

**College Democrats / Young Democrats of Allegheny College  
Constitution**

**ARTICLE I  
Definition**

**Section 1: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the College Democrats / Young Democrats of Allegheny College.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The College Democrats / Young Democrats of Allegheny College shall have four main objectives:

- A. To promote among members of the Allegheny community an increased understanding and awareness of national, state, and local elections.
- B. To make available information on individual candidates of all political parties to members of the Allegheny community.
- C. To provide an opportunity for discussion of political topics and related issues.
- D. To provide an organization through which interested students can become involved in campaigns and local Democratic Party work.

**ARTICLE II  
Membership**

**Section 1: Definition**

Membership shall be open to any member of the student body, the faculty, or the administration of Allegheny College.

**Section 2: Status**

Active members shall be those who attend at least two-thirds of the total number of meetings held during a semester. To remain active, members shall also indicate that they are interested in the organization, keep correspondence about the schedule of events, and contribute to the direction of the organization.

**ARTICLE III  
Executive Committee**

**Section 1: Definition**

The executive committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Should the group be small enough, the President and Vice President, shall discuss combining the duties of Secretary and Treasurer under one position, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 2: Duties of Officers**

The duties of the officers shall be as follows.

- A. President shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Preside over meetings.
  - b. Correspondence between this organization and any other student, faculty, or administrative committee.
  - c. Coordination of events and meetings and the overseeing of the activities of all officers and members of the organization.
- B. Vice President shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Preside over meetings in the absence of the President
  - b. To perform all presidential duties at the request of the President
  - c. Carry out other such assignments as the President may prescribe.
- C. Secretary shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. The taking and distribution of minutes and the taking of attendance at all meetings.
  - b. Notifying members of all meetings and events.
  - c. Maintain current mailing and membership lists.
  - d. Carry out other such assignments as the President may prescribe.

- D. Treasurer shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Maintain an accurate record of the budget and all transactions.
  - b. Correspond with ASG on budgetary and monetary matters.
  - c. Carry out other such assignments as the President may prescribe.

### **Section 3: Removal of Officers**

Any officer may be impeached and removed from office if a majority of the active members vote to do so. The officer in question shall be given a sufficient reason for removal and given ample opportunity to address the charges against him/her before a formal vote for removal.

### **Section 4: Vacancies and Succession**

In the case of a vacancy on the executive committee, the following applies. If the office of President is vacant, the Vice President will assume the Presidency and appoint a Vice President who must be confirmed by a majority of the members. If any other executive position is vacant, the President shall appoint someone (from the current membership) with the majority of the membership confirming the appointment.

## **Article IV Voting and Elections**

### **Section 1: Voting**

The quorum necessary for voting shall be 50% of the members present plus one. All issues and proposals shall be resolved or approved by a majority of the members present.

### **Section 2: Organization of Elections**

A. Elections shall be run and ballots counted by two active members who are not running for any office and are appointed by the President with consent of the entire Executive Committee.

B. Elections must be announced to all members. A series of nominations will take place to name the candidates. All candidates for office shall be allotted equal time in at least one regular meeting in order to address the membership.

C. All voting shall be done via voice, standing, or secret ballot. The manner of voting shall be determined by a majority of those members present.

D. Elections shall be held at the beginning of each Spring Semester. The President shall decide on the specific date and time. All active members shall be told of elections three weeks before the meeting in which the voting occurs.

E. All members shall be eligible to hold office.

F. No proxy votes shall be accepted. Winners of elections shall be determined by a plurality of votes of those present.

## **Article V Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution shall occur only after discussion at one regularly scheduled meeting with quorum. A three-fourths vote of those present will send any amendments to the Rules Committee of ASG for review who will then choose whether to recommend the proposed changes to the ASG Senate. The Senate will then vote on the confirmation of the proposed amendments.