

PREAMBLE

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Section 1. **FREQUENCY** Meetings shall be held at least twice monthly during the Fall and Spring semesters, and the

date, time, and place of meetings shall be scheduled in a consistent manner.

Section 2. PROCEDURE All meetings of the Club shall run in a Town Hall Forum.

Section 3. QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of Five members in addition to three (3) members of the Executive Council.

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Section 1. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Council shall be comprised of the ^{four} five (4) elected officers: the resident, the Vice- President, the Recording/Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer. The Council shall meet as necessary, with at least three (3) members of the Council needed to conduct official business. The Council has the authority to conduct the Club's business when said business cannot be postponed until a regular membership meeting. All business conducted at an Executive Council meeting must be reported in full at the next regular membership meeting.

Section 2. ACTION DATE The officers shall be elected at a regular meeting in April of each year.

Section 3. ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. The Officers shall assume there duties March 1st of each year.

Section 4. Terms The term of office for all officers shall be one Academic year.

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Bylaws may be adopted as an addendum to this Constitution at the discretion of the membership. Bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a membership meeting. Any amendment to the Bylaws must be approved by a majority vote. Any Bylaws or amendments approved by the membership shall become effective immediately upon ratification.

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The constitution may be amended at meeting of the club. Provided by a 2/3 majority vote. The Amendment will be immediate upon ratification.

Constitution

North Carolina State College Democrats Bylaws

Preamble

We are the North Carolina State University Democrats. Our purpose is to educate the North Carolina State University-Raleigh' campus community concerning political issues and governmental affairs, and motivate it to take action generating positive change. We will encourage our members to take full advantage of their rights to vote and voice their opinion. We will encourage them to use the Democratic Party as their outlet for their political and social activism.

Article I: Name and Affiliations

Section 1: Name. The name of this organization will be the North Carolina State University College Democrats.

Section 2: Affiliations. This organization will be affiliated with the Democratic Party of North Carolina, the Young Democrats of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Federation of College Democrats and will be influenced and guided by the policies and platforms of the local, state, and national Democratic Party.

Section 3: Scope. This organization will not take any action that is in conflict with these bylaws, with the Constitution of the United States, with the North Carolina Constitution, or with national, state, or local law.

Article II: Policy

Section 1: North Carolina State University College Democrats will encourage participation in the Democratic Party by all, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, and, except as allowed by law, gender.

Section 2: North Carolina State University College Democrats will take an active interest in campus, city, county, state, national, and international affairs.

Section 3: This organization will support actively and by appropriate means the nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state, and local elections.

Section 4: This organization will not endorse or support the candidacy of any person for public office prior to nomination by the Democratic Party; however, individual members may support individual candidates prior to nomination.

Section 5: This organization will seek to ally itself with other campus and community organizations in pursuit of common interests and goals.

Section 6: This organization will periodically enact resolutions expressing the political sentiments of the membership. A simple majority of the members present at an official general membership meeting will be required for passage. These positions may be codified into an organizational platform that will be distributed to the affiliated organizations of North Carolina State University College Democrats and appropriate public officials.

Section 7: This organization will maintain a website that contains a calendar of events, profiles of the current officers, these bylaws, an information page about the organization, and any other pages the executive council deems necessary to support those policy goals set forth in the previous sections of this article.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility. Any member of the student body, faculty, or staff of the North Carolina State University-Raleigh is eligible for full membership and participation without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, and, except as allowed by law, gender.

Section 2: Membership in Good Standing. All members will be in good standing and entitled to vote on general motions, resolutions, and in elections as long as they have met their financial obligation to the organization, which will be constituted by the payment of annual dues in an amount determined by the organization's executive council. The deadline for fulfilling these financial obligations is at the regularly scheduled meeting immediately preceding a general election.

Section 3: Dues. Dues shall remain as set in the beginning of the fall semester to the first meeting of the following fall semester.

Article IV: Executive Council

Section 1: Composition. The executive council of North Carolina State University College Democrats will be composed of a president, vice president, director of communication, director of finance, and director of logistics which will be elected by the membership at large and a six member Cabinet which will be appointed by the five elected executive council members.

Section 2: Duties and responsibilities. It is the responsibility of all members of the executive council to enforce and uphold the provisions of these bylaws. Other duties of the executive council will be outlined elsewhere in this document. Other duties of these offices will be outlined in an executive council handbook that will be prepared by the executive council.

Section 3: Decision-making within the executive council. Each office or its proxy (see Appendix 1) on the executive council will cast one vote (regardless of the number of individuals holding the office) with majority ruling in any case unless otherwise specified by these bylaws. Should members in a jointly held presidency be unable to reach a consensus on any vote, they will abstain from the vote. In the event of a tie due to abstention or absence, the president will cast the deciding vote. In the event of a tie coinciding with the absence or abstention of the president, the next highest present officer (in descending order of vice president, director of communications, director of finance, and director of logistics) will cast the deciding vote.

Section 4: Executive Council Meetings. The executive council will meet at a mutually agreed upon time and place at a minimum of once every two weeks during fall and spring semesters. Special meetings of the executive council may be called, but no binding action may be taken unless two-thirds of the council or their proxies are present.

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of all members of the executive council to enforce and uphold the provisions of these bylaws. Other duties and responsibilities of these officers will be outlined in the Appendix of these Bylaws and the executive council handbook that will be amended, if necessary, by the new administration. This handbook will be distributed to the new executive cabinet during the third scheduled meeting of the semester when the directorships are announced. This handbook will be available to the general membership upon request and shall be published with these bylaws on the North Carolina State University College Democrats website.

Article V: Election of Officers

Section 1: Qualifications. Any full-time or part-time student member in good standing for at least thirty days previous to nomination is eligible to hold office. Each office will be occupied by only one person unless the prospective officeholders are nominated and run for election as a team, in which case it is permissible for two people to hold office jointly.

Section 2: Nominations. Nominations will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting immediately preceding elections. Additional nominations may be taken immediately prior to election with consent of a simple majority of the present membership. Only members present may be nominated immediately prior to an election. Candidates may be nominated for multiple offices.

Section 3: Elections. Elections will take place at the last regularly scheduled meeting in November to become effective at the first regularly scheduled meeting in January. The first voting will not occur until at least fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of the meeting.

Section 4: Voting. All elections will be conducted by secret ballot. The candidate receiving a majority in an election will be declared the winner. When no majority exists, the two

candidates with the most votes will participate in a run-off election. In the event of a tie, the election will be decided by moving the election from within the general membership meeting to the general membership listserv, in which an announcement will be sent out to the members via email. In this email, each candidate will be able to issue a statement concerning his or her candidacy. Dues paying members will be able to vote for a candidate via email to the secretary before the next regularly scheduled meeting, when the results will be announced. In the case of a tie, the election will then be decided by a coin toss in which the candidates whose last name occurs first in alphabetical order will be designated "heads."

Article VI: Cabinet

Section 1: Composition. The six Cabinet offices of North Carolina State University College Democrats will be decided by the Executive Council.

Section 2: Selection. The newly elected officers will meet immediately after elections and prepare applications for Cabinet positions to be distributed at the first regularly scheduled meeting in December. The application will be due at the next regularly scheduled meeting and the selections will be announced at the next regularly scheduled meeting after completed applications are turned in. For the fall semester, applications will be distributed at the first regularly scheduled meeting. They will be due at the second regularly scheduled meeting and selections will be announced at the third regularly scheduled meeting. Each officer will cast one vote; in the event of a tie, the president casts the deciding vote. Any Cabinet appointment is subject to majority approval of the general membership in good standing at the meeting at which selections are announced.

Section 3: Cabinet offices will be named Director of National Government, Associate Director of National Government, Director of State Government, and Associate Director of State Government, Director of Local Government, and Associate Director of Local Government. The duty of these offices will be explained Appendix 2.

Article VII: Vacancies

Section 1: Special Elections. Such vacancies as may occur in any elected office will be filled by the president on an interim basis. At the first general membership meeting following the vacancy, the president will advise the membership of the need for a special election, which will occur at the following meeting. All nomination and election procedures will be followed as outlined in Article V.

Section 2: Presidential Vacancy. In the event the office of the president becomes vacant, the vice president will temporarily assume the duties of president. The vice president will then provide for the announcement and execution of a special election as outlined in Article VII, Section 1.

Section 3: Jointly Held Offices and Vacancy. When one of two persons jointly holding an office chooses to vacate the office, the other officeholder must also vacate the office. New elections will be held as outlined in Article IV, Section 1 and 2.

Section 4: Cabinet Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the Cabinet, the deputy will be made director by a two-thirds vote of the executive council. If there is no deputy or the current deputy declines the appointment, the executive council will appoint a general member in good standing by two-thirds vote of the executive council.

Article VIII: Removal

Section 1: Grounds for Removal. There are two separate categories of grounds for removal from office: violation of the executive council attendance policy and miscarriage of duty.

Section 2: Executive Attendance. All members of the executive council and other appointed positions are expected to abide by the executive council attendance policy as outlined in Appendix 1 of this bylaws document. Violation of the policy is grounds for an automatic impeachment hearing, as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4.

Section 3: Miscarriage of Duty. Non-attendance based grounds for removal include (but are not necessarily limited to) failure to carry out the requirements of office as outlined in this document or in the executive council handbook, fraud, perjury, embezzlement, or conviction of a felony.

Section 4: Procedure. The impeachment procedure is initiated either automatically by the Executive Attendance Policy or by filing a written complaint with the president describing the nature of the miscarriage of duty signed by at least ten percent of the membership in good standing. Notice of impeachment must be given at the first general membership meeting following initiation of the motion, with impeachment proceedings to be held at the following regularly scheduled meeting. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members in good standing present shall be required for removal from office. In the event the officer under impeachment cannot be reached by that time, the impeachment vote will be postponed until the following regularly scheduled meeting, at which a vote will take place regardless of the presence of the impeached officer.

Section 5: Impeachment of the president. If the officer under impeachment is the president, the vice president will perform the functions assigned to the president in Article VIII, Section 4.

Article IX: Government

Section 1: Meetings. The organizations will hold weekly general membership meetings during the regular academic year. A quorum of 25% of members in good standing will be required for

binding action on the business of the organization.

Section 2: Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a general membership meeting when fourteen days prior notice of the prospective amendment is given. When no previous notice is given, any amendment may be affected by a three-quarters vote of members in good standing. All amendments must be presented in written form.

Section 3: Parliamentary Authority. The following authorities in the following order of precedence will govern the proceedings of North Carolina State University College Democrats: these bylaws, rulings of a general membership meeting, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, and executive discretion.

Appendix 1: Executive Council Attendance Policy

Purpose: Participation and attendance of meetings by the executive council is vital to assure the effective administration of this organization.

Procedure: Each member of the executive council will be allowed three absences per semester from the executive council meetings and regularly scheduled meetings (cumulative). In the event a council member is absent from a meeting without sending a proxy (see below), one absence will be accrued by them. At such time that a council member accrues three absences, a written notice will be sent to the committee member by the president informing them that they have reached their allowable total of absences and that any further absence will result in the initiation of automatic impeachment proceedings. If the fourth absence is accrued, the motion of impeachment will be announced at the current regularly scheduled meeting (if the occurrence is at said meeting) or following regularly scheduled meeting (if the occurrence is at an executive council meeting). The impeachment motion will then follow the procedure outlined in Article VIII, Section 4. In the event an officer is acquitted at the impeachment hearing, an additional absence will result in the initiation of another automatic impeachment motion.

Exceptions: There are none. Any legitimate reasons for the absences can be addressed to the organization during the impeachment proceedings.

Proxies: If an executive council member has need to be absent from a meeting, they can send a proxy in their stead. The proxy is responsible for performing the day-to-day functions of the officer they are representing at that meeting. No absence will be recorded, but the gross misuse of the proxy system may justify the initiation of impeachment proceedings on the grounds of miscarriage of duty.

Appendix 2: County and State Elections Laws.

Purpose: All members will be informed of the provisions of state and county elections laws so

that no member knowingly violates these laws in the course of their work throughout the campaign season or on Election Day.

(f1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a county board of elections by unanimous vote of all its members may provide for one or more sites in that county for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast under this section. Any site other than the county board of elections office shall be in any building or part of a building that the county board of elections is entitled under G.S.163-129 to demand and use as a voting place. Every individual staffing any of those sites shall be a member or full-time employee of the county board of elections or an employee of the county board of elections whom the board has given training equivalent to that given a full-time employee. Those sites must be approved by the State Board of Elections as part of a Plan for Implementation approved by both the county board of elections and by the State Board of Elections which shall also provide adequate security of the ballots and provisions to avoid allowing persons to vote who have already voted. The Plan for Implementation shall include a provision for the presence of political party observers at each one-stop site equivalent to the provisions in G.S. 163-45 for party observers at voting places on Election Day.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF
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Revised September 1987

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4/12/57

CONSTITUTION OF THE
YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATE COLLEGE, WAKE COUNTY
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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Section 3. This organization shall be influenced and guided by policies of the Democratic Party of North Carolina expressed in convention action.

Article V--Membership

Section 1. There may be two classes of membership, active, and honorary.

Section 2. Any person above the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty who professes and demonstrates allegiance to the principles of the Democratic Party shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 3. Democrats over forty years of age shall be eligible for honorary membership provided they have rendered service of outstanding character in the advancement of the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party.

Article VI--Officers

Section 1. The officers of the club shall consist of a president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be in addition of such special duties as are elsewhere stated in this constitution, such duties as are customarily allocated and attributed to and performed by similar officers in similar organizations of clubs.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of all regular members present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the club thirty days or more before the annual Young Democratic State Convention and shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until the election and qualification of their successors. Above date may be altered to fit inter campus elections held at State College.

Article VII--Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an executive committee composed of the following Major elected officers, and all others that the President may deem necessary.
Section 2. Meeting of the executive committee shall be held at such time and place as the President or Executive Committee shall deem necessary.
Section 3. The President may appoint other committees as the club may deem necessary or advisable.

Article VIII--Meetings

Section 1. The Regular meetings of the club shall be held once a month during non election years and twice a month during election years.
Section 2. Special meetings of the club shall be held upon such occasions as the President or Executive Committee deem necessary.

Article IX--Dues

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee and no fee charged for initiation into the club.
Section 2. Each member of the club shall pay an annual membership fee or dues in the sum of \$1.00 to be collected by the Treasurer.

Article X--Voting Qualifications

Upon the election of officers and members of the Executive Committee, and upon the consideration of other matter or question put to a vote, only regular members whose dues are not delinquent shall be entitled to vote.

Article XI--By-Laws

The club may adopt such by-laws as from time to time, it shall deem necessary. By-laws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the regular meeting or at such special meeting called by those qualified.

Article XII--Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote affirmative at a regular meeting by legitimate members.

This constitution adopted on _____, 1956 before a regular meeting by eligible members present.

Constitution Committee: Bert M. Kalot, Chuck Martin, and Bob Lync.
Written 17 March 1956

(Note)

200 copies of the constitution were prepared on April 12, 1957 so the Young Democratic Club members of North Carolina State College may better familiarize themselves with their club, party, and governmental system.