

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA
(Approved May 1, 2001)

PREAMBLE

In order to promote a better America, with equality, opportunity, and freedom within a just and strong society, we dedicate ourselves to organizing the participation of Democratic College students at Auburn University. As college students, we call for action based on principles and for principles backed by action. As Democrats, we pledge ourselves to continue the great thoughts of our Party and to bring forth new ideas to keep the traditions alive. As Citizens of today and leaders of the future, we shall strive to shape our Party, communities, states, and nation. In this mission, we call for full participation without regard to ethnic origin, physical handicap, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

Understanding the importance of participation in the Democratic Party to the preservation of our values and principles, we pledge to help to organize and activate the latent people power of our nation's Democratic students to further the philosophy of the Democratic Party.

For these ends and upon these principles, we, Democratic college students, do hereby associate ourselves and adopt this Constitution as the Auburn University College Democrats.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Auburn University College Democrats affiliated with the College Democrats of America and the Alabama Democratic Party.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Auburn University College Democrats of America is to stimulate in students an active interest in governmental affairs, increase the efficiency of popular government to foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party, to encourage statesmanship, to aid the Democratic Party, to provide through its administration the highest degree of justice and social welfare, and to serve as a voice for the young people of Alabama within the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1– Eligibility.

Membership shall be open to any college student currently enrolled at Auburn University who wishes to be known as a College Democrat regardless of sex, race, ethnic origin, physical handicap, sexual orientation, religion, or socioeconomic status.

Section 2- Liability- The Auburn University College Democrats shall not be liable for the unauthorized acts of any of its members unless so ratified by the Auburn University College Democrats Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1- The Executive Council is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Campaign Director, and Social Director.

Section 2- The Executive Council shall have general authority and responsibility for the ongoing affairs of the Auburn University College Democrats. Executive Council decisions may only be overruled if three members of the Executive Council vote to bring the issue before the members, who then vote by a secret ballot. If the vote is of two-thirds (2/3) majority the decision is overruled.

Section 3- The Executive Council shall meet once per month prior to each general membership meeting or as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 4- A quorum of the Executive Council shall be noted when a minimum of four of the Executive Council members are present in person.

Section 5- Elections for the new Executive Council shall take place in the Spring Semester at a time determined by the Executive Council. Only people who have been active in the organization for over thirty days shall be eligible to vote or run for office in the Spring election. After each candidate for an office has spoken for no more than five minutes, the members who are present will elect a winner by a simple majority vote. Should no candidate receive a majority, a runoff will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The process will be repeated for the election for each office.

Section 6- An Executive Council member may be removed in the following manner.

- 6.1 Cause for removal shall be defined as malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of assigned duties, being convicted of a felony, or upon other grounds found by all of the members of the Executive Council to constitute good and sufficient cause.
- 6.2 To begin the process for removal, another member of the Executive Council must charge the officer with the reasons for his/her removal at a meeting of the Executive Council. The officer in question must be offered an opportunity at that meeting to defend his/herself. At the next meeting of the Executive council, the issue will be put to a vote. Five of the other six members of the Executive Council must vote for removal for an officer to be removed.

Section 7- A vacancy shall be declared when a member of the Executive Council dies, resigns, or is removed from office. If the vacancy occurs in an Executive Council position other than the President, the President shall appoint a successor with the majority consent of the remaining Executive Council. If the vacancy is the President, then the Vice President is the automatic replacement.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1- President:

- 1.1 Shall be the Chief Executive of the Auburn University College Democrats.
- 1.2 Act as the official representative to other groups and the media.
- 1.3 Define the agenda of the organization for his/her tenure.
- 1.4 Carry out the mandates, policies, and directions of the Executive Council.
- 1.5 Appoint after appropriate consultation with and subject to reconsideration by the Executive Council at any meeting subsequent to such an appointment standing and ad-hoc committees as s/he deems necessary.
- 1.6 Preside over all official meetings.

Section 2- Vice President:

- 2.1 As the Events Director, take charge of coordinating educational and political events.
- 2.2 Assume the office of President if the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties.
- 2.3 Perform such duties as the Executive Council or the President may assign.

Section 3- Secretary:

- 3.1 Make all necessary preparations for organizational meetings and record and distribute all minutes of meetings in a neat and timely fashion.
- 3.2 Perform such duties as the Executive Council or President may assign or are customarily performed by a Secretary.

Section 4- Treasurer

- 4.1 Direct fund raising activities.
- 4.2 Maintain complete records of all expenditures and receipts.
- 4.3 Perform such duties as the Executive Council of the President may assign or are customarily performed by a Treasurer.

Section 5- Membership Director:

- 5.1- Coordinate all membership drives.
- 5.2- Maintain an accurate list of all members.
- 5.3. Coordinate any outreach or recruitment efforts to maintain diversity within the group.
- 5.4 Perform such duties as the Executive Council or the President may assign.

Section 6- Campaign Director:

- 6.1 Coordinate the participation of members in all of the Democratic Campaigns- local, state or national.
- 6.2- Appoint Directors from the Auburn University College Democrats to assist specific campaigns as necessary.
- 6.3 Perform such duties as the Executive Council or the President may assign.

Section 7- Social Director:

- 7.1 Organize all social events of the club.
- 7.2 Perform such duties as the Executive Council or the President may assign.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members.