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Constitution of the
College Republicans United at ASU

Preamble

We, the College Republicans United at ASU, in order to promote the ideas, values, and principles of Conservatism, to aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government; to develop political skills and leadership among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to promote conservative ideals and to better the community; do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Arizona State University College Republicans United.

Article I: Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be the College Republicans United at ASU which may hereafter be referred to as CRU.

Article II: Purpose

- A. The purposes of the CRU shall be to:
 - a. Spread the tenets of Jeffersonian Republicanism and the original intent of the Constitution. Limited national government, reduced federal spending, personal liberty, and liberty from government oppression. — Understanding the foundation of this nation is rooted out of the Age of Enlightenment culminated through the social contract theory. Recognizing enlightenment philosophers like John Locke, Voltaire, and Jean-Jacques Rousseau as a driving influence on American Revolutionaries.
 - b. Promote Classical Republicanism of the Roman Republic, Greek and Stoic philosophy, individual liberty, religious tolerance, separation of church and state, and in opposition to big government.
 - c. Support the platforms and candidates of those who embody the best qualities of our Founding Fathers; the conservative movement in Arizona State University campus through campus activism; and
 - d. Promote the constitution in the community at large.

Article III: Membership

- A. Definitions
 - a. Affiliate
 - i. An Affiliate shall be defined as any individual who wishes to attend meetings or participate as part of the club, but has not fulfilled the requirements for Membership. Affiliates are not entitled to engage in CRU votes or run for the Executive Board.
 - b. Member
 - i. A Member shall be defined as any individual who has fulfilled the requirements defined by Article III Subsection B and is not currently

subject to disciplinary action as defined by Articles IX or X . Members are entitled to engage in CRU votes and run for the Executive Board.

c. Executive

- i. An Executive shall be defined as any Member who is also a member of the Executive Board subject to Article IV

B. Member Qualification

- a. Is a student at Arizona State University
- b. Has fulfilled two of the following during the span of the previous and current semesters:
 - i. Has paid membership dues as defined by the Executive Board
 - ii. Attended four meetings
 - iii. Has engaged in a minimum of 6 hours performing Volunteer Activities or has volunteered for special projects as defined by the Executive Board
 1. Volunteer Activities are defined as activities in support of CRU outside of general meetings. Volunteer Activities include but are not limited to tabling, public speeches, and general advocacy for the club. The Executive Board reserves the right to determine which activities qualify as volunteering for CRU.

C. Branch Location

- a. All Members will be identified as part of a specific CRU branch from one of ASU's campuses, (West, Downtown, Tempe, Polytech).
 - i. Branch is determined by the campus location where most classes are taken in the current semester or by majority attendance.
 - ii. Students who are completely enrolled online may choose based on preference or convenience.
 - iii. No Member of a particular CRU branch shall be allowed to vote in the Vice President or Secretary elections of another branch. President and Treasurer elections will be open to all regardless of branch location.

Article IV: Leadership

A. Definitions

- a. The Executive Board of the CRU shall consist of the President, Vice-President per campus, Secretary per campus, and Treasurer.
- b. Additional positions may be created by the Executive Board. Additional positions may include, the Director of Membership, Parliamentarian, Director of Communications, Director of Events, Director of Relations and Internships, Director of Finance, Director of Greek Life, etc.
- c. These additional positions serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board, and may be removed or replaced for any reason.
- d. All positions of the Executive Board shall serve only one year per term from the date they are elected. There shall be no term limits.

B. Duties of the President

- a. The President shall:
 - i. Preside over all officially called meetings of the CRU;

1. *If the President shall not be present at such a meeting, this responsibility shall devolve to the most senior Officer of the Executive Board in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If no Executive Board member is present, the meeting shall be declared "not official" and no action taken at such a meeting shall be valid.*
- ii. The President shall issue Executive Orders to fill vacancies before special elections may be held.
- iii. Appoint committees and committee chairs at his or her discretion and be an ex-officio member of all such committees;
- iv. Be an authorizing signatory on all official club documents, including the CRU bank account;
- v. Represent CRU on the "Republicans United" Federation, the Arizona State University community, to all campaigns, candidates, and public officials, and in any other public forum;
- vi. Attend and support the activities of the CRU.
- vii. have majority approval from board members for meetings and events including changes to meetings and events. President can override this if he/she receives no responses from board members after 48 hours.

C. Duties of the Vice-President

a. The Vice-Presidents shall:

- i. Immediately assume the powers and responsibilities of the President when unable to discharge his or her duties. This can occur when the President has violated the automatic termination clause in accordance to Article X Section F or is unable to discharge duties due to resignation or absence.
- ii. Preside over meetings of the Executive and Chapter Boards of the CRU when the President is unavailable or has delegated that responsibility to the Vice-President;
- iii. Assume any duty delegated to the Vice-President by the President;
- iv. Attend and support the activities of the CRU.

D. Duties of the Secretaries

a. The Secretary shall:

- i. Keep the minutes of meetings and provide a copy of the minutes to the President and Vice-President within 24 hours of any officially called meeting of CRU upon their request.
- ii. Maintain a public record of all eligible voters and assign a point system to members denoting club activity. The points accumulated will be made public during elections to show activity and commitment of candidates seeking office.
- iii. Assume any duty delegated to the Secretary by the President;
- iv. Attend and support the activities of the CRU.

E. Duties of the Treasurer

a. The Treasurer shall:

- i. Provide to the CRU at meetings an update on the financial situation of the CRU and RU;
- ii. Be an authorizing signatory on all CRU financial documents;

- iii. Handle the monetary transactions from RU, including but not limited to collecting monies from fundraisers, authorizing payment for CRU expenditures from the CRU bank account, and depositing money to the RU bank account as required by the organization;
 - iv. Assume any duty delegated to the Treasurer by the President;
 - v. Attend and support the activities of the CRU
 - vi. Provide a summary of previous transactions and current balance to any member seeking information for transparency.
 - vii. Secure funding from the Undergraduate Student Union at Arizona State if possible.
 - b. The Treasurer shall only distribute or withdraw funds with the consent of the Executive Board.
 - c. Funds collected using the CRU or RU brand is the property of the Central Committee and must be reported to the Federation at the end of every month.
- F. Extent of Executive Authority
 - a. Upon vacating office, all outgoing Officers of the Executive Board shall be compelled to render to the incoming Officers of the Executive Board all records, files, and documents for the successful completion of the duties of their office.
 - b. Upon the submission to the Executive Board of charges of impeachment against the President, the President shall be compelled to render to the Vice-President all records, files, and documents for the successful completion of all pending club business, as well as those otherwise necessary for the successful governance of the club.

Article V: Meetings

- A. Meetings of CRU shall be held on a weekly basis at a location and time determined by the Executive Board prior to the first official meeting of the CRU. Meetings must be announced in a timely manner no less than 7 days from the scheduled date, and must be made public for all those wishing to seek attendance by email, facebook, or other relevant forms of social media.
- B. Meetings of the CRU Executive Board shall occur at least monthly.
 - a. The President shall preside over meetings of the Executive Board. If the President is unable to preside over the meeting, the responsibility shall devolve to the most senior Officer present on the Executive Board in the same manner as for a general meeting.
 - b. At least 48 hours notice of a meeting of the Executive Board must be given by the President and transmitted to all members of the Chapter Board in writing by hand, or by email, or by facebook.
- C. All meetings, events, and any other activity shall require majority approval by the Executive Board to be deemed official. If a vote by the Executive Board has not occurred prior to 48 hours before the activity, The President shall determine the official status.

Article VI: Elections

A. Executive Elections

- a. The election of Members to the Executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be held annually, at the end of the fall semester.
- b. Elected positions are only eligible for Members in accordance to Article III Section A, and to those who have previously volunteered for the club culminating up to 6 hours in the current or previous semester. Members that wish to run for an elected position must be nominated by another Member during a regular meeting by notifying the Secretary or another Executive member.
- c. Elections shall be cast via paper ballot, with each member casting one and only one vote for each position. The Secretary, or Director of Membership (if applicable) and two non-candidate Members shall check each potential voter against the official membership forms of the Republicans United.
- d. Under no circumstance shall any representative running for office be allowed to qualify, check, or manage voter registration or count any official ballots. Any individual who does not meet the qualifications for voting according to Article III shall not be allowed to cast a vote. Paper ballots will be counted and recorded by a third party representative if the Secretary is unable, disqualified, or if any candidate(s) request so. A third party representative may constitute the current club advisor or an individual that all candidates agree to.
 - i. An incumbent Secretary may delegate the responsibilities of their position to any Member for the duration of the month prior to the scheduled election to fulfill the above item.
- e. The President shall solicit nominations for the Executive Board positions at general meetings at least two weeks before the chapter election.- All nominations must be made publicly at general meetings and recorded by the Secretary in the meeting minutes. Nominations shall not be submitted by any member of the executive board - they may be submitted by a general member only.
- f. Candidates must receive over 50% of the vote. If no candidate receives 50% then the top two candidates will participate in a runoff election during the next meeting.
- g. Vice President and Secretary positions are only available to local branch locations. Members of a specific CRU branch will not be allowed to vote in the Vice President or Secretary elections of another campus.
- h. The candidates who win the Executive election will assume the office at the start of the following semester.

B. Special Elections

- a. In the event a special election to fill a vacancy shall occur, nominations shall be solicited at the soonest possible meeting following the vacancy. The provisions of Article VI Section A shall govern the conduct of the special election, which shall be held no more than fourteen days following the solicitation of nominations.
- b. Candidate who wins the special election will take their Executive role immediately.

C. Oath of Office

- a. All newly elected Officers shall be sworn into office with the following oath of office: "I, (name) do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my ability, uphold the ideals, values, and principles of the Republican Party, and I will bear allegiance and faith to the Arizona State University College Republicans United, so help me God."

Article VII: Vacancies

A. Executive Board Vacancies

- a. In the case of the vacancy of the President, the Executive Board will vote between all chapter vice presidents to decide the new President. A special election shall then be held to fill the Vice President vacancy in that branch within fifteen days, subject to Article VI Section B.
- b. In the case of the vacancy of the Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President may appoint a member to temporarily serve in the vacant position for a period of no more than fifteen days, while a special election is held to fill the vacancy, subject to Article VI Section B.

Article VIII: Voting Procedure

A. Quorum

- a. Quorum for the CRU body shall be maintained at all times. Any vote carried out without quorum (except as provided for by Article VIII Section B Subsection c shall be void.
- b. Quorum for general meetings shall be no less than two Executive Board Officers and no less than five other Members.
- c. Quorum for Executive Board meetings shall be no less than three Executive Board Officers.
- d. Quorum for Committees shall be at least a majority of appointed delegates.

B. Voting

- a. All election voting shall be done pursuant to Article VI of this Constitution.
- b. All non-election voting, whether in open or Executive session, may be carried out through:
 - i. Voice vote: the President shall call for a vote where all Members shall answer either in the affirmative ("yea") or in the negative ("nay"), with the President determining, in his or her opinion, which group shall have had more votes. If there is not a clear majority, Members may request a secret ballot vote as defined by Article VIII Section B Subsection ii.
 - ii. Secret ballot: Any Member may call for a motion to vote by secret ballot, which must be approved by a majority of Members present. Members shall then vote by writing "yea" or "nay" on provided slips of paper, which shall be collected and tallied by whoever is administering the vote.
- c. In the event that emergency allocation of funds is required for successful completion of a program or project and a quorum of the Executive Board cannot be established, the President shall maintain the authority to allocate

emergency funds with the advice and consent of a majority of the Executive Board.

- d. The Members may vote on any issue,
- e. The Executive Board shall cast a vote in any situation if the votes of the members present results in a tie. Or may choose to perform a coin flip to remain neutral

Article IX: Code of Conduct

- A. All Officers of CRU shall be expected to carry out the duties of their office, remain active, and shall be held responsible for all the actions of their office.
- B. All Officers and members of CRU are expected to unconditionally abide by the decisions of the Executive Board, or else resign their positions.
- C. No Member shall act in such a manner as to jeopardize the standing of CRU in professional and social settings. Any Member who does so may be made a member in 'bad standing' by a majority vote of the Members or unanimous Executive vote.
- D. All Members shall respect and unconditionally abide by this Constitution.
- E. All Members pledge loyalty to CRU first and foremost and shall not put the interests of another club or organization ahead. Any member who attempts to subvert CRU, RU Federation, or it's partners can be expelled from the club.
- F. All Members who have abided by these codes shall be able to apply for chords of recognition upon their graduation. These chords shall be red in color to signify involvement in the Republican Party and of CRU. One's application is subject to approval by the majority of the board. Contingent upon board approval, the student will have permission to purchase cords at their own expense.

Article X: Impeachment, Expulsion, Resignation, and Termination

- A. Definitions:
 - a. *High Crime is defined as; the charge of misdemeanors which covers allegations of misconduct peculiar to officials, such as perjury of oath, abuse of authority, bribery, intimidation, misuse of assets, failure to supervise, dereliction of duty, unbecoming conduct, and refusal to obey a lawful order*
- B. Necessary grounds for impeachment:
 - a. High Crimes and misdemeanors;
 - b. Embezzlement of funds;
 - c. Jeopardizing the operations of CRU.
 - d. Neglecting the duties of their elected office; including but not limited to missing three meetings in a semester consistent with Article X(E).
 - e. Failure to abide by the guidelines of this Constitution;
- C. Executive Impeachment procedure
 - a. Any Member of CRU may file a grievance against any Executive under any of the necessary grounds for impeachment.
 - b. Upon receipt of a grievance, the Executive Board shall meet in general session to discuss the grievance. The Executive Board shall have the ability to call the accuser as well as the accused, in addition to any necessary

witnesses at their discretion for purposes of determining the validity of charges to be brought.

- c. During the next regularly scheduled meeting following the Executive Board's vote, the accused Officer shall stand open trial. During this time, the President and Vice-President shall act as justices.
- d. During trial proceedings any individual may act as a witness for or against the accused.
- e. A quorum of Members will behave as the jury present at the impeachment hearing. A quorum shall consist of at least five jury members, chosen at random from the voter registration pool in accordance to Article III. If convicted by the membership of the jury, the convicted Officer shall immediately relinquish their duties, title, and responsibilities to the Executive Board, and that position shall be filled as provided for in Article VII of this Constitution.
- f. All votes cast during the open trial shall be made by secret ballot, and collected by the President and Vice-President to be counted. The President shall, after voting has occurred, inform the membership of the results of the vote.
- g. In the event that the President shall be the accused Officer, the Vice-President shall act as President for all impeachment proceedings, and shall appoint either the Secretary or Treasurer to act as a second justice during the hearing. In the event that the Vice-President shall be the accused Officer, the President shall appoint the Secretary or Treasurer to act as a second justice during the hearing.
- h. Throughout the impeachment process, the accused Executive shall relinquish their duties and all Executive voting privileges. If deemed necessary, the President may appoint an interim Officer to serve for a renewable period of no more than fifteen (15) days, in the accused Officer's position. This section shall apply to the time period beginning with the receipt of a grievance to the Executive Board and shall end when the accused Officer is acquitted.
- i. Any questions arising of the interpretation of these proceedings will require arbitration as stated in Article XI Section F.
- j. If multiple members of the Executive Board routinely disregard their obligations as stated in this constitution, and refuse to hold or block proper impeachment proceedings due to corruption, incompetence, or cronyism, arbitration from Article XI Section F may apply as a form of judicial review. Arbitrators will have the power to terminate board members under these extraordinary circumstances consistent with Article X Section F. A special election will be held thereafter in accordance to Article VI Section B.

D. Expulsion of Members or Affiliates

- a. Any Member who has taken issue with the conduct of an attendee is free to voice their concerns to the executive board. If the concerns are found to be legitimate, the accused individual shall be issued a verbal warning to make amends and correct their behavior.
- b. If the accused individual has not corrected their behavior and/or there are repeated instances of misconduct, then concerns should be brought forth to the President. If the President finds that the accusations are valid beyond a

reasonable doubt, then the President shall file a motion to start the expulsion process.

- c. Any individual that has become disruptive or a serious threat to the general organization or has been convicted of any High Crime may also be subject to expulsion.
- d. The Executive Board must decide unanimously whether or not to expel an individual in the Executive Session.
- e. Members may challenge expulsion by voting as defined by Article VIII or by arbitration as defined in Article XI Section F if there is reason to believe the Executive Board is unjustly biased towards certain individuals as determined by the faculty adviser.

E. Resignation

- a. Any Executive who decides to resign their position for any reason shall transmit to the President and Vice-President a letter of resignation, or communicate their intent verbally, which shall become official immediately upon announcement by either the President and Vice-President during the next official CRU meeting. The vacancy shall be filled as provided for in Article VII. Resignations are final and may not be rescinded.

F. Automatic Termination

- a. Executive Board members who neglect the following duties, will automatically be terminated from the board. Special elections will be held in accordance to Article VI Section B Thereafter.
 - i. Missing three regular meetings in a semester.
 - ii. Willfully conceals belief in an ideology contrary to the CRU's Purpose as stated in Article II, or holds discriminatory views in conflict with Article XI
- b. Failure to enforce this amendment will hold the entire Executive Board in contempt of their duties and of this Constitution. Intervention by designated arbitrator(s) must be held in accordance to Article XI Section F

Article XI: Statements of Compliance

A. Not-for-Profit Statement

- a. This is a not-for-profit organization.

B. Non-Discrimination Statement

- a. This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, handicap, race, religion, or sexual orientation.
- b. This organization does not condone any sort of political extremism that uses identity politics to discriminate, individuals will be subject to expulsion in accordance to Article X Section D who fail to respect the inherent dignity of each person's humanity.
- c. Understanding this organization supports the right to free speech for all members, affiliates, and guests; dialogue may contain controversial content

that is not palatable for all audiences. This organization will not restrict dialogue upon the basis of controversiality.

C. Non-Hazing Statement

- a. This organization shall not engage in hazing or commit any act which causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, disgrace, mental harm or anguish to any person involved with this organization.

D. ASU Compliance Statement

- a. This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations, as well as all local, state, and federal laws.

E. Federation Statement

- a. College Republicans United will never be part of the Arizona Federation of College Republicans and shall never merge with the College Republicans or any other club which will result in losing CRU's identity at ASU.
- b. CRU at ASU is the original founder of the Republicans United Federation and shall assist in establishing new chapters at different Universities nationwide. CRU will comply with the policies, orders, and decisions of the Central Committee of the Republicans United.
- c. No outside organization shall have any control or access to any bank records, information, or funds.

F. Arbitration

- a. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this constitution, or breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration administered by the faculty adviser or by representatives from ASU Student Services if requested to do so. Judgment rendered by the arbitrator(s) is absolute and final.

Article XII: Amendment

- A. Any member of CRU may submit to the Executive Board in writing any changes or amendments to this Constitution.
- B. The Executive Board, acting at the first general meeting following receipt of changes to the Constitution, may submit the proposed changes with one Executive Endorsement.
 - a. Ratification shall require a vote of the general membership, which shall require a two-thirds vote to pass.
 - b. All changes or amendments shall take effect immediately upon their passage by both the Chapter Board and general membership.

Article XIII: Ratification

- A. This Constitution shall be made available to all Members at an official meeting of the CRU for adoption. A majority of all Members present at this meeting, including members of the Executive Board, shall be sufficient to adopt this Constitution.
- B. This Constitution shall be considered ratified upon being signed by the current President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board after its adoption by the Members and shall take effect immediately.

Article XIV: Interpretation

A. Arbitration:

- a. Any conflict over the interpretation of this document may be brought before the Central Committee of the Republicans United who shall make a binding decision on its interpretation.

We, the below signed President and Vice-President of the College Republicans United at ASU on the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord _____, do hereby ratify this Constitution for the College Republicans United. In doing so, we make the solemn pledge to uphold and abide by this Constitution from this day forward, in the name of Freedom, Justice, and the Republican cause.

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