

# **Constitution of the Hendrix College Young Democrats**

## **Preamble**

We, the Young Democrats of Hendrix College, do hereby establish this charter in order to further the ideologies of the Young Democrats of America, College Democrats of America, and the Democratic Party.

## **Article I. Purpose**

The Hendrix College Young Democrats chapter exists for the betterment of Hendrix College as a whole. First, it serves to educate the students, faculty, and staff at Hendrix College about the issues that concern the Democratic Party. Second, it serves to stimulate young men and women to gain an active interest in government affairs at the local, state, national, and international levels. Lastly, it serves to promote the ideals of the Democratic Party and to help elect Democratic candidates as a whole.

## **Article II. Membership**

**Section I.** Membership into the Hendrix College Young Democrats will be open to any and all enrolled students at Hendrix College. Membership does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

**Section II.** Membership will be determined by the payment of dues. The Executive Committee of the Hendrix College Chapter shall decide during the spring term on whether or not dues will or will not be collected in the upcoming academic year.

**Section III.** All members of the Hendrix College Young Democrats will have full voting rights in all meetings, whether regular or special.

## **Article III. Officers**

**Section I.** All officers will be elected by a majority vote of all present members during a regularly scheduled meeting. Officers shall be elected for one year, with no limit on the number of terms that an officer can be elected to a particular office. No officer will be elected to more than one executive office of the Hendrix College Young Democrats during an academic year.

**Section II.** The titles and duties of all elected Executive Committee members are as follows.

- A. The President will preside over the business of and make appointments to the Executive Committee, prepare and distribute agenda materials, and serve as a representative of the Hendrix College Young Democrats to its sponsors (Hendrix College, the Young Democrats of Arkansas, and the College Democrats of Arkansas). He or she will be a member of the Young Democrats of Arkansas State Committee in accordance with the Young Democrats of Arkansas Constitution and Bylaws. The President or his or her designee will chair all meetings of the Hendrix College Young Democrats. The President shall only vote in case of a tie.

- B. The Vice President will serve as President should the office become vacated until an election is held. The Vice President is permitted to run in the election after vacating the office. The Vice President will be responsible for membership development and sustainability. The Vice President will be responsible for choosing, organizing and conducting community service projects. The Vice President will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- C. The Publicity Director will publicize meetings and special events on campus. He or she shall be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee. He or she will publicize meetings and special events in the surrounding Conway Community and State of Arkansas.
- D. The Canvassing, Campaign and Events Coordinator will communicate with any ongoing campaigns and will be responsible for the organization of chapter activities to be held at each meeting. The Canvassing, Campaign and Events Coordinator will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee and will be responsible for planning and executing the Hendrix College annual Young Democrats Political Awareness Week held in the fall term of each year.
- E. The Treasurer will maintain the chapter's financial records and deliver a financial report to the chapter and Executive Committee during the course of each meeting. The Treasurer will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- F. The Historian will record the history of the Hendrix College Young Democrats in the form of a collection of pictures, agenda materials, receipts, media clippings, fliers, and bulletins. The Historian will include the minutes of each meeting in his or her annual report submitted to the Executive Committee. He or she will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- G. The Secretary will record the minutes of meetings (both Regular and Executive,) and will submit the minutes for review at the next respective meeting. He or she will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- H. The Communications Director will be in charge of maintaining membership records and contacting members via email and facebook (and by whatever new means of communication may be necessary, as directed by the Executive Committee.) The Communications Director will notify the membership two meetings (or four weeks) in advance of an election. He or she will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- I. Two New Student Representatives will be elected by the membership to serve as voting members of the Hendrix College Executive Committee. They are responsible for promoting new student attendance and carrying out projects assigned to them by the Executive Committee.
- J. The Fundraising Director will be responsible for planning and executing fund raising activities as directed by the Executive Committee. He or she will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.

- K. The Campus Club and Outreach Liaison will communicate with other student organizations if the Young Democrats hold events with other clubs or student groups. He or she will help foster positive relations with other clubs and with the Hendrix community. He or she will be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee.
- L. Any Hendrix Young Democrats who are elected to positions in the leadership of the Young Democrats of Arkansas or the Arkansas College Democrats (e.g. Executive officers, State Committee, Executive Committee) will serve in an advisory position on the Hendrix College Young Democrats Executive Committee. He or she will not be a voting member of the Hendrix College Executive Committee, unless he or she holds another (voting) office within Hendrix Young Democrats. All voting members of the Hendrix College Young Democrats Executive Committee will have only one (1) vote per person.

#### **Article IV. Function**

**Section I.** This Article (IV) shall consist of suggested functions of the Hendrix College Young Democrats and this article declared an amendable set of bylaws subject to change by any Executive Committee.

**Section II.** The following is a list of those projects carried out by the Hendrix College Young Democrats on an annual basis:

- A. Activities Fair
- B. Family Weekend
- C. One Fund-raiser per term
- D. Political Awareness Week
- E. One service project per term
- F. Orientation Flyer- Student Activities
- G. Senate Primary Debates

#### **Article V. Elections**

**Section I.** In order to have a transition team in place during the summer, elections for President and Vice President will be held between March 15 and the last day of classes during the spring semester. The President and Vice President will take office on the last day of finals and their terms will last for one (1) year. All other elections will be held at the beginning of the year, at a time and date set by the current members of the Executive Committee. Terms for all other offices will last for one (1) year.

**Section II.** All officers will be elected by a majority of those present at the announced time and place. Votes are to be taken by secret ballot or conducted by other method designated appropriate by those present. In the absence of a majority, a run-off election between the two candidates with the most votes will take place. The candidate receiving the majority of the run-off votes will be named the winner.

**Section III.** Any officer of the Executive Committee not fulfilling his or her duties as outlined in Article III of this constitution will, upon the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee, be removed from office. Any member of the Hendrix College Young Democrats may appeal this action during the following business meeting

**Article VI. Amendments**

**Section I.** The Hendrix College Young Democrats constitution and Bylaws will be ratified and amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

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