a group of members to attend the annual CPAC conference in Washington, DC.
- F. The club shall, from time to time, participate in debates on issues and candidates with other organizations, and strive to encourage participation amongst its members and present the views of the Republican Party to the best of its abilities.
- G. The club shall, from time to time, gather in either a formal or social setting to watch or participate in major events of a political nature.

Section 6: Philanthropy

- A. The club shall strive to, if possible, participate in the annual Relay for Life event.
- B. The club shall from time to time participate in events that give back to the community in a manner that reflects club values.

Section 7: Social Events

- A. The club shall regularly organize and facilitate for a group of members to attend FSU football games and engage in social activities surrounding the event.
- B. The club shall regularly coordinate a location for members to go to dinner following general membership meetings and other events.
- C. The club shall from time to time gather in a social setting to watch or participate in major community events or holidays.

Section 8: Fundraising

- A. The club shall collect annual dues in the amount to be determined by the board.
- B. The club shall from time to time engage in innovative activities to raise funds for club activities.

Section 9: E-Board Approval for Events

- A. All social, philanthropic, and political events, or any other event officially sponsored by the club, must be approved by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the E-Board.
- B. Any E-Board member may ask to bring up a relevant even or subject to be voted upon by the E-Board. The Chair may must bring every valid, relevant idea to a vote if asked by a voting E-Board member.

Section 10: Definitions

- A. Unless otherwise noted, “E-Board” shall be defined as the five (5) members of the board who have voting ability.

SGA Compliance Addendum

- No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in this organization. Per the FSU Code of Conduct: “Hazing is defined as any group or individual action or activity that endangers the mental or physical health or safety or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s).” Find out more at <https://hazing.fsu.edu/>
- This organization agrees to adhere to the University non-discrimination statement: No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veterans’ or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status.
- No university student may be denied membership due to inability to pay dues. If a member is not able to pay dues, other arrangements will be made.
- All advertisements of the organization must comply with the University Posting Policy.
- Organizations may NOT use FSU or Florida State University in the front of their name and may NOT use any fonts or symbols trademarked for FSU in their logo due to trademark and licensing guidelines and the Florida Administrative Code. More information regarding this policy can be found here.
- The advisor does not have any voting rights within the organization.
- The advisor does not have access to any bank accounts affiliated with the student organization.