



## CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

### Article I. Name and Affiliation

SECTION 1. To make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party in South Dakota and throughout the nation, this Constitution for the South Dakota College Republicans is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the South Dakota College Republicans will be, but not limited to, aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government, to encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels, and to develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students in preparation for future service by them to the Party and community.

### Article II. State Board

SECTION 1. There shall be five SDCR state officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Director. There may also be additional officer roles, who are appointed by the State Chair and confirmed by a simple majority of the State Board. Additional officer roles shall be non-voting members of the State Board.

SECTION 2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the SDCR. It shall be the duty of the Chair:

1. to call monthly meetings of the State Board, all meetings of the Executive Board and to issue the call of the Annual Convention;
2. to be the official spokesperson for the SDCR in all forms and capacities, including fundraising;
3. to arrange for the provision of all financial information necessary in the performance of his/her duty to the Treasurer;
4. to arrange with the Secretary to maintain an official SDCR record which must include all records, attendance roles, votes, and event planning;
5. to direct the Communication Director to regularly update and maintain all social media accounts; and
6. to be in attendance and serve as a member of the South Dakota Republican Party State

Central Committee.

B. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chair:

1. to preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chair;
2. to be responsible for the oversight of voter registration drives and campaign work;
3. to be responsible for the involvement of the SDCR in rallies and other political activities surrounding Republican elected officials and Republican policies; and
4. to be responsible for any such duties that the Chair deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the SDCR.

C. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

1. to record the minutes of all meetings;
2. to forward all updated chapter contact information to the Chair regularly;
3. to make available copies of the SDCR constitution and lists of updated contact information at all meetings of the Executive Board; and
4. to be responsible for any such duties that the Chair deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the SDCR.

D. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. to maintain the financial records of the SDCR;
2. to supervise the raising of funds for the SDCR;
3. to be responsible for any such duties that the Chair deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the SDCR.

E. It shall be the duty of the Communication Director:

1. to keep up to date and regularly interact with online social media platforms;
2. to maintain a federation email and work with individual chapters to compile federation email listings;
3. to work in conjunction of the Secretary to maintain email, phone, and other communication forms with all members of the federation; and
4. to be responsible for any such duties that the Chair deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the SDCR.

### **Article III. Executive Board**

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Board, which shall govern the South Dakota College Republicans.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the State Board officers as well as each chapter president from chartered chapters. Voting members include all State Board voting members and chapter presidents.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall introduce, approve, and implement all actions and activities necessary and proper for the functioning of the College Republicans and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

SECTION 4. The Executive Board shall hold bi-monthly meetings to conduct the business of the SDCR.

#### **Article IV. Convention, Election Protocol, and Term Requirement**

SECTION 1. All officers shall be elected at a South Dakota College Republican Convention held on a weekend between March 15th and April 30th of each year, to be announced in writing to all members not less than 21 days in advance.

SECTION 2. Prior to the election convention, the State Board shall compile all records and relevant information into an officer transition folder.

SECTION 3. The convention time, date, and location shall be discussed and agreed upon by a simple majority of the Executive Board. Location of the convention shall be determined by the State Board.

SECTION 4. Members of the South Dakota College Republicans seeking a State Board position must be nominated by a convention delegate and receive a second from a different convention delegate.

SECTION 5. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those delegates-present. Races shall be determined by a roll call vote of the chapters. It shall be the responsibility of the chapter president to survey their chapter delegates when said chapter is called. Roll call votes are required for all elections or at the discretion of the convention chair.

SECTION 6. Each college shall select up to 7 delegates that will represent the votes for their college chapter. These delegates shall be the only eligible voters from that chapter to vote in any capacity at the annual convention.

- A. These delegates are to be selected by individual chapter method;
- B. The Chapter President shall be one of the delegates;
- C. The Chair shall be informed prior to the start of the convention of each chapter's delegates and delegates must sign in with the Chair at the convention;
- D. Proxy votes will not be allowed; and
- E. Current State Board members may be counted as delegates from their respective schools.

SECTION 7. The Chair shall serve as the convention chair at convention unless he or she is running for a State Board office or is unable to be present. In the case that the Chair is running for a State Board office, the Chair shall appoint a convention chair. The convention chair may appoint any other convention officials as he or she deems necessary. In the case that the Chair is absent, the Vice-Chair shall appoint a convention chair.

#### **Article V. Charter Requirements**

SECTION 1. The charter requirements, which must be submitted by a Chapter:

A. ~~A~~The chapter must submit a complete roster of no fewer than 10 members with the full name of each member, valid e-mail address, graduation date and phone number for each chapter member who appears on the roster. A chapter mailing address and faculty advisor contact information shall also be submitted.

B. Chapter members in good standing must be enrolled in the current or previous semester of their respective college or university.

C. The chapter must submit a complete and current copy of its constitution and governing rules; and a copy of any amendments thereto.

SECTION 2. Any chartered chapter may choose to leave the SDCR by submitting a petition signed by 2/3 of the chapter officers, the faculty advisor(s), and a majority vote of members-present at any regularly scheduled chapter meeting. The Chair of the SDCR must be notified one week before the vote and the State must be allowed to have a representative of the SDCR to speak to the assembled membership and the chapter advisor.

#### **Article VI. Membership**

SECTION 1. Any registered student at a South Dakota College or University may apply for membership. If the student goes to a post-secondary school where there is no current chapter chartered, said student will be assisted by the Vice-Chair to form a chapter at their school.

SECTION 2. There shall be no dues collected as a requirement for membership.

SECTION 3. Each chapter shall maintain an updated email, and phone number for registered members. Chapters will be required to adhere to credential requests from the State Board at any time.

#### **Article VII. Impeachment**

SECTION 1. Any Executive Board officer who, during his or her term in office, has demonstrated disloyalty to the Republican Party, negligence or incompetence in the performance of his or her prescribed constitutional duties, or willfully impeded the SDCR's, may be impeached and removed from office.

SECTION 2. Specific charges against the officer in question must be approved by an absolute majority of the officers-elect of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. From the approval of the charges until the next meeting of the Executive Board, the impeached officer shall remain in his or her office and be allowed to prepare his or her defense to charges.

SECTION 4. At the first Executive Board meeting after the meeting in which the charges were approved, an officer or other person selected by the officers shall present the charges and the impeached officer shall present his or her defense. Following these presentations, the impeached officer may be removed from office by the remaining voting members-elect of the Executive Board.

#### **Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority**

SECTION 1. The parliamentary rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the South Dakota College Republicans in cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution nor inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of the College Republican National Committee and the South Dakota Republican Party.

#### **Article IX. Constitutional Amendments**

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended at the annual election convention or at a constitutional convention called for by a majority of the Executive Board. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the delegates-present. Any delegate may propose an amendment by submitting it in writing to the convention chair. These amendments are implemented immediately upon receiving an affirmative vote.

#### **Article X. Resolutions**

SECTION 1. Any delegate may introduce a resolution at the annual election convention. Resolutions require a simple majority of the delegates-present. Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the convention chair.