

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

## Article I. Name and Affiliation

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the **Middlebury College Republicans**.

SECTION 2. The Middlebury College Republicans shall be the recognized campus affiliate of the Vermont Federation of the College Republicans, and the College Republican National Committee, and shall be subject to and abide by the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Resolutions thereof.

## Article II. Purpose

SECTION 1. To make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among members of the Middlebury College campus and community.

SECTION 2. To aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government.

SECTION 3. To encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels.

SECTION 4. To develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as a preparation for future service by them to the Party and community.

## Article III. Membership

SECTION 1. Any person affiliated or associated with the Middlebury College community is eligible for membership.

## Article IV. Meetings

SECTION 1. The Middlebury College Republicans shall meet at least twice every month during the academic year.

## Article V. Officers

SECTION 1. Each officer must be a Middlebury College student.

SECTION 2. Chairman – Responsible for scheduling and presiding over all activities sponsored by the club. He/She shall represent the Middlebury College Republicans in an official capacity. The Chairman will serve as the primary link between the Middlebury College Republicans and the state and national committees. He/She shall appoint such minor officials or committees and delegate such duties to the officers and members of the club as he or she may from time to time deem necessary.

SECTION 3. Vice-Chairman – The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of his or her absence and shall carry out such responsibilities as the Chairman may from time to time deem necessary. He/She shall report to the Chairman. In the event of a vacancy of the office of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman. A special election will then be held to fill the Vice-Chairman's office.

SECTION 4. Secretary – Responsible for advising members of meetings. The Secretary shall keep a record of the names of members in attendance at meetings. The Secretary is also responsible for keeping a record of all club business and an official roster of all members.

SECTION 5. Treasurer – Responsible for club funding and expenditures. The Treasurer shall represent the Middlebury College Republicans in an official capacity to the Finance Committee of the Middlebury College Student Government Association.

SECTION 6. The aforementioned officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Middlebury College Republicans.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall be the chief government body of the club and shall transact club business between general meetings.

SECTION 8. The Executive Committee of the Middlebury College Republicans shall meet weekly between general meetings to discuss club business.

SECTION 9. Each member of the Executive Committee is required to attend every general meeting of the Middlebury College Republicans.

#### Article VI. Elections

SECTION 1. All officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Middlebury College Republicans between February 15 and March 15 of each year, to be announced to all members at least two weeks in advance.

SECTION 2. Nominations of candidates for office in the Middlebury College Republicans shall be made by any member with voting rights.

SECTION 3. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting. It is not necessary to have any type of quorum of the membership at the time of voting.

SECTION 4. Voting rights shall be granted to those members who have attended at least three meetings throughout the academic year.

SECTION 5. Each officer's term shall begin the fall immediately following his or her election and will span the entire academic year.

SECTION 6. Vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled by through [sic] a special election at the first general meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy. Each member present shall be granted voting rights in the special election. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall serve as officer until the next annual election.

#### Article VII. Impeachment

SECTION 1. Any officer who, during his term in office, has demonstrated incompetence in the performance of his prescribed Constitutional duties may be impeached and removed from office.

SECTION 2. Specific charges against the impeached officer must be approved by an absolute majority of the officers of the Middlebury College Republicans, excluding the officer being impeached, at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. At the first general meeting after the approval of the charges by the Executive Committee, an officer shall present the charges and the impeached shall present his defense. Following these presentations, the impeached officer may be removed from his office by an absolute majority of those members present.

#### Article VIII. Faculty/Staff Advisor

SECTION 1. The membership recommends a member of the faculty/staff to serve as advisor to the Middlebury College Republicans.

#### Article X: Discrimination Policy

SECTION 1. This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the *Middlebury College Handbook* concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury College Republicans.

#### Article IX. Amendment

SECTION 1. Any member with voting rights may propose an amendment to this constitution.

SECTION 2. All members with voting rights shall receive a copy of the proposed amendment at least one week prior to the general meeting at which it will be considered.

SECTION 3. A two-thirds majority of the members in good standing is required within two weeks of the consideration of the amendment in order for it to be adopted.

SECTION 4. The amendment must be approved by the Constitution Committee of the Student Government Association.

#### Article X. Ratification

SECTION 1. This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a two-thirds majority of all members with voting rights.

SECTION 2. This constitution must be approved by the Constitution Committee of the Student Government Association.

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