

Constitution of the Democracy University Chapter of the Collegiate Society of America

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the Democracy University Chapter of the Collegiate Society of America, in order to encourage student participation in the democratic process, to create good and informed citizens, to create the next generation of leaders and to promote interest in government hereby establish this Chapter.

Article I: Name of Chapter

The name of this chapter shall be the "Democracy University Chapter of the Collegiate Society of America."

Article II: Membership

Membership will be granted to any student regardless of race, sex, religion, political affiliation, political views, gender, sexual orientation, or age, who is attending Democracy University.

Article III: Officers

Section I: Any member of the chapter can run for office.

Section II: If a member wishes to run for an office, he or she needs to notify the president during the last meeting before Spring Break.

Section III: A member of the chapter can only run for one (1) office per election.

Section IV: The elections for officers will be held two weeks after Spring Break. Election will be by secret ballot with each member having one vote for each office. At least 2/3 of chapter membership must be present for an election.

Section V: For each office, the candidate receiving the majority of votes will be declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate that received the fewest votes gets dropped from the election and a second election will be held. This process shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes.

Section VI: The terms of officers shall start June 1 and end the following May 31. In the case of a vacant position of an elected office, the succession plan listed in the office descriptions will go into place, however, if this fails to solve the vacancy, the President may appoint a replacement elected officer with the approval of at least 1/2 of the chapter membership. If the President resigns or is impeached, the Vice President shall become President.

Section VII: There shall be four (4) elected offices:

A: President- The President is the chief executive of the chapter and is responsible for representing the chapter at all events. The President will preside over all meetings and be a member of all committees. He or she is responsible for the continued functioning of the chapter and for communicating with CSAmerica headquarters in regards to CSAmerica events. The President can appoint other officers as members of his or her cabinet as the need arises.

B: Vice President- The Vice President assists the President in running the chapter. The Vice-President becomes President if there is a vacancy in that position.

C: Treasurer- The treasurer is responsible for chapter's finances. The treasurer is responsible for raising funds for the chapter from the student government and through other means. The treasurer will also collect convention registration costs from members.

D: Secretary- The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at meetings and coordinating chapter registration for conventions.

Section VIII: Any officer may be removed (impeached) by a 2/3 vote of present chapter members. At least 3/4 of chapter membership must be present for such a vote and of those 3/4 at least 2/3 must favor removing an officer. A vote for removing an officer must have two weeks notification to the President.

Article IV: Activities

Section I: The chapter shall meet every other week during the school year unless the President decides for some circumstance a meeting should not be held. Regardless of circumstances, the chapter must meet at least three times during a two-month period unless that month has an extended school break in it.

Section II: In order for a vote to take place on any binding resolution or issue at least 8 chapter members must be present. Exceptions to this rule are that for elections and votes on amendments 3/4 of chapter members must be present and for a recall vote 3/4 of chapter members must be present.

Section III: The chapter can create committees on a certain topic with a 2/3 vote of present members in favor of the creation of the committee.

Section IV: The chapter can pass a resolution on a topic as long as it doesn't violate Section V of Article IV with a 2/3 vote of present members.

Section V: This chapter will not support any political candidate or political ideas and will stay non-partisan. The chapter may take a stand on a school issue or other issue as long as it does not involve supporting a certain political candidate, party, cause, or idea.

Article V: Amendments

Section I: This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote as long as 3/4 of chapter membership is present.

Section II: The first meeting in April (whether in the first or second week) will be dedicated to reviewing the constitution to see if any changes need to be made.

Article VI: Ratification

This constitution shall take effect upon ratification by a 2/3 vote of chapter membership.