

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE *CAMPUS LIBERTARIANS*

2009

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

- Section 1: The official name of this organization shall be the *Campus Libertarians of the University of Minnesota*.
- Section 2: The club shall operate as a non-profit organization.
- Section 3: The club shall abide by the applicable rules and policies of the University of Minnesota pertaining to student organization.
- Section 4: This organization shall exist for the following purposes:
- a. To provide *official* representation for the Libertarian Party on the University of Minnesota campus.
 - b. To provide a valuable learning environment for members and a broad outreach to all students.
 - c. To foster interactions between students and members of the Party by sponsoring lectures, discussions, and events.
 - d. To provide social activities and events for members of the group.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: In the event that an officer declares that a decision pertaining to the entire group will be made by vote, voting membership is open to all students, faculty, and staff at the University of Minnesota who share the goals of this organization.
- Section 2: No more than 1/3 of the voting membership shall consist of non-students.
- Section 3: Membership is open to all students without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, veteran status, marital status, public assistance status, or sexual orientation.
- Section 4: To become a member, one needs to attend a meeting and make his or her presence known to the officer responsible for roll. Membership is open at all times and requires no application. All non-member officers are treated equally.
- Section 5: Any member may be censured for misconduct to be defined by the group. The member shall be given a three day notice and an opportunity to defend himself or herself. The censure vote shall require the votes of two or more officers.
- Section 6: Only when a member who wishes to terminate his or her membership contacts the group expressing this intention will that person stop receiving emails or alerts on the club's activities.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

- Section 1: The officers of this club shall consist of President, Vice President, and three other officers.
- Section 2: All officers must be currently enrolled students at the University of Minnesota and registered for at least six credits. Exceptions to the requirement are permitted for graduate students upon receipt of a letter from the Director

of Graduate Studies of the student's department certifying that the student is actively pursuing a degree.

- Section 3: Officers shall be selected at the first meetings of the Fall semester each year. Officers shall serve for a duration of one year.
- Section 4: Incumbent officers shall be automatically nominated. Any general members who wish to challenge them can nominate themselves (or others) by submitting a name during the meeting before voting begins.
- Section 5: Officers shall be elected by plurality of the voting members present providing a quorum is present.
- Section 6: Officers can be impeached. Impeachment denotes removal from status as officer *indefinitely*.
- Section 7: Any officer may be impeached for misconduct (to be defined by the group). The officer shall be given a seven day notice and an opportunity to defend himself or herself. The impeachment vote shall require a 2/3 majority vote or the votes of the other 4 officers.
- Section 8: The duties of the officers are as follows: shall exist for the following purposes:
- a. President—The President will preside over all meetings of the club, and act as official representative of the club at other meetings and events. The President is responsible for organizing all meetings, events, and responsibilities of members.
 - b. Vice President—Preside at meetings of the club in the absence of the President, and succeed the President if he or she were unable to complete his or her term in office. The Vice President is responsible for reserving spaces and maintaining contact with the University.
 - c. Officers—The three officers are collectively responsible for the following:
 - i. Recording and producing minutes of all meetings.
 - ii. Handling all financial transactions of the club and maintaining thorough

and accurate records of all transactions.

- iii. Maintaining a contact list of members of the group and emailing all members about meetings, events, and responsibilities.

Section 9: The responsibilities of the officers are assigned by the President and the Vice President after a discussion between all officers following Fall elections.

Section 10: If any officer is unable to complete his or her responsibilities temporarily, the President or Vice President will appoint any general member to complete those responsibilities.

ARTICLE IV - MEETING

Section 1: A regular meeting shall be held *either* one or twice each month during the academic year. A special meeting may be called by the President or Vice President or by a petition of seven or more members of the voting membership.

Section 2: Members shall be informed of these meetings either by email or by phone, depending on which they receive first

Section 3: A quorum shall be present in order to conduct official business of the club. A quorum shall consist of *all* officers or 50% of the voting membership plus one.

Section 4: Decisions of the club shall be enacted by a majority vote of the voting membership plus one, unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

Section 5 : Voting is conducted by the President, who will point to individual members and ask for their vote. The voter will say either “yea” or “nay”, and the President will record his or her vote.

ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Section 1: The club shall not provide monetary gain incidentally or otherwise to its directors or membership. This does not restrict the payment of wages, salaries, or incentives by the club for services rendered.
- Section 2: Any amount of club money over \$10.00 to be spent must be referred to any officer, and any amount over \$50.00 to be spent must be referred to either the President or the Vice President.
- Section 3: Unless otherwise specified by the membership at the time of dissolution of the organization, residual assets shall be distributed to the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI – BY-LAWS

- Section 1: By-Laws may be proposed by the membership and may be adopted by a majority vote of those present at the meeting when a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the club. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to any officer for a first reading to the membership at the regular meeting prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on.
- Section 2: Duty proposed amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the voting members providing a quorum is present. A 2/3 majority vote in favor shall be required for adoption of such amendments. present.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATIONS

Section 1: This club shall be affiliated with the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

Constitution ratified: (month, day, year)_____

Officer_____Date_____

Officer_____Date_____

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