

Constitution of TURNING POINT USA

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Article I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Turning Point USA.

Article II. PURPOSE

Turning Point USA's mission is to educate students about the importance of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and capitalism through innovative campus activism and non-partisan, thought-provoking discussion.

Article III. MEMBERS

Section 1. Persons interested in membership may join after paying dues and completing a membership form.

Section 2. Any currently registered University of Alabama student is eligible for membership.

Section 3. Annual dues of \$20 must be paid in order to be regarded as an active member, if dues are not paid then the member will be dropped for nonpayment of dues.

Section 4. To keep an active membership status, members must attend 50% of the meetings.

Section 5. Membership in Turning Point USA shall be open to all students of The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, national origin, color, age disability, gender identity or expression, sexual identity, or veteran status except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

Article IV. OFFICE

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers will be elected at the second to last meeting of the school year; nominations will be taken at the third to last meeting of the year. Only active members may nominate another active member for a specific position.

Section 3. Voting will be done by secret ballot. The Treasurer will collect and tally all ballots. The President only votes in case of a tie.

Section 4. Officers will remain in office for one full year, starting from the time they are elected. If vacancies in office occur, nominations will be taken at a regular chapter meeting.

Section 5. To be eligible for office, a member must attend 75% of the meetings and be an active member for at least 1 year.

Section 6. The president is responsible for planning agendas, running and presiding over meetings, appointing committees, communicating regularly with the chapter advisor, and voting in case of a tie.

Section 7. The vice president is responsible for membership recruitment, social media, keeping notes of agendas and all business at meetings, maintaining a list of current members and

committees, approving the past meetings minutes before each meeting, and roll call at each meeting. The vice president will also take over the role of president in case of absence.
Section 8. The treasurer is responsible for collecting and depositing funds into the club account, keeping track of paid dues, keeping financial records, dispersing funds as directed by sponsor, and submitting monthly reports to the organization during meetings.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings will be held weekly at a time decided upon by the Executive Committee unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. At least 10 members must be present to conduct business.

Section 3. All regular meetings shall have an official agenda of things to be discussed.

Section 4. Special meetings and events with required attendance may be called by the Executive Committee. The purpose of the meeting or event will be stated in the notice and at least 3 days notice must be given unless it is an emergency situation.

Article VI. RELATIONSHIP

This chapter of Turning Point USA will have affiliation with the 501(c)3 non-profit national organization Turning Point USA.

Article VII. FINANCES

In the event that this Turning Point USA chapter becomes defunct or is terminated, all funds in the organization bank account shall be donated in full to the University of Alabama Student Organization Scholarship Fund and the bank account shall be officially closed.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of all officers. The Executive Committee must follow and uphold the by-laws in this document.

Section 2. Other committees may be organized by the Executive Committee if deemed necessary to further the work of the organization. Committee members will be appointed by the Executive Committee based on interest and activism in the organization.

Article IX. ADVISORS

Section 1. Advisors are appointed by the Executive Committee and will serve an unlimited term until he/she resigns, is removed from the position, or leaves the University of Alabama. The responsibilities of the faculty advisor are as follows:

- a. To serve as a mediator for the club. The level of involvement is up to him/her but he/she shall be made aware of and regularly updated on club events and happenings.
- b. Reviewing and signing Annual Reports and registration documents
- c. Providing consultation regarding budget decisions and planned events.
- d. Attending events and completing obligations required by The SOURCE and the University of Alabama

Section 2. Advisors may only be removed from their position by a unanimous vote from the Executive Committee. Advisors who wish to resign must submit a resignation letter to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. If an advisor resigns or is terminated, the Executive Council must immediately select a new advisor. This also must be done by unanimous vote.

Article X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

This organization shall follow the rules set forth by Robert's Rules of Order in all applicable cases.

Article XI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended during any regular meeting by at least $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. Amendments may be proposed by any active member but must be submitted in writing to the President at the previous meeting.

Article XII. BY-LAWS

By-laws may be added during any regular meeting by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. By-laws may be proposed by any active member but must be submitted in writing to the President at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I. DUTIES OF OFFICE

Section 1. The President shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Plan agendas
- b. Run and preside at all meetings
- c. Appoint committees
- d. Communicate regularly with the faculty advisors
- e. Vote in case of a tie

Section 2. The Vice President shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Keep notes and agendas at all meetings
- b. Roll call and approve the last meeting's minutes before each meeting
- c. Maintain a list of members and their status in the organization
- d. Social media accounts

Section 3. The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Collect and deposit funds into the club account
- b. Keep track of members who have paid dues
- c. Submit monthly reports to the organization during meetings or by other contact
- d. Dispersing funds with the approval of the advisor and executive committee

Section 4. The Executive Committee must meet once a week at a time that is convenient for all officers in addition to the regular meeting in order to discuss the next meeting's agenda and to plan events and activities.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held once a week on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. The meeting time may be changed by the Executive Committee proposing alternate times and a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by active members.

Section 2. Meetings that fall on official University of Alabama breaks or holidays will not be held.

Section 3. If a member is unable to attend weekly meetings due to schedule conflicts, the member may submit proof of the conflict to the Executive Committee. If the schedule conflict is approved, the member will receive the meeting's minutes via Crimson email and can maintain active membership status by participating in events aside from the regular meetings.

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