

UW-STOUT College Republicans Constitution

Mission Statement

The UW-Stout College Republicans shall advocate and disseminate conservative scholarship and intellectual discourse, educate and foster Republican principles, and increase student political involvement and awareness through the Republican Party.

ARTICLE I --Name

The name of this organization shall be the UW-Stout College Republicans (hereafter referred to as "the CRs").

ARTICLE II --Purpose

Section 1.

Build and mobilize a conservative student network via Campus Canvas.

Section 2.

Recruit UW-Stout students as members of the CRs and as members of the Republican Party.

Section 3.

Educate students about the Republican Party and train in conservative thought.

Section 4.

Change young voters into activists for the Republican Party.

Section 5.

Aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government.

Section 6.

Support elected Republicans.

Section 7.

Develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the party, the community, and the country.

ARTICLE III --Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the CRs shall consist of all full-time or part-time students for the current year and who are committed to Republican ideals.

Section 2.

Membership shall last from September 1 until August 31. If a member graduates or takes time off from school after becoming a member, membership privileges will continue until August 31.

Section 3.

Membership is to be divided into two groups: general members and members in good standing. General membership requires one to complete an official membership form. Membership in good standing requires one to have completed a membership form and either paid dues or participated in regular CR activities at least two weeks prior to a meeting. Membership in good standing may be removed by a 2/3 vote of all members in good standing during a regular CR meeting and reinstated with a majority vote of all members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV-- Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the CRs shall be a single Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2.

The officers shall be elected at a regular CRs meeting between March 1 and May 15 and shall take the office immediately upon election. Only members in good standing may be elected and serve as officers.

- Subsection A.* Notice that the election of officers will occur at the regular meeting must be reasonably provided to all CR members not less than two weeks prior to such a meeting.
- Subsection B.* Nominations of candidates for officer positions shall be made from the floor at least one week prior to the election by any CR member in good standing.
- Subsection C.* Officers shall be elected by a majority of those members in good standing who are present and voting. If no candidate receives a majority, the two top vote recipients will face each other in a run-off.
- Subsection D.* Election procedure shall be chosen by the Chairman in a manner consistent with the constitution.
- Subsection E.* Voluntary vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled by executive vote after such a vacancy occurs.

Section 3.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. Chairman: To preside over all the meetings of the CRs and all meetings of the officers; to manage all affairs of the CRs and govern its official policies; to represent the CRs in all capacities, including CR state convention and other scheduled CR state events; to be responsible for the club's actions; to vote on impeachment and financial matters.
 2. Vice-Chair: To preside or attend events in the absence of the Chairman; to perform such other tasks as the Chairman may assign; to vote on impeachment and financial matters.
 3. Secretary: To prepare minutes and record attendance of all regular meetings and scheduled events; to send and respond to all official correspondence; to coordinate preparation and distribution of publications; to vote on impeachment and financial matters.
 4. Treasurer: To make financial reports to all regular meetings; to receive and distribute CR funds upon authorization of the Chairman; to coordinate fundraising activities, including funding requests; to vote on impeachment and financial matters.
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ARTICLE V --Appointive Positions

Section 1.

The Chairman shall select up to five members in good standing to become appointed members of the Executive Board, each having a vote on all financial matters, such as the approval of spending and the determination of annual CR dues.

Section 2.

The Chairman reserves the option to appoint additional members to serve the CRs in a needed capacity; however, they do not have executive privileges.

Section 3.

The Chairman reserves the right to replace any appointee who, in the opinion of the Chairman, has not performed adequately.

ARTICLE VI --Officer Impeachment

Section 1.

Any member in good standing may bring impeachment charges on an officer. The vote will occur at a regular CR meeting provided that a notice of impeachment has been received by the Chairman and Secretary and the CR members have been notified at least seven days in advance.

Section 2.

An officer may be impeached by either a majority vote of the officers or by a 2/3 vote of all members in good standing present at a regular CR meeting.

Section 3.

Immediately after impeachment, an election will be held to replace the impeached officer. Regular election procedure will apply, as any member in good standing, including the impeached officer, may run for the vacant position.

ARTICLE VII --Meetings

Section 1.

The CRs shall hold regular meetings not less than once monthly while school is in session, with a quorum requiring at least six members.

Section 2.

Regular meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman or of any of the four CR officers. Notice of regular meetings shall be given to all CR members, in the most complete manner practical, not less than one week prior to the meeting.

Section 3.

The Executive Board, consisting of the officers and appointees, shall meet at least twice a month during the school year, with a quorum requiring at least three Executive Board members.

ARTICLE VIII --Finances

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall have the power to vote on annual dues, with ties going to the side the Chairman voted with.

Section 2.

All spending must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board, with ties going to the side the Chairman voted with. Expenditures of over \$20 must be approved prior to the expenditure.

Section 3.

All outstanding debt must be reconciled by the day prior to the election of new officers.

ARTICLE IX --Endorsements

No Republican candidate for public office, whether local, state, or national, shall be officially endorsed or opposed by the CRs prior to a party primary or party endorsing convention or caucus; however, this shall not prevent any member from participating on an individual basis.

ARTICLE X --Rules of Order

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CRs in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the CRs may adopt.

ARTICLE XI --Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed at a regular CRs meeting by any member in good standing and adopted upon an affirmative vote by 2/3 of members in good standing present and voting at the next regular CR meeting, provided however that no such amendments shall take effect without the approval of at least three CR officers.

ARTICLE XII --Constitutional Questions

Any questions regarding the interpretation of this constitution shall be decided upon a majority vote of all members in good standing present and voting at a regular CR meeting.

ARTICLE XIII --Ratification

Upon approval of at least 3/4 of all UW-Stout College Republicans in good standing as of 27 April 2006, this Constitution shall become the effective governing document of the UW-Stout College Republicans, superseding all prior documents.