

3. Club Constitution

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY



COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Santa Clara University
College Republicans
Club Constitution

Article I: Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Santa Clara University College Republicans (hereafter referred to as “CRs”). It shall serve as a chapter of the College Republican National Committee, reporting first to the California College Republicans Organization.

Article II: Purpose.

In order for a College Republicans chapter to be effective, it should strive to:

- Represent the Republican Party on Campus
- Educate the campus community on the core Republican Party platform
- Recruit potential—and train existing—Republicans on college campuses
- Help elect Republicans to office

Article III: Membership.

Section 1. All members of the CRs must be current SCU students, enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours and in good academic standing at SCU.

Section 2. Membership in the CRs is open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age disability, veteran status, marital status, etc.

Article IV: Executive Board.

Section 1. Officer Positions.

Subsection 1. The CR Executive Board shall consist of the following officers:

- **President:** Presides over all meetings of the CRs, manages social media, ensures members receive notice of meetings, training, and other club functions, serves as Club Council Representative, and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the CRs.
- **Vice President:** Assumes the role of President when the elected President is not present, facilitates dissemination of information through campus media, and performs other duties as directed by the President.
- **Treasurer:** Maintains all club funds in a university account, keeps a record of all revenue and expenditures, facilitates fundraising, ensures compliance with all applicable financial regulations of both the parent university and parent organizations, and performs other duties as directed by the President.
- **Secretary:** Maintains minutes of club meetings, keeps an accurate roster of current club members, notifies club members of upcoming events, attends club council meetings, and performs other duties as directed by the President.
- **Event Coordinator:** Plans club activities, obtains appropriate facilities, builds membership of the organization, facilitates marketing of club meetings and events, and performs other duties as directed by the President.

Section 2. Election Protocol.

Subsection 1. The President and Vice President shall be elected as a joint ticket.

Subsection 2. The treasurer, secretary, and event coordinator shall be appointed to office by the President and announced publicly within two weeks of the President's election. These three officers shall serve at the pleasure of the President and may be replaced at any time by presidential prerogative.

Subsection 3. All executive board members shall serve a one year term.

Subsection 4. Elections must take place once a year during the spring academic quarter.

Subsection 5. All candidates for officer positions must meet membership criteria, as outlined in Article III of this document. In addition, all candidates must swear to follow, preserve, protect and defend this club constitution to the best of their ability.

Subsection 6. Upon the conclusion of the elections process, the newly elected officers will assume office immediately. The appointed positions shall remain vacant until filled by Presidential appointment. The incoming President shall have a period of two weeks from the date of the election to make appointments to all vacant executive board positions.

Subsection 7. All CR elections shall take place utilizing the instant-runoff voting method.

Section 3. Mid Year Vacancies

Subsection 1. If the position of President becomes vacant during the academic year for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the role of acting President and call an election to fill the role permanently within two weeks of the position becoming vacant.

Subsection 2. If the position of Vice President becomes vacant during the academic year for any reason, the Secretary shall assume the role of acting Vice President and the President shall call an election to fill the role permanently within two weeks of the position becoming vacant.

Subsection 3. If the positions of treasurer, secretary, or event coordinator become vacant during the academic year for any reason, the President shall appoint a permanent replacement within two weeks. Until a successor is found, the Vice President assumes the duties of the vacant position.

Section 4. Removal of Executive Board Members

Subsection 1. The club President and Vice President are subject to recall elections. If 25 club members sign a petition of no confidence in either officer and submit it to the Secretary, they shall be compelled to schedule a recall election for the involved officer within two weeks of receiving the petition. If a supermajority ($>2/3$) of club members vote against the retention of the current officer, the position is considered immediately vacant. The club President shall move to replace the recalled officer in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of this document. The recalled officer shall be eligible to stand in the special election that results from this process.

Subsection 2. The club treasurer, secretary, and event coordinator are not subject to recall elections. The President retains the exclusive authority to hire and fire these individuals at will.

Article V: Meetings.

Club meetings shall take place on a biweekly basis. For a meeting to take place, quorum must be present. Quorum will consist of a simple majority of club officers.

Article VI: Resolutions.

Section 1. Definition

Subsection 1. While individual club members are free to support the candidates and causes of their choosing, the club as a whole must pass resolutions to

officially support particular candidates or causes. Furthermore, the club has the authority to pass resolutions for any other purpose.

Subsection 2. All club resolutions must abide the rules and regulations of ASGSCU, Santa Clara University, California College Republicans Organization, and the College Republican National Committee.

Section 2. Process

Subsection 1. Any proposed resolution must be accompanied by the signatures of 10 club members in support of its specific text. This petition shall be delivered to the President, who must schedule an opportunity to present the full text of the resolution to the full club membership within two weeks of receiving the petition.

Subsection 2. All proposed resolutions must be publicly presented by their authors. The President shall schedule a vote on the resolution within two weeks of the public presentation.

Subsection 3. If a simple majority of club members vote in favor of the resolution, it is considered to be the official stance of the SCU CRs.

Article VII: Amendments.

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any club member. Any proposed amendment must be accompanied by the signatures of 20 club members in support of its specific text. This petition shall be delivered to the President, who must schedule an opportunity to present the full text of an amendment to the full club membership within two weeks of receiving the petition. All proposed amendments must be publicly presented by their authors. The President shall schedule a vote on the amendment within two weeks of the public presentation. If a supermajority ($>2/3$) of club members vote in favor of the amendment, it is considered to be part of the text of this constitution.