

# Constitution of The College Republicans at Michigan State University

## **Article I:**

- Section 1: The name of our organization shall be “The College Republicans at Michigan State University” (from this point forward, referred to as “CRs”).
- Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be as follows:
1. To advocate for conservative and Republican values on the Michigan State University campus and in the community; and
  2. To advance the conservative and Republican cause by campaigning for and electing Republican officials; and
  3. To promote a culture of free inquiry and intellectual rigor on campus and in the community.
- Section 3: The Michigan State University College Republicans will from time to time, as prudence allows and requires, endorse conservative and Republican candidates whose electoral fortunes may affect the MSU community.

## **Article II: Membership**

- Section 1: The organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. Also, only MSU students may be officers and/or voting members.
- Section 2: A general member of the CRs shall be defined by the following criteria:
1. Is an MSU undergraduate student.
  2. Has attended at least one (1) general meeting.
- Section 3: An active member of the CRs shall be defined by the following criteria:
1. Is an MSU undergraduate student.
  2. Has attended at least three (3) general meetings of the current academic school year.
  3. Has volunteered at one CR event.
  4. Remain in compliance with any additional membership guidelines established by the current Chairman.
- Records of attendance of members will be strictly recorded by the Secretary of the CRs and subject to approval by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **Article III: Election Process**

- Section 1: To be nominated for a position on the Executive Board, one must be an active member of the Michigan State University College Republicans. To

be eligible for an Executive Board position, one must be in good academic standing.

- Section 2: Elections will be held every April with scheduling at the chair's discretion. A quorum of half of all active members is required to hold an election.
- Section 3: To stand for election for a particular office, a candidate must be nominated for that position, and that nomination must receive a second.
- Section 4: Elections are for positions on the Executive Board, as described in Article IV
- Section 5: Active members get one vote per position.
- Section 6: An Elections Officer must be nominated, but cannot be nominated by any candidate. Must be confirmed by a 2/3 majority vote by active members.
- Section 7: Elections Officer counts votes for all elections. The Elections Officer runs the Chairman's election. Once Chairman is elected, he/she will run the rest of the elections.
- Section 8: Majority needed to win. If not obtained, nomination is opened up again.
- Section 9: Candidate has two (2) minutes to give an opening statement, followed by two (2) minutes for questions from active members. Repeated for all candidates. Discussion about all candidates for that position, after all of them have gone through the aforementioned process and candidates have left the voting location, will then occur.
- Section 10: Order of election is as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Events Chair, Social Chair, Recruitment Chair
- Section 11: Election is run by Robert's Rules of Order

#### **Article IV: Executive Board Positions**

- Section 1: Chairman- All power not explicitly otherwise allocated shall be vested in a Chairman of the CRs. The Chairman will have plenary, final, and *sua sponte* authority over all matters assigned to other officers. The Chairman shall exercise all authorities and perform all tasks that may be consistent with prudence and good judgment.
- Section 2: Vice Chairman- The Vice Chairman will assist the Chairman and perform other tasks as circumstances may require.
- Section 3: Treasurer- The Treasurer will keep track of the club's finances, along with paying club expenses. The Treasurer will also give updates from time to time on the club's financial status.
- Section 4: Secretary- The Secretary will manage all emails and communications with members and the public. The Secretary shall take attendance at meetings and maintain membership rolls.

- Section 5: Events Chair- The Events Chair shall manage the planning and carrying out events for the club, along with bringing speakers to the club.
- Section 6: Social Chair- The Social Chair will update all social media platforms, along with working with other chairs to recruit new members and promote events.
- Section 7: Recruitment Chair- The Recruitment Chair will manage the process of recruiting new members to the club.
- Section 8: In the scenario that the chairman of the board is removed from the board, the Vice President will take over the President's duties until a new Chairman is elected by the process described in Article III. If any other position is removed, the Vice Chair will take over their duties until a replacement is nominated and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

#### **Article V: Club Sponsorship**

- Section 1: Michigan State University College Republicans will do all within their abilities to sponsor members to attend conservative events.
- Section 2: Sponsorship is defined as a donation of monetary funds or physical goods, along with invites to reserved events.
- Section 3: In order to gain sponsorship from the club, one must be an active member, as defined in Article II, Section 3.

#### **Article VI: Discipline**

- Section 1: If a member of the club has conducted themselves in a manner not consistent with the best interests of the CRs and the conservative movement, or in a manner unbecoming of a Republican and good citizen, disciplinary actions as described in Article VI, Section 2 will occur.
- Section 2:
1. If any member of the club is accused of the conduct described in Article VI, Section 1, an emergency vote will be held by the Executive Board to temporarily suspend the accused member, suspension having the effect of barring that member from attending any formal or informal event related to the CRs.
  2. The accused member will be allowed to present his case to the executive board and show cause why that member should not be removed.
  3. A week after the emergency vote, a second vote will be held by the Executive Board where if at least three-fifths of Executive Board members vote against the accused, the member shall be permanently removed from the club.

Section 3: If any Executive Board has conducted themselves in a manner not consistent with the best interests of the CRs and the conservative movement, or in a manner unbecoming of a Republican and good citizen, or fail to perform their role outlined in Article IV, disciplinary actions as described in Article VI, Section 4 will occur.

Section 4:

1. If any member of the club is accused of the conduct described in Article VI, Section 3, an emergency vote will be held by the Executive Board to remove the accused from the board.
2. A vote to remove an Executive Board member from the Executive Board can be overturned if three-fifths of active members sign and present a petition to the Chairman.

### **Article VII: Amendments**

Section 1: Any active member may propose an amendment to the constitution.

Section 2: The amendment must be in written form, signed and presented in person to the Chairman.

Section 3: Any proposed amendment is automatically tabled until the next general meeting of the CRs, at which time it will be debated by all members.

Section 4: After debate has been exhausted, an affirmative vote by 2/3 of the active members present is needed for passage.

Section 5: An executive board member can be removed