

Mission Statement of the Marist College Republicans

We the Students of Marist College, in order to form a Republican forum for the discussion of good governmental policy, will work to ensure good government through active participation; by encouraging involvement in the political process, to debate issues that affect our college, community, state, and federal government; and to foster the growth of emerging leaders, do hereby ordain and establish these bylaws for the Marist College Republicans.

Bylaws of the Marist College Republicans

These bylaws have been written and published by the members of the Marist College Republicans with the support, consent, and approval of the Student Government Association and Marist College.

Article 1

Name of the Organization and Affiliation

Section 1: The name of the organization will be the Marist College Republicans hereinafter College Republicans. Other names for the College Republicans may be created by the Executive Board to help facilitate the organization.

Section 2: The College Republicans shall be the recognized campus affiliate of the New York State College Republican State Committee Incorporated and of the College Republican National Committee.

Article 2

Purpose

- A. To provide a Republican forum for political expression and recognition.
- B. To learn the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party.
- C. To develop political skills and leadership abilities among students.

Article 3

Members

Section 1: Membership in the College Republicans shall consist of any full-time undergraduate students attending Marist College.

Section 2: Members who are in good standing must attend a minimum of eight general assembly meetings and participate as a minimum in one different activity per month. An activity is defined as a social, lecture, fundraiser, voter registration, or community service project.

Section 3: Any member wishing to resign shall notify the Secretary by their Marist email address.

Article 4

Officers

Section 1: The Officers for the College Republicans will consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. Chair

1. Serve as the official spokesperson for the club.
2. Is the official voting delegate to the New York State College Republican State Committee Incorporated and to the College Republican National Committee unless they delegate that role to another member in good standing.
3. Prepare for, arrange, and conduct meetings of the College Republicans.
4. Oversee the administration of the College Republican activities.

B. Vice-Chair

1. Assume the duties of the Chair in the event of his/ her absence, resignation, removal, or disability.
2. Perform duties prescribed by the Chair.

C. Treasurer

1. Responsible for all financial transactions. Must keep accurate records of all transactions.
2. Prepare an annual budget for the Student Government Association in accordance with their policies and procedures.
3. Initialize and supervise all fundraising activities. Fundraising activity planning and execution may be freely delegated, but the Treasurer remains responsible for financial oversight and supervision.
4. Dispense funds from the College Republicans' treasury. Any funding request or disbursement must be authorized by both the Chair's and Treasurer's signatures.
5. Perform duties required as prescribed by the Chair.

D. Secretary

1. Keep accurate minutes and records of attendance for each meeting.

2. For General Meetings at least one week's notice is required. Notice may come by mail, email, or phone calls.
3. Notify the public of any announcements or news with the consent of the Chair.
4. Register new members.
5. Perform duties required of him/ her as prescribed by the Chair.

Section 3: Any officer(s) of Executive Board Member(s) who misses three consecutive meetings without being excused or taking the proper steps to notify the Chair for their absence, shall be deemed to have submitted his/ her resignation. The Secretary will contact the officer(s) or Executive Board Member(s) by their MSC address and he/ she will be informed of the resignation.

Section 4: Any officer(s) or Executive Board Member(s) of the College Republicans who is found guilty of gross or continued negligence of duty, misconduct, or failure to comply with Student Government Association policy and procedure, or inconsistent with policies and procedures established by the College Republicans may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the General Membership of no confidence by the members present given that there is a quorum present as defined in Article 6, Section 2.

Article 5 Elections

Section 1: All candidates for office must have been a member of the club during the previous semester and must be in good standing which is defined in Article 3, Section 2.

Section 2: In the event there is more than one candidate for a specific office, each candidate for office will make a written or verbal statement of intent at the meeting of the election. Nominations of candidates for office in the College Republicans shall be made from the floor by any member who is in good standing in keeping with Article 3, Section 2.

Section 3: All officers shall be elected during the Annual Election Meeting. They shall take office immediately after the Election Meeting and serve until their successors take office at the end of the next Election Meeting, as the case may be, with no limit to the number of terms to which a person may be reelected provided they remain a member in good standing.

Section 4: An Election Commissioner must be appointed to oversee all aspects of the election. This Commissioner appointment will come from the Chair no later than the second week of February of each election year. The Commissioner will observe that all candidates are in accordance with College Republican by-laws and observe that election procedures are handled in a fair manner. Election will take place by secret ballot. The results verified by the Election Commissioner and then recorded in the minutes by the Secretary.

Article 6 Meetings

Section 1: The General Membership shall be convened at least twice a month in January, February, March, April, September, October, November, with the exceptions of December and May where one meeting may be held for those months, if any meeting is to be held at all.

Section 2: For the General Membership Meetings quorum shall consist of ten percent of the membership with the exception of Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Article 7 Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall be convened at the discretion of the Chair who does not vote unless in the event of a tie.

Section 3: A vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled by the Chair for the remainder of the term in keeping with Article 5, Section 3.

Section 4: The Chair may create additional positions to sit on the Executive Board which he/she feels are vital to the operation and success of the College Republicans. This appointment will be recorded in the Executive minutes and specific duties for the position shall be created for the purpose of amending the by-laws.

Section 5: The Chair may consolidate positions as he/she sees fit for the College Republicans. However, he/she may not terminate the positions of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1: The Chair may create Ad-Hoc Committee(s) he/she feels are vital to the operation and success of the College Republicans. The Chair may appoint any member so long as he/she is in good standing to serve as chair of that committee. This appointment will be recorded in the General Assembly minutes and specific duties for the position shall be created by the Chair.

Section 2: The Chair may disband committee(s) when they have finished the business required of them and their disbandment will be reflected in the General Membership minutes.

Section 3: The Ad-Hoc Committee Chair will have no voting power on the Executive Board but is required to appear before them at their request to report the findings of their committee.

Article 9

Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1: Unless suspended, all meetings will be run using Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

Article 10

Amendments of By-laws

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended by two-thirds affirmation vote of the members present at the General Membership Meeting, provided that there is a quorum in keeping with Article 6, Section 2.

Section 2: Proper notification is needed for before any amendment can be voted on. Proper notification is defined as submitting the proposed amendment in writing to the Chair which must appear on the next General Membership Meeting agenda before it can be discussed and voted on. Discussion on the proposed amendment is limited to 1 hour and each member in good standing is allotted 3 minutes to speak. If not one else comes forward to speak in that hour time period, the Chair will be permitted to close discussion and call for a vote.

Section 3: After these amendments have been approved by the Marist College Republicans, the amendment(s) shall be presented to the Student Government Association of Marist College for final approval.

Article 11

Policies and Actions

Section 1: The College Republicans and any individual associated with said club, shall abide and conform to all Federal Laws, New York State Laws, all rules and regulations of Marist College, and all directive of the Student Government Association. Any violation of the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action taken on the club charter.

Section 2: As members of a recognized student organization at Marist College, the College Republicans unconditionally opposes placing any of our members or those of the general student population in situations that produce mental or physical discomfort, harassment, or ridicule. Freedom from the humility and danger of hazing is guaranteed to every membr of the College community. We realize that any form of hazing violated College policy, New York State Law, and those offenders within the College Republicans may be subject to prosecution provided there is just cause.

Section 3: In the event of revocation of the Marist College Republicans or dissolution, all assets received from the Student Government Association or Marist College for the operation of the Marist College Republicans will be transferred to Marist College.

Article 12

Hazing Policy

Section 1: 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 removed 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 (club). Hazing of any kind is prohibited.

Article 13

Advisors

The Marist College Republicans shall have faculty advisor(s) who shall:

Section 1: Advocate for the needs of the College Republicans

Section 2: Assist the College Republicans in planning its programs and activities.

Section 3: Work with the Treasurer to account for funds.

Section 4: Can be replaced by the Executive Board with a vote of no confidence.

Section 5: Help provide continuity from year to year as the student leadership changes.

Section 6: Serve as a liaison between faculty and college administration to represent the interests of the College Republicans.

Article 14

Endorsements

Section 1: No candidate for public office shall be endorsed or opposed by the College Republicans prior to a party primary or party endorsing convention. However, this shall not prevent any member from participation in any campaign on an individual basis. It shall be noted that this individual member is acting on his/ her own behalf and their decision does not reflect nor suggest the position of the College Republicans.

Section 2: Under no circumstances will student activity fees, which are provided by Marist College through the Student Government Association for the College Republicans, be used to aid or abet any candidate for public office. With this said, the College Republicans may aid the Republican Party in fundraising efforts.

Article 15
Empowering Clause

Section 1: The Marist College Republicans shall become effective upon a vote in the affirmative in keeping with Article 6, Section 2.

Section 2: All officers will retain their prior office.