

Article I: Mission Statement

The Bruin Republicans, hereafter referred to as “the Club,” is committed to an independent and intellectual path toward political reflection, dialogue, and activism. The primary purposes of the Club are to offer students a community for political discussion and to provide members with opportunities to participate in the political system.

The Bruin Republicans seeks to employ a multifaceted approach to political engagement. As a programming body, we are dedicated to organizing campus events that spark conversation and advocate for political causes. As an intellectual body, we are committed to enhancing the political culture on campus by increasing ideological discourse and promoting an open marketplace of ideas and opinions. We advocate for and seek to establish a healthy political climate that fosters calm debate and constructive dialogue on campus. Through this advocacy, we hope to promote holistic education and to ultimately expand political awareness and activism. The Club seeks to engage students from all ends of the political spectrum and welcomes members who identify with any political ideology or partisan background. In fact, the broad diversity of opinions held by our members and leaders is a fundamental quality of our endeavor to promote intellectual discourse.

We, the Bruin Republicans, are dedicated to the causes of free speech and individual responsibility. Through the promotion of educated debate and political engagement, we aim to provide students of UCLA with a challenging but inclusive political community.

Article II – Membership & Quorums

Section I: Non-Discrimination and UCLA Policies

1. As signed to at the Student Organizations Leadership & Engagement (SOLE)

- a. Policies outlined at <http://www.sole.ucla.edu/policies/>

Section 2: Meetings

1. The Club shall meet no less than five times per UCLA academic quarter of regular school session and shall meet according to requirements as defined in Art. III, Sec. 10 to conduct the business of the Club. Official meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the entire Board of Directors. During Club meetings only members in good standing shall have voting rights.

Section 3: Quorum

1. The presence of a majority of the members (for a meeting), or empowered board members (for a board meeting) shall constitute a quorum. Once attained, quorum cannot be lost.

Section 4: Members in good standing, defined.

1. A member in good standing shall be a current UCLA student and have attended a minimum of 3 General Meetings or Events beginning with the first meeting of the school year.
2. The Secretary must keep detailed and contemporary records of all attendance and voting for view upon request by any member of the executive board.
3. The constitution should not be construed to grant anybody the ability to suspend voting requirements.

Article III – Board of Directors

Section 1: Powers of the Club shall be delineated to the Board of Directors, to its individual officers, and to signatory board members and non-signatory board members.

1. The following powers are assigned to the board, and may be exercised by a majority vote of the board:

- Make decisions by voting (majority unless otherwise specified), in any case in which the constitution specifically calls for a board vote or decision.
- Make decisions on behalf of the club as part of an official board meeting, when said decisions must be made before a general meeting can occur.

2. The following powers are assigned to all signatory (President, Internal Vice President, and External Vice President) *Executive Board* members:

- Constitutes a board position counted for purposes of the quorum requirement.
- May participate in board votes.
- Should represent the club, and should ensure that the Daily Bruin has their contact information on file.
- Has access to the club email account.
- May, collectively, decide on a course of action for the club in the case that the decision must be made before a general meeting can take place and a quorum of the entire board is unable to be contacted.
- May, individually, provide provisional consent on behalf of the club in the case that a decision is deemed unlikely to be controversial. Provisional consent allows preparation for a course of action, pending approval by the club as described elsewhere in this document.
- Is one of the three signatories on file at the SOLE Office. Has all the privileges and responsibilities implied by that designation.

- May nominate coordinators for appointment by the board to help them with tasks. These coordinators cannot vote in board decisions, unless they are designated as a temporary proxy for their patron board member.

3. The following powers are assigned to all non-signatory *General Board* members

- Constitutes a board position counted for purposes of the quorum requirement.
- May participate in board votes.
- May represent the club under certain limited circumstances.
- May nominate for appointment by the board one or more Coordinators to aid them in specific tasks. This should not be construed to grant the power to simply appoint board members without well-defined duties or those not necessary for the proper functioning of the club. Coordinators nominated via this process cannot vote in board decisions unless they serve as a proxy for their patron member.

Section 2: The following shall be the members of the Board of Directors, and possess all the powers listed below. The enumeration of powers to each member of the Board is not to be construed as a restriction on cooperation and coordination by several members. All members of the Board are responsible for the Club and must be open to sharing responsibilities otherwise not enumerated in the following section.

1. President

- Presides over all Club and Board meetings.
- Serves as chief executive officer of the Club.
- Appoints Coordinators, Committees and their Presidents.

2. Internal Vice-President

- Serves as the presiding officer of the club in the absence of the President.

- Serves as the primary liaison to on-Campus events, groups, organizations, and school bodies.
- Appoints Coordinators, Committees and their Presidents.

3. External Vice-President

- Serves as the presiding officer of the club in the absence of the President and the Internal Vice President.
- Serves as the primary liaison to off-Campus events, groups, organizations, and political bodies.
- Appoints Coordinators, Committees and their Presidents.

4. Issues Director

- Is informed on recent policy and required to keep up to date on current political events that pertain to Republicans or the Club.
- Helps guide discussion on club policy and events.
- Serves as a liaison, along with the Internal Vice President, to campus groups in order to organize and host campus debates.

5. Administrative Director

- Records the minutes at all meetings, including attendance and a current roster of members in good standing.
- Records notes and administrative documentation for Board meetings
- Is the first to respond to and maintain the Club email account
- Serves as Club historian, creating a list of events and meeting topics to which future years' boards will have access for deliverance to their successor.
- Maintains voter rolls and has records available upon request.

6. Financial Director

- Maintains the financial records for the Club.
- Must be prepared to present the most recent financial statements at each and every official meeting.
- Coordinates fund-raising efforts.
- Fills out any financial related documents related to events or student funding (SOOF e.g.).

7. Events Director

- Ensures that food and drink are available at meetings when the club deems necessary.
- Is responsible for planning club events of both social and formal nature, whether internal or open to the general public.

8. Outreach Director

- Is primarily responsible for promoting Club visibility on campus and increasing membership of the Club
- Must be prepared to report on updates regarding outreach to new and prospective members
- Is the primary officer tasked with organizing and conducting tabling for the Enormous Activities Fair and other related events

Section 3: Special Appointments and Confirmation

1. This list of constitutional positions and ways in which new positions may be added is exhaustive. Another position may only be added by a majority vote of the board and confirmation by 2/3rds of members in good standing present at a general meeting. In

usual circumstances new board members will have all powers corresponding to non-signatory General Board members.

2. All appointments made to fill a position on the Board of Directors must be approved by a majority of the Board, and board members may be nominated by any board member unless otherwise noted.

Section 4: Election Timing and Procedure

1. Elections must take place by the end of the UCLA Undergraduate Academic Spring Quarter.
2. A member running for office or voting in an election must be a member in good standing.
3. Elections must be presided over in an official manner, where members are given the opportunity to speak for or against a candidate while the candidates are not present in the room.
4. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot.
5. In the case of a tie vote, a second ballot shall be cast after additional time has been given for additional speakers.
6. In the case of a second tie vote, a third ballot shall be cast after additional time has been given for additional speakers.
7. In the case of a third tie, a ballot shall be cast by the current Executive Board to determine the winner.

Section 5: Election Challenges

1. If no challenge is filed in writing as to the legitimacy of an election, it becomes final at midnight of the day after the election. Written challenges may be construed as motions before the board to overturn the election, and must be voted on by midnight of the

following Friday or be dismissed. No board member may vote to overturn without the honest belief that rules have been violated in such a way that the election would otherwise have had a different outcome. Upon passage of this constitution, all previous claims with regard to failure to ratify a board are null and void.

Section 6: Inauguration

1. Officers assume their positions upon finalization of the results of the election.

Section 7: Vacancies

1. In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, the Internal Vice-President shall immediately assume the office and duties of President.
2. In the event of a vacancy of the office of either External or Internal Vice-President, the Administrative Director shall immediately assume the office and duties of Vice-President.
3. In the event of a vacancy in any office, with the exception of President and either Vice-President, the President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the Board. The majority of the board may alternatively vote to hold an election for the open seat only at the official meeting immediately following.

Section 8: Mandatory Requirements for Official Meetings of the Board and of the Club.

1. The Board and the Club shall convene when requested by the President or by a majority of the entire Board in writing, and has all the powers of the Club.
2. The term “presiding officer” shall be defined as the person who convenes and presides over the official meetings. If there is more than one presiding officer who performs either one or more of the tasks of convening and presiding over meetings, those individuals must collectively fulfill the obligations outlined in this Section herein or else be held

liable for the impeachment process outlined in Art. III, Sec. 11.C. The presiding officer or officers shall adhere to these mandatory requirements for club meetings, illustrated herein Art. III, Sec. 10. If the presiding officer or officers are determined to be in violation of Art. III, Sec. 10, proceedings for impeachment, and removal of presiding officer(s) may commence only as outlined in Article III, Sec. 11.

3. Any determination of violation of Art. III, Sec. 10 shall ultimately be made by a majority of signatures of the entire Board of Directors in writing. The presiding officer(s) shall call no less than five official Club meetings per UCLA undergraduate academic quarter of regular school session. Failure to reach quorum at any of the presiding officer(s)' convened Club meetings shall not count against the total official Club meetings convened by the presiding officer(s).
4. If the presiding officer chooses to cancel or amend a call for a Club meeting within the 48-hour period before the meeting, the cancellation or change must be approved by a majority of the Board.
5. The presiding officer(s) shall be allowed to make a relocation of venue (a room change) for the official Club meeting during emergencies, when the facility is already in use, or when the facility is unsuitable for meeting. A room change made by the presiding officer shall be exempt from the 48-hour requirements in Art. III, Sec. 10, Clause 5, as long as the presiding officer(s) provide for a decent, suitable room or venue to hold a Club meeting and direct all BR members to the new meeting room in a reasonable fashion.

Section 9: Impeachment

1. Any Officer other than the President or any other presiding officer may be removed from his position by a 2/3 vote of all members in good standing.

2. The President or any other presiding officer shall be removed immediately from his position, provided that 2/3 of the entire Board of Directors sign Articles of Impeachment and 2/3 of the members in good standing present at a general meeting vote to ratify them.
3. This clause should only be invoked in a time of club crisis and in response to highly significant malfeasance, and never for political or personal reasons.

Section 10: Automatic Approval

1. Any Officer is automatically removed from the Board if he or she misses 3 meetings in a row (any combination of General or Board meetings), or misses a total of 7 meetings beginning with the first meeting of the school year.
2. Removed officers may return to any office only through the usual reappointment procedures, except that if the process used does not include a popular vote, a majority of members in good standing may vote to block the appointment.
3. Board members may retain their positions if they take a quarter off from school, so long as that quarter does not constitute a break in club involvement, or if it involves work or internships for Republican or Conservative causes, organizations, or officials.

Section 11: Assumption of Office

1. The term of office of appointed and elected officers shall automatically end upon the completion of the Spring Quarter general election, when the new members of the Board of Directors take office.

Article IV – General Voting

1. The Club may form specific rules to govern itself by a majority vote, provided that the rules do not contradict the Constitution. Any ruling by the President may be overturned by a 2/3 vote by members in good standing and a majority vote of the Board.
2. The board reserves the power to appoint delegates to any organizing body for local, state, or national Republican conventions, general meetings, or elections including College Republican conventions, general meetings, or elections.

Article V – Parliamentary Procedure

The presiding officer may suspend parliamentary procedure at any time, unless such suspension meets with objection from at least one member in good standing. If such an objection is made, business shall immediately continue under standard parliamentary procedure.

Article VI – Judiciary Procedure and Constitutional Amendments

The President shall have the power to interpret all portions of the constitution except this article and is restricted by areas limited by “shall not be construed”, “should not be construed”, or “final say” clauses. Constitutional Amendments must be passed by a 2/3 vote by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – CONSTITUTION MUST BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST *within a week of request.*