

By Unanimous Decision,

Written and created by the Constitutional Committee on the First of March Two Thousand Five.

When the course of history has been told, let the ideas here in written below be known. At this time it has become necessary for the College Republicans of Northern Michigan University, in order to better perform our duties to the future of the United States, establish this improved Constitution for upcoming generations of conservative students.

Article I: Members of College Republicans

Section 1. Any person associated with Northern Michigan University or the collective community of Marquette is eligible to become a member of the College Republicans.

Section 2. No person shall be barred from joining the College Republicans unless there is a valid reason to bar the individual, which shall be decided by a majority of the leadership of the College Republicans.

Section 3. The right for a member to voice or share their opinion on any matter can never be abridged or denied.

Section 4. The purposes and duties of the members of the College Republicans are to make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among members of the school campus and community, 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, to develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the party and community

Section 5. Upon election years the members shall decide by a simple majority which Republican candidate to officially endorse and there in campaign for.

Section 6. The leadership of the College Republicans shall put forth to the entire group of members whether or not it is needed to pay dues. This will be done every year and dues may or may not be required.

Section 7. In order to gain voting status a member must attend no less than one meeting every forty five days in a single semester. With that qualification met, the member is eligible to vote or run for leadership offices.

Article II: Officers of College Republicans

Section 1. The leadership positions of the College Republicans shall be vested in a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All of these offices shall be one year terms, with no set term limits. It will be the duty of the officers to plan and execute all major policy decisions for the group.

Section 2. The Office of the Presidency shall be the presiding office in the College Republicans. It is the President's role to set forth the agenda for the group and preside over and organize weekly meetings. The role of the President is to act as the chief representative of the group for any relations with outside groups or individuals. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint the members of all and any special committees that are formed. If the President is for any reason unable to fulfill the duties of the office the full and complete power shall there in be given to the Office of the Vice Presidency.

Section 3. The Office of the Vice Presidency shall be the second presiding office in the College Republicans. The Vice President shall be second in command of the agenda and shall be the President's closest adviser in policy and relations. If the Vice President is for any reason unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the President shall at that time appoint a new Vice President with ratification from a simple majority of the members of the College Republicans.

Section 4. The Office of the Treasury shall be the third presiding office in the College Republicans. The role of the Treasurer is to regulate and manage the treasury of the College Republicans and all other monetary resources available to the group. If the Treasurer is for any reason unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the President shall at that time appoint a new Treasurer with ratification from a simple majority of the members of the College Republicans.

Section 5. The Office of the Secretary shall be the fourth presiding office in the College Republicans. The Secretary is to manage and order all paper work and such items used by the group. The Secretary shall take role at every meeting and keep record of the members who attend. If the Secretary is for any reason unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the President shall at that time appoint a new Secretary with ratification from a simple majority of the members of the College Republicans.

Article III: Elections of the Officers of College Republicans

Section 1. There shall exist an election every year, held on the weekly meeting date exactly four weeks from the end of the winter semester.

Section 2. On the meeting date two weeks before the set election, any person seeking to be a candidate must announce their candidacy to the members.

Section 3. The election shall be held in a caucus fashion with all members and candidates meeting. Election hopefuls shall then present themselves to the members. After all candidates are presented, all members, including the candidates will choose, by ballot, their choice for the officers. Each candidate shall be permitted to have one vote challenger who watches over the tallies. After all voting is completed; the Treasurer and Vice President shall count all the votes and the Secretary shall present the vote tally to the President, who ever receives the most votes for each individual office shall be candidates elect. The President shall read the winners in such order of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President.

Section 4. If there was no candidate running for a position then the leadership shall there in appoint, with ratification by the members, a candidate elect to hold the position. This appointment, if necessary, will be done after the vote tallies are read in order to better determine who shall be appointed.

Section 5. There shall be held an inauguration ceremony for the candidates elect on the regular meeting date one week from the date of the election. In the swearing in ceremony the President, if leaving office, shall give their final remarks. Then the President shall swear in the candidates elect in such order of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. The next presiding officer shall swear in a reelected President. If the candidates are being re-elected they are to retake their oath of office. The candidates elect, except for President, shall take the oath as follows: "I, hereby swear to uphold the duties and responsibilities of the office as dictated by the Constitution of the Northern Michigan University College Republicans." The President elect shall take the oath as follows: "I, do hereby affirm that I shall uphold all of the duties and responsibilities of the Office of the Presidency and faithfully protect and swear my allegiance to the Constitution of the Northern Michigan University College Republicans." With the oaths taken the candidates elect shall then officially take office.

Section 6. Once the President elect is sworn into office they shall there in give a short address outlining their aspirations and goals for the upcoming year, allowing the members to

become familiar with their President. This speech shall be given every year and include re-elected Presidents.

Article IV: Impeachment of Officers of College Republicans

Section 1. Any officer who, during their term in office, has demonstrated disloyalty to the College Republicans, negligence or incompetence in the performance of their prescribed Constitutional duties, may be impeached and removed from office.

Section 2. Specific charges must be accused, and may be accused by any member. The charges must be agreed to by a simple majority of members present and the rest of the officers.

Section 3. If the accused is the President, the Vice-President shall there in be granted full temporary powers of the Presidency, if the President is not removed from office the full power of the Presidency will be returned to them.

Section 4. The accused officer will have one week to prepare their defense and shall present it before the members during the next meeting. During the meeting the President shall read the charges and allow the accused to respond to them.

Section 5. When the accused has completed their response the leadership and attending members shall vote privately for the fate of the accused. If the accused receives approval to be removed by a two thirds majority then the accused shall be removed from office.

Section 6. It shall there in be the leadership's decision to determine the punishment for the removed officer. They may be pardoned and return to the College Republicans as a member, or be completely expelled from the College Republicans.

Article V: Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. When it is deemed necessary the members can alter or amend this Constitution however is deemed fit. These amendments may be to change text written in this document or to there in add unwritten sections to this document.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by any member and then must be agreed to by the leadership. Once the leadership has agreed on an amendment a vote shall exist with all members voting. If the proposal is agreed to by a two thirds majority it shall there in become part of this document.

A majority of members of the Northern Michigan University College Republicans generally assembled shall there in ratify this document as the guideline for the College Republicans, now and in the future, by formally endorsing this document in ink. To better promote conservative ideals in the community and create new generations of leaders in these United States of America, endowed by the Almighty God, we here by mutually pledge our support, our ideas, and our sacred honor.