

Marist Young Democrats BY-LAWS

Article I NAME: Marist Young Democrats

Article II PURPOSE:

Marist Young Democrats is a group of individuals founded on the belief that the youth of a nation is its future, but also its present. The Marist Young Democrats are committed to productive discussion and the development of ideas and projects which would increase awareness and action on political issues within our campus community. In addition we hope to inspire the youth of our campus to debate, discuss, and question the political issues that affect them. We hope to move the student body to take action and to participate in government. We will be a forum for a range of Democratic and progressive ideals and policies, a place of service in our community, and a source of encouragement and leadership for the student body of Marist and the youth of our nation.

Article III MEMBERS

Section 1. Priority Points (as required by College Activities)

To earn 1 point: Members must attend minimum of 50% of club/organization meetings for the semester and 50% of club/organization activities.

To earn 2 points: Members must attend minimum of 50% of club/organization meetings for the semester and 75% of club/organization activities **PLUS** the community service event.

To earn 3 points (officers only): Officers must attend 50% of club/organization meetings for the semester and 100% of club activities (which includes community service event).

If officers do not complete all of the requirements to earn 3 points, they will be eligible to receive up to 2 points based on the criteria outlined above.

Section 2. Qualifications of membership

In order to be a member of Marist Young Democrats, it is necessary for one to be a student at Marist College.

Section 3. Any required fees or dues

No dues or fees will be imposed by the Marist Young Democrats Club.

Section 4. Provisions of resignation

In order for a member to resign, one must notify the E-board and be taken off of the membership list. A club member will automatically be removed from the membership list without notification if they fail to qualify for either passive or active membership.

Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of Officers

The President of Marist Young Democrats is responsible for running all meetings, deciding what should be accomplished with the club over the course of a semester, and delegating tasks to other E-board members whenever necessary. The President must also call together all E-board meetings.

The Vice President must take over meetings and any other responsibilities of the President in case the President is absent or no longer holds office. Any other responsibilities can be delegated to the Vice

President by the President at any time.

The Treasurer is in charge of all matters related to the budget or finances of the club. The treasurer must also organize all fundraisers in addition to the scheduling of other events as delegated to that officer by the President of the club.

The Webmaster of the club is in charge of the website in addition to other promotional materials and recruiting activities as delegated by the President of the club.

The Secretary must keep minutes of E-board and general meetings in addition to handling the Email and attendance list. In addition, the Secretary will manage the distribution of priority points.

Article V ELECTIONS

Section 1. Method of elections

Elections will be held, by the mandate of the current club president, the March of every year and/or as needed in case of the loss of an officer. The election process starts when the Secretary notifies all members of the club in email or written form; the date of elections, which positions will be open, the responsibilities of each position, and that a speech will be necessary prior to voting on the day of secret ballot. Elections will be held at a club meeting at which a legitimate quorum is present. The standing President will collect and count ballots from all members and report the election of officers based on the wishes of the majority of the quorum as expressed in the ballots.

Section 2. Length of term

An officer's term will last two semesters. If an officer wishes to resign or is deemed unfit by a majority consensus of the quorum, they will provide or be provided two weeks' notice of their resignation and emergency election for their position will be held.

An officer can provide two weeks' notice to any other member of the E-board in writing or email form if they see themselves unfit to serve the position to which they were elected. Emergency elections will be held following any E-board resignation.

Two weeks' notice by writing or email of an officer's resignation will be provided to them by a member of the E-board following the majority quorum vote on the matter in case of gross misconduct or violation of school policies which is decidedly detrimental to the functioning of the club. Emergency elections will be held following any E-board resignation.

Section 3. Emergency Elections

Emergency elections must follow the resignation, forced or voluntary, of any E-board member. Any meeting at which an election is held must be advertised as such to all members. A quorum must be present, and ballots paper will decide, by majority vote, who will take over the position of the ousted E-board member. The newly elected officer must re-campaign for the following term.

Article VI MEETINGS

Section 1. Time and place of regular meeting

General meetings shall convene biweekly and/or as deemed necessary by the President and advertised to all club members and/or the campus community by the Secretary. The E-board will meet in some form every single week.

Section 2. Special meetings procedure

The President may call any special meetings by notifying the E-board and/or or asking the secretary to

notify all club members of any type of meeting at any time.

Section 3. Number constituting quorum

To constitute an official quorum, 15% of Marist Young Democrats club members must be present at a meeting.

Article VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

E-board meetings will be called by the club President. The President will run all E-board meetings and the Secretary will take meeting minutes. Plans will be made and amended and previous work will be reviewed by all E-board members at every E-board meeting. E-board meetings will convene weekly and/or at the discretion and notification to all E-board members by the President.

Article VIII COMMITTEES

Ad-hoc committees may be established by a majority vote of the E-board at any E-board meeting when deemed necessary and will be disbanded when they have fulfilled their purpose.

Article IX PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Unless suspended, all meetings will be run according to Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article X AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members provided that a quorum is present. If such Amendments pass by the majority, it then must be presented to the Student Government Association for final approval.

Article XI POLICIES AND ACTIONS

The Club Affairs Council and any individual associated Club Affairs Council shall abide and conform to all Federal Laws and New York State Laws, all rules and regulations of Marist College, and all directives of the Student Government Association. Any violations of the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action.

Article XII HAZING POLICIES

Hazing as defined by the Marist College Student Handbook: An act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. Marist Young Democrats prohibits hazing of any kind.

Article XIII ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES

Club funds will not be used to endorse candidates running for office.