

Purdue University College Republicans

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PUCR Constitution & Bylaws

Preamble

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”

-Ronald Reagan

Article I (Organization Name)

Section 1. This organization shall be known as "The Purdue University College Republicans.”

Section 2. The Purdue University College Republicans shall be referred to as PUCR hereafter in this document.

Article II (Mission)

Section 1. The PUCR shall promote the principles of the Republican Party among the students of Purdue University, residents of the local community, as well as the state of Indiana.

Section 2. The PUCR shall recruit members to PUCR as well as the Republican Party.

Section 3. The PUCR shall aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government.

Section 4. The PUCR shall develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students in preparation for future service to the Republican Party and the United States of America.

Section 5. The PUCR shall focus on networking with fellow College Republicans in order to enhance club morale and atmosphere.

Article III (Membership)

Section 1. The PUCR are opposed to all forms of discrimination based upon biological, cultural, and economic attributes.

Section 2. Membership and participation in the PUCR are free from discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran.

Section 3. In concurrence with University policy, the PUCR oppose all forms of harassment against students, faculty, or staff.

Section 4. Any member will be referred to as a College Republican hereafter in this document.

Section 5. Only students enrolled at Purdue University (West Lafayette) are eligible for regular membership in the PUCR. Persons eligible for regular membership in the PUCR must complete a membership form, pay club dues, and attend five (5) PUCR events a semester to be considered an active member. Events include meetings and official PUCR volunteer efforts.

Section 6. Anyone is eligible for associate membership in the PUCR. Associate members do not have regular member voting rights but are able to attend all PUCR meetings.

Section 7. Persons eligible for associate membership in the Purdue College Republicans must complete an associate membership form and pay associate membership dues to be considered an associate member.

Section 8. If anyone in attendance of an official PUCR event is deemed to be in contradiction with the club's well-being, he or she may be expelled immediately with consent of the Chairman unless any member of the Executive Council objects for any reason. In this case, the expulsion requires a unanimous minus one vote of all present Executive Council members. Elected officers must first be impeached before being expelled. If the member wishes to contest the expulsion, a case will be made at the next regular Chapter meeting in which a two-thirds majority may over-turn the Chairman's and/or Executive Council's decision. Anyone who does not contest expulsion or fails to attain the required two-thirds vote is not eligible for any monetary re-imbursements from PUCR.

Article IV (Officers and Duties)

Section 1. The governing authority of the PUCR shall be the Executive Council.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall consist of the following elected officers:

- A. Chairman
- B. Vice Chairman
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

Section 3. The following positions shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall serve on the Executive Council with the elected officers:

- A. Marketing Director
- B. Social Chair
- C. Political Director

Section 4. The duties of the PUCR Chairman are as follows:

- A. To preside over all meetings of PUCR and serve as official spokesman of PUCR.
- B. The Chairman shall coordinate efforts with allied organizations and branches of the Republican Party.
- C. In the event the Chairman cannot attend a meeting, they must provide the Vice-Chairman with the agenda for the meeting.
- D. The PUCR Chairman must fill the positions on the board of directors as well as any vacated officer positions.
- E. Establish and appoint committees and officer positions as he or she deems necessary for the efficient and productive operation of the PUCR.
- F. The Chairman has final say over all matters which do not require a vote by the board.

Section 5. The duties of the PUCR Vice-Chairman are as follows:

- A. To preside over meetings when the Chairman is absent.
- B. The Vice-Chair will serve as a point of contact for other directors/executives.
- C. To assume the office of PUCR Chairman in the event that the seat is permanently vacated for any reason.
- D. To assist the Chapter Chair in the performance of his or her duties at all times, especially in coordination of the activities of the Executive Council and committees.

Section 6. The duties of the PUCR Treasurer are as follows:

- A. To make financial reports at executive PUCR meetings when needed.
- B. Fund requests totaling under \$100.00 in a one month period can be requested by the Chairman without approval of the Executive Council.
- C. Fund requests totaling over \$100.00 in a one month period upon majority approval of the Executive Council.
- D. The Treasurer is responsible for all maintenance of PUCR financial records.
- E. To coordinate fund-raising events and correspond with donors.
- F. To keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student Organizations.
- G. To assist the Chapter Chair in the performance of his or her duties at all times.

Section 7. The duties of the PUCR Secretary are as follows:

- A. To record minutes of all chapter and Executive Council meetings.
- B. To make copies of such minutes available for posting on the website and/or to any member upon request.
- C. To keep track of volunteerism and involvement of individual members so special PUCR recognition and/or privileges are given based on merit.
- D. To assist the Chair and Vice-Chair in any manner possible.

Section 8. The duties of the Marketing director are as follows:

- A. To establish the Marketing committee and serve as its coordinator.
- B. To utilize the Marketing Committee to advertise and promote PUCR in the best manner possible.
- C. To specifically target and recruit incoming freshman during the first few weeks of both the fall and spring semester.
- D. To assist the Chair and Vice-Chair in any manner possible.

Section 9. The duties of the Social Chair are as follows:

- A. To appoint a Social Co-Chair to complete the Social Committee.
- B. To hold at least one social function per month (fall and spring semesters) outside of regular PUCR meetings.
- C. To implement strategies to increase networking among College Republicans.
- D. To assist the Chair and Vice-Chair in any manner possible.

Section 10. The duties of the Political Director are as follows:

- A. To establish the PUCR Political Action Committee and serve as its coordinator.
- B. To utilize the Political Committee to coordinate volunteer efforts for local, state, and national Republican candidates.
- C. To assist in the election of any PUCR endorsed PSG ticket.
- D. To assist the Chair and Vice-Chair in any manner possible.

Section 11. Appointed officers can be removed and replaced by the Chapter Chair at any time.

Section 12. Elected officers may be impeached for failure to perform their prescribed duties properly and in good faith. Candidates for impeachment must be notified about the impeachment proceedings in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting at which the impeachment will be considered. The officer in question will be given the opportunity to address the meeting before a vote is taken. An officer will be considered for impeachment only if another officer files against them. If two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present at the meeting of the impeachment proceedings vote against an officer, an officer shall be removed from their position. The position will remain vacant until the Chairman fills the vacancy pending a majority approval of the Executive Council. If the Chapter Chair is impeached, the Chapter Vice Chair will automatically become the new Chapter Chair.

Article V (Candidates and Elections)

Section 1. Officer elections shall occur during the first regular chapter meeting in April of the Spring semester.

Section 2. Notice of officer elections will be announced no less than two weeks before the date of officer elections.

Section 3. Candidates must file for office no later than one week before the meeting for officer elections.

Section 4. Officers will be elected by a majority of active members present at the time of the meeting.

Section 7. An active member may vote by proxy by submitting his or her vote in writing to any member of the Executive Council within twenty four (24) hours before the election.

Section 8. Proxy ballots must include the member's signature.

Section 5. If for some reason a candidate can not attend the election meeting then the executive council will determine appropriate action.

Section 6. Voting will be done by secret ballot.

Section 7. A losing candidate may only contest the results of the election for the office he or she was seeking by notifying the Chairman before the end of the election meeting. The Chairman will notify the chapter advisor as soon as possible. The chapter advisor will determine appropriate action within the week. No one other than a losing candidate may contest election results.

Section 8. The executive board reserves the right to disqualify any candidate for any reason by majority vote.

Article VI (Chapter Operations)

Section 1. The Executive Council must approve all club expenditures totaling more than \$100.00 in a one month period.

Section 2. The Chapter Chair and Treasurer must jointly approve emergency expenditures totaling less than \$100.00 in a one-month period.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall meet no less than once a month during the school year to discuss issues facing the organization.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall secure speakers and special guests for club events.

Section 5. Regular chapter meetings shall occur no less than once a month during the academic year.

Section 6. A faculty advisor will be appointed by the Executive Council to aid the chapter in relations with the county party, University, and in any other manner requested. The faculty advisor may be replaced by the Executive Council at any time.

Section 7. The Purdue College Republicans are affiliated with the Indiana Federation of College Republicans.

Section 8. The Purdue College Republicans are affiliated with the College Republican National Committee.

Section 9. The Purdue College Republicans are affiliated with the Purdue Republican Women.

Section 9. The Executive Council shall establish all club dues and approve all club membership forms.

Section 10. The Purdue College Republicans may only permanently affiliate with other organizations via a constitutional amendment.

Article VII (Amendments)

Section 1. Any active member may propose a constitutional amendment or referenda. The proposed legislation must be presented to and approved by the Executive Council.

Section 2. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Executive Council, a two thirds (2/3) majority of College Republicans present at the meeting of proposal must approve the amendment before it shall become a part of the constitution.

Section 3. All amendments to the constitution and bylaws are subject to the approval of the Office of the Dean of Students.

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Approved By: President Ross McMullin, Advisor Dr. David Bridges, Office of the Dean of Students