

CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Democrats.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Middlebury College Democrats is as follows:

- A. To stimulate in the Middlebury College Community an active interest in governmental and public affairs.
- B. To promote awareness of the principles and policies of the Democratic Party by providing a forum for their discussion.
- C. To promote the participation of interested members in Democratic campaigns.

III. Membership

Membership will be open to the Middlebury College Community. A VOTING MEMBER shall be any Middlebury College Student who has attended at least one meeting of the organization during the same school year in which s/he wishes to vote (prior to the meeting in which the elections take place).

IV. Officers and Executive Committee

An officer must be a Middlebury College Student and a member of the Middlebury College Democrats from the time she is elected to office continuously until s/he leaves office. The term of these officers shall be concurrent with the academic year following their election to office.

The responsibilities of these officers and of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- A. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive of this organization. The President shall be responsible for scheduling and presiding over all activities of this organization.
- B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall be responsible for assisting the President in his/her duties. The Vice-President shall act as President in the event that the President is unable to perform his/her duties or leaves office.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall record and compile the minutes of all activities (meetings and events) of this organization.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursement of all funds of this organization and shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of the Student Finance Committee.
- E. Executive Committee: This Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of this organization. This committee shall have the responsibility to create and disband other committees of this organization as the need arises. This committee shall have the responsibility of allotting funds of this organization as the need arises. Both the creation and disbanding of committees and the allotment of funds shall require a simple majority vote by the members of the Executive Committee. A quorum of 3 is needed.

V. Elections

Elections for the officers of this organization shall take place by March 15th. Elections must be announced and nominations for office made at least one week in advance of the election day. A simple majority vote of the VOTING MEMBERS present at elections is required for election to office. A quorum is needed of half the membership.

VI. Meetings

Meetings shall be held on a regular basis at a reasonable hour at least once per month during the academic year. The President of this organization shall set the dates and times for these meetings.

VII. Committees

Committees shall be created and disbanded by the Executive Committee as stipulated in Article IV, Section "E".

VIII Faculty Advisor

The membership recommends a member of faculty/staff to advise the organization.

IX. Affiliations

The Middlebury College Democrats is a chartered member of the national organization, College Democrats of America. This body convenes each summer at a designated post in Washington, D.C. to discuss national issues, campaigns, and other democratic activity. It is recommended that the Middlebury College Democrats send at least one delegate to this annual conference.

X. Discrimination Policy

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 College Democrats.

XI. Ratification

- A. This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. This constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

XII. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must:

- A. Be announced at an open meeting of the organization
- B. Be discussed at the next open meeting of the organization
- C. Be approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- D. Be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

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