

**College Republicans at
the University of Oklahoma**

Chapter Constitution

Article I. Name of Organization and Affiliation

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma (OUCRs)

Section 1.02 OUCRs shall be the recognized campus affiliate of the Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans, and of the College Republican National Committee, and shall be subject to and abide by the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Resolutions thereof. College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma seeks to educate students about and promote the principles of the Republican Party.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

Section 2.01 To make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among members of the University of Oklahoma campus and community.

Section 2.02 To aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government.

Section 2.03 To encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels.

Section 2.04 To develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the Party and their community.

Article III. Membership in College Republicans

Section 3.01 Active membership in College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma is open to all members of the University of Oklahoma's student body regardless of sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, disability, age, veteran status, or national origin.

Section 3.02 Individuals will become active members by joining College Republicans on Engage, liking and following the "OU College Republicans" page on Facebook if possible, and attending at least two-thirds of meetings and events sponsored by the organization per semester.

Article IV. Executive Board

Section 4.01 There shall be an Executive Board, which shall govern the College Republicans. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the College Republicans and 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 or the Bylaws.

(i) The Chair

The Chair is responsible for providing leadership, ensuring that the Executive Board functions properly, ensuring that the chapter is managed effectively, ensuring that all chapter requirements mandated by the Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans and the College Republican National Committee are fulfilled, and representing the chapter as the spokesperson at meetings and events and on social media.

(ii) Vice Chair

The Vice Chair is responsible for assisting the Chair in ensuring that the chapter is managed effectively and standing in for the Chair if he or she is absent. The Vice Chair is responsible for advertising for and promoting OUCRs and all events.

(iii) Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the chapter including keeping and distributing accurate minutes of meetings, advertizing meetings, helping the chapter plan meetings, keeping track of active members and chapter rosters, and organizing the logistics of meetings including booking rooms and ordering food, assisting the Treasurer in all duties, and making sure the chapter is represented at the Student Government Association. The Secretary may delegate tasks to other OUCR members with the approval of the Chair.

(iv) Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining a financial overview of the organization which includes looking after the finances; overseeing accounts, budgets, and financial reports; ensuring that the financial resources of the chapter meet its needs; liaising with the Student Government Association and donors about financial matters; advising the chapter on the financial implications of any new projects; and applying for annual and auxiliary funding for the chapter. The Treasurer may delegate tasks to other OUCR members with the approval of the Chair.

Section 4.02 Elections

- (a) All active members can be nominated and/or nominate themselves to run for the Executive Board.
 - (i) Nominations will be accepted via online sign-up up to 72 hours before the date of elections after a written and proclaimed announcement has been made to hold an election.*
- (b) All nominees will have the opportunity to give a speech under 5 minutes and respond to up to three questions from the chapter.
 - (i) The speeches will be presented in alphabetical order of last name in the following positional order: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary Treasurer.*
- (c) Voting will be done by paper ballot and candidates will leave the room while votes are counted. Officers are elected by a majority of those present and voting.
 - (i) Votes will be counted by the current Chair unless he or she is a nominee, in which case an active member will be chosen by the current Executive Board to count.*
- (d) The Executive Board terms will begin on the date of elections and end on the date of the following year's elections. An election for each office must be held each year.

Article V. Impeachment

Section 5.01 Any member of the Executive Board may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of active members at a chapter meeting after specific charges are leveled if he or she breaches this constitution, demonstrates negligence or incompetence in his or her performance as an officer, or fails to represent the chapter in a positive way. An accused officer must be given the chance to defend his or herself. A motion of impeachment may be introduced by any active members, and the vote must take place during a club-wide scheduled meeting. Any member of OUCRs may be removed from the club after a majority vote by the Executive Board for failure to represent the club in a positive light.

Section 5.02 If an officer impeachment occurs, an interim election must be held within two weeks unless it is the end of the Spring semester, when an election must be held promptly.

Article VI. Campaign Endorsements

Section 6.01 College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma shall not endorse specific candidates in primary elections.

Section 6.02 All campaigns in primary elections shall be given equal presentation.

Section 6.03 All members and officers individually retain the right to support candidates of their choice in any election.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 7.01 Executive Board meeting times and frequency will be decided by the Executive Board.

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Article VIII. Social Media and Group Message Guidelines

Section 8.01 Social Media

- (a) Only the Chair and Vice Chair shall have permanent access to official social media accounts for their length of term.
- (b) Other officers may have limited access to accounts for an extended period of time in order to post relevant information. The Chair or Vice Chair must approve of potential posts before they are posted.
- (c) Official Statements by the chapter may only be posted by the Chair or Vice Chair with the editing and approval of a majority of the Executive Board.
 - (i) *Members and officers are free to voice their opinions independently of the chapter if they feel their positions clash with the views expressed by a specific post, though any statement made by the board is to be treated as official. This should be handled politely and professionally.*

Section 8.02 Official group messages and chat boards

- (a) There is to be only one official, chapter-wide group message. Any outside group message or chat not sanctioned by the Executive Board is to have no connection to College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma and may not use the name or other brand materials of the chapter.
- (b) No inappropriate jokes, pictures, or comments are to be made in the official group chat. Members who break this rule are subject to removal from the organization by the Executive Board. Chats that use OUCR designations are to be used for official business only.

Article IX. Constitutional Ratification and Amendment Process

Section 9.01 This constitution will be ratified by a two-thirds vote of active members at any chapter meeting and will take effect immediately upon ratification.

Section 9.02 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of active members at any chapter meeting.

- (a) Amendments may be proposed by any active member and must be read as they will be included in the constitution.