CONSTITUTION
and
BY-LAWS
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

The name of this organization shall be the University of Dubuque College Republicans.

Article I

MEMBERSHIP
Section I. Those University of Dubuque students who are registered as Republican or have Republican leanings at the time of gaining admission to the above group, are eligible to become members of said group.

Section II. Members are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings, support Republican candidates for office, participate in candidates’ campaigns, help the local party in its efforts during campaign (election) times, and maintain public support of Republican candidates.

Section III. Members must maintain good academic standing.

Section IV. Members who are desirous of resigning from the group need only to submit a letter so stating that fact.

Section V. Honorary status may also be granted to elected Republican officials, if it is the desire of the membership.

Article II

OFFICERS
Section I. The officers of the University of Dubuque College Republicans shall be Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II. The officers shall be elected by the members of the organization at a meeting in April, and assume office at the beginning of the subsequent school year.

Section III. The officers shall discharge the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority of this organization, i.e., Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised.

a. The chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the organization and serve as its spokesperson. The chairperson shall provide leadership and direction necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the College Republicans, subject to the provisions of the By-Laws. The chairperson may, after consultation with the Executive Board, establish special committees as needed.
b. The co-chairperson shall assist the chairperson in the fulfillment of his/her duties and assume those duties in the absence of the chairperson.

c. The secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings of the College Republicans or the executive board meeting, and chair meetings in the absence of the chairperson or co-chairperson. The secretary is also responsible for communications.

d. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records, and shall chair meetings in the absence of the chairperson, co-chairperson, or secretary.

e. The above mentioned officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section IV. The Executive Board will transact routine business and act in the name of the organization when access to the entire group is not possible.

Section V. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chairperson, the co-chairperson shall call a meeting of the club for the purpose of electing a new chairperson. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of co-chairperson, secretary, or treasurer, the chairperson will call a meeting of the club to fill that position. Vacancies must be filled within thirty (30) days.

Section VI. An officer may be removed by a majority vote of the club for just cause, i.e., lack of attention to duties, violation of Article I, Section II. Paper ballots will be used.

Section VII. The membership should be notified at least ten (10) days in advance of an election.

ARTICLE III

ADVISOR(S)

The advisor(s) for the College Republicans will be staff/faculty members who embrace the tenets of membership set forth in Article I, Sections I and II.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section I. Meetings will be held at least monthly during the school year, and will be called by the chairperson or co-chairperson.

Section II. Special meetings will be convened on written call of the chairperson, executive board.
Section III. Notice of each meeting will be conveyed by written communication at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

Section IV. A quorum to conduct business will consist of 1 executive board member and 3 people from the general membership.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by a majority vote of the University of Dubuque College Republicans. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof shall be forwarded to the members of the group at least five (5) days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

ARTICLE V

RATIFICATION

The by-laws shall be ratified upon a majority vote of the petitioners who are present at the ratification meeting to establish the University of Dubuque College Republicans. The vote will be handled by paper ballot.