

CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Turning Point USA at the University of Alabama

Turning Point USA is a student organization that exists to educate students about limited government and fiscal responsibility.

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION Section I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Turning Point USA at the University of Alabama.

Section II. Mission Statement

Turning Point USA starts conversations among young people, by educating students about fiscal responsibility, free markets, and capitalism. Through non-partisan debate, dialogue, and discussion, Turning Point USA believes that every young person can be enlightened to true free market values.

Section III. University Registration

The organization shall be independent in its decision-making in accordance with the national Turning Point USA organization. The Executive Board will register the Club or apply for its recognition as a registered student organization.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in registered student organizations 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.

Section I Voting Members

Membership in the club shall be open to all full-time and part-time University of Alabama students who have attended at least one meeting and remain in good standing with the national organization and university. Dues must be paid and membership must be registered on theSOURCE in order to be a voting member.

Section II Associate Members

Associate membership in the organization shall be open to any individual who demonstrates an interest and willingness to support the purposes and objectives of the Club but does not attend the University or is a University student but does not

pay dues. Associate members may take part in all activities and privileges of the club, though are not permitted to vote or hold officer positions.

All membership shall be determined without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, veteran status, handicap status, or disability.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section I. Governance

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Officers. Officers shall have the general power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Club, adopt rules and regulations governing the actions and activities of the Club, and delegate its authority to officers or committees.

At least one advisor must be selected for the duration of the entire school year. The advisor must be a full or part time faculty member at the University of Alabama and must assist officers with paperwork, club disagreements, and events.

Section II. Positions

The Club shall be comprised of an odd number of officers with no fewer than three serving at a given time. This will include; President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional positions may be created as is deemed necessary and voted on by the Club.

Section III. Tenure and Elections

Elections shall be held between March 1st and April 15th of each calendar year. Officers must make the names of officer candidates available to all voting members, no less than one week prior to the election. Officers shall serve one school year beginning on the day of their election.

Section IV. Duties of Officers

Duties of Club officers include, but are not limited to:

President:

- Preside over meetings
- Coordinate all activities within the chapter

- Act as a liason between the chapter and outside entities
- Attend University function which require a club representative
- Work with other officers to determine the overall direction of the Club
- Report to the national organization
- Appoint members to officer positions in the event of resignation or removal before the next election cycle

Vice President:

- Carry out any duties of the President in the event of the President's inability to carry them out
- Replace the President in the event of the President's removal or resignation
- Maintain decorum at meetings
- Work with the other officers to create a schedule of events and activities
- Plans at least one major activism event per semester

Treasurer:

- Serve as a signatory on the chapter's bank account
- Manage the finances of the club

- Ensure debts are paid on time
- Work with other officers to prepare budgetary and fundraising plans
- Submit FAC requests
Secretary:
- Records minutes at all meetings and uploads to shared Google Drive folder
- Sends out weekly updates to all members via MailChimp and maintains chapter email
- Keeps active and updated roster on theSOURCE and Google Drive
- Prepares monthly calendar and distributes to all members

Membership Director:

Coordinates monthly planning meetings for maximum attendance
 Recruits new members
 Recruits and advertises for TPUSA conferences and events
 Plans GOBD

Plans one member social event per month

Activism Director:

- Submits all events through theSOURCE for approval at least three weeks prior to date
- Notifies secretary when events are approved so that they may be added to the calendar

- Assists each member and officer with event execution
Communications Director:
- Regularly updates all social media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram) with engaging posts and happenings
- Creates Facebook events
- Seeks media opportunities (the CW or Hypeline)
Community Outreach Director:
- Maintains contact and good relations with fellow political clubs on campus and looks for opportunities to work together as well as keep them updated on our events
- Looks for ways for members to get involved in political campaigns and job/ internship opportunities.

Section V. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers. In the event of an officer removal or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining officers or a special election may be held.

Section IV. Meetings.

The Club shall have planning meetings once per month.

ARTICLE IV - BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section I. Books and Records

The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of financial accounts, and also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership meetings.

Section II. Finances

The club must maintain an active bank account with the Alabama Credit Union in the Ferguson Center. If the organization goes defunct or is terminated, the entirety of the bank account is to be donated to theSOURCE.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to Constitution

This Constitution may be altered, or amended and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of 75% or higher of the officers and 75% or higher of all voting members in attendance. Officers wishing to amend the Constitution must inform all members of a vote no less than two weeks prior to the vote.

Section II. Club Requirements

Regardless of changes to the Constitution, the following must remain:

- At least three officer positions, comprised of President, Secretary, and Treasurer must exist.