

University of Kansas Young Democrats Constitution

Preamble

Our purpose will be to stimulate in the students of University of Kansas an active interest and promote leadership in governmental affairs. We will pursue the ideas of liberty, justice, and freedom for all regardless of race, religion, gender orientation, or gender. We will also foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party. We will pursue these ideas through support of the Democratic Party and its ideas, citizens, and candidates. With these thoughts, we establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1: Membership requirements for the University of Kansas Young Democrats will be the same as those of the Young Democrats of Kansas.

Section 2: Membership will not be affected by race, color, national origin, gender, or physical handicap.

ARTICLE II Officers

The University of Kansas Young Democrats will compose of the Executive Board and the remaining members. The Executive Board will consist of the officers of the University of Kansas Young Democrats. The organization will have four officers. The four voting officers will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III Officer Duties

Section 1: The President will be the chief executive officer for the organization. He/she will preside over all chapter meetings. The President will have all of the following duties and powers. The absence of a specific power or duty from this list is not necessarily a denial of its existence.

- A. Establish administrative procedures not otherwise provided for by the Constitution or By-Laws of this chapter.
- B. Act for and on behalf of the county chapter when they are not in session.
- C. Attend all meetings of the State Young Democrats. When the attendance of the President is not possible he/she will appoint a suitable replacement and give said person his/her voting proxy.
- D. Establish the agenda for each meeting of the chapter (general and executive).

E. Serve as delegation chair to the State Young Democrats state convention.

~~F. Have a 200 dollar transaction limit, without approval of the executive board.~~

F. Appoint chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of all committees, standing, and adjunct.

G. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

H. Remove anyone from any appointed position without the approval of the Executive Board or the general body.

I. Appoint an Executive Director without approval of the Executive Board to assist the President in the execution of the Presidents duties.

J. Remove anyone from any appointed position without the approval of the Executive Board or the general body.

Section 2: The Vice-President will have all the following duties:

A. Chair the Recruiting Committee.

B. Appoint a co-chairperson of the Recruiting Committee, pending the approval of the Executive Board.

C. *Act as President Pro-Tempore in the absence of the President.*

D. *Assist the President.*

**Note: In a case where the President's office becomes vacant, the Vice-President will become the President automatically and will assume all powers, duties, and responsibilities associated with that position. The office of the Vice-President then is vacant and will be filled by an appointment by the new President, pending the approval of the Executive Board and the general body.*

Section 3: The chapter Secretary shall have all the following duties and powers:

A. Keep accurate minutes of all chapter meetings (General and Executive Board).

B. Assure publicity for all upcoming events and meetings.

C. Keep an accurate mailing list and phone directory of all members.

D. See to all correspondence of the chapter as directed by the President.

Section 4: The chapter Treasurer shall have all the following duties and powers:

- A. Maintain accurate financial records for the organization.
- B. Coordinate all financial activities, including any tax responsibilities with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and advising the chapter President and the Executive Board on the financial condition of the chapter.
- C. If deemed necessary by the Executive Board, the Treasurer will file any reports for the State Democratic Party or the State Ethics Commission in a timely manner.
- D. Write checks and make deposits as directed by the Executive Board. The Treasurer will not have the right to make financial transactions without the approval of the Executive Board. The Treasurer and the President or Vice President must sign all checks.

ARTICLE IV Executive Board

The University of Kansas Young Democrats Executive Board will be the chief policy making body for the chapter.

Section 1: The Executive Board will have all the following powers necessary for the proper and legal execution of all duties of the University of Kansas Young Democrats.

Section 2: The Executive Board will meet no less than twelve (12) times during the course of one (1) fiscal year.

Section 3: The Executive Board will establish a budget for the fiscal year during their first meeting following elections to be approved by the general body. Each Executive Member shall have a transaction limit to be used without approval of the executive board. The general body must approve transactions over \$200. Transactions under \$200 must have executive board approval.

ARTICLE V General Body

The University of Kansas Young Democrats general body will meet no less than five (5) times during the course of one (1) non-Presidential or gubernatorial year.

ARTICLE VI Elections

Section 1: Elections of officers will be held at first meeting in February of each year.

Section 2: The order of elections will be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3: If an officer resigns or is impeached, the President has the power to appoint a temporary office

Note: There will be a special election for the vacant seat and by nomination from the general body, will be voted on (2) months after the officer has resigned or has been impeached.

ARTICLE VIII Forming New Committees

The President or the Executive Board can form adjunct committees at any time for any reason they deem necessary.

ARTICLE IX Supporting Candidates

The University of Kansas Young Democrats will never oppose a Democrat candidate for political office, either by supporting non-Democrat candidates or by not supporting all Democrat candidates in a primary, nor will the chapter support a non-Democrat candidate, even if said candidate does not have a Democrat opponent.

ARTICLE X Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the chapter President and chapter Secretary at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered. The President is obligated to place the amendment on the agenda for that meeting. The amendment will be considered approved if two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board and two-thirds (2/3) of the general body (in attendance) vote in favor of the amendment.

ARTICLE XI Impeachment

Only the elected offices may be subject to impeachment. The President reserves the right to remove anyone from an appointed position. Procedures for impeachment will be as follows:

- A. Any person holding an elected office within the chapter may be impeached if found guilty of failure to adequately perform his/her duties.
- B. The person shall be notified of the charges against them no less than thirty days (30) prior to the meeting in which the impeachment will be discussed.
- C. Members of the Executive Board who are not charged with negligence of their duties shall appoint a committee and chairperson to hear the testimony of the person or persons charged. The findings of the committee shall be final.

Article XII Advisor

The President will select member of the faculty who will serve as an advisor of the organization. The advisor will aid in the operations of the chapter and see to it that the chapter operates within the limitations that may be imposed by the University of Kansas. The advisor will serve two-year terms, and may serve more than the one consecutive term.