

PREAMBLE

We, as students devoted to increasing student awareness of contemporary issues, to promote student involvement in the local, state, and national government, to teach the rights and privileges inherent in a representative democracy to the youth as voters, to espouse our belief in the principles of the Republican Party, to encourage leadership and responsibility among college students in the Republican Party, and to further the election of Republican candidates, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Texas Federation of College Republicans (TXFCR).

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

Section 1

The TXFCR is an official partner of the Republican Party of Texas, and as such will support and promote its principles.

Section 2

The TXFCR's objectives are:

to contribute to the growth and influence of the Republican Party in Texas on college and university campuses by educating and recruiting students to be members of both the TXFCR and the Republican Party;

to serve as a liaison between College Republican chapters, State and National campaigns, and other Republican organizations;

to support and participate in the formation of the principles and policies of the Republican Party;

to aid in the election of Republicans at all levels of government;

to develop leadership skills and abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service to the party and to the community.

ARTICLE II: Regional Structure

Section 1

The TXFCR shall be divided by counties into five Regions, which shall be outlined in Appendix A of this Constitution.

Election of a Regional Chair shall be by simple majority vote of all delegates present from said Region and must occur during the annual convention but after the election of the State Officer Board. In the event that a Region has not elected a Regional Chair during this time period, the newly elected Vice Chairman may cast the deciding vote for the Regional Chair of said region.

The Regional Chair may be removed at any time by a 2/3 vote of all members of Chapter boards within their respective Regions. In such a case, the State Vice Chair may appoint an acting Regional Vice Chair to serve until a regional election can be held at the next SCREC meeting, Fall Conference, or State Convention.

It shall be the duty of the Regional Chair:

To supervise and assist chapters within their region who wish to join the TXFCR, as well as guide in the formation of new chapters within their region.

To supervise and assist all individual chapters or groups of chapters in organizing single chapter, inter-chapter and regional events

To be the general contact person for any TXFCR information needed by the chapters.

To be responsible for any such duties that the Chairman or Executive Director deem necessary for achieving the objectives of the TXFCR within their Region.

A Regional Chair shall be required to attend 50% of the SCREC meetings and both the Fall conference and Spring convention during the year they hold that position. A Regional Chair who does not meet this requirement will not be eligible to hold the position of Regional Chair during the next state board term.

Article III: Charter Requirementss

Section 1

The charter requirements, which must be submitted by a Chapter are as follows:

Chapter members in good standing must be enrolled in the current or previous semester of their respective college or university.

In accordance with chartering rules, a Super club shall be defined as any Chapter meeting one of the following definitions:

A Chapter having at least 400 members, or

Any Chapter which has 10 percent of their currently enrolled student body as members with this number not to go below 100. All decimals must be rounded up.

No club may charter as a Super-club between State

Conventions. Section 2

A credentials committee shall be appointed in accordance with Article VII, Section 11.

Section 3

A chartering committee shall be composed of each RVC and the Executive Director, for the purpose of chartering new chapters outside of the annual convention.

Section 4

In order to be eligible for consideration by the TXFCR credentialing process, a chapter's members must:

Be currently enrolled students at the University/College where the chapter is federated.

All requirements of membership must be renewed annually to expire at the convening of the annual TXFCR state convention.

All above-mentioned membership requirements apply only for TXFCR credentialing purposes; chapters may define membership as they see fit for their own internal purposes.

Section 5

Any federated chapter may choose to leave the TXFCR through official means by submitting a petition signed by 2/3 of the chapter officers, the chapter sponsors, and a majority vote of any regularly scheduled chapter meeting. The Chairman of the TXFCR and the chapter's Regional Vice Chairman must be notified one (1) week before the vote, and the State must be allowed to have a representative of the TXFCR to speak to the assembled membership and the chapter advisor.

Section 6

Any federated chapter will be automatically considered inactive after two (2) full semesters of non-attendance to TXFCR statewide events.

Inactive chapters lose the power to vote, be counted in quorum, and lose all TXFCR benefits.

ARTICLE IV: STATE OFFICERS

Section 1

State Officers:

There shall be four (4) TXFCR elected state officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. There may also be a cabinet, including but not limited to Political Director, Public Relations Director, and Director of Technologies, appointed by the State Chairman.

The Executive Director shall be nominated by the State Chairman to the Board of Trustees as defined in Article X, Section 2. The nominee for Executive Director must have been a member of TXFCR for two of the last four semesters and their term may extend past their college career. The nominee for Executive Director must be confirmed by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Director will serve a two year term ending at the spring convention of every odd numbered year. At the time of their election, or at the time of their appointment to fill a vacancy, each state officer must be a member in good standing with their college chapter and enrolled in an accredited college or university. They must have completed one long academic term as a member of their college chapter prior to the time of their election to state office or appointment to fill a vacancy. Their membership must meet the requirements of Article III,

Section 4.

The Cabinet position of Chief of Staff shall be enumerated in the TXFCR Constitution and shall serve directly under the State Chairman and Executive Director and shall be responsible for aiding them and all officers of the Federation in their duties. The Chief of Staff shall also be afforded a deputy who shall assist them in their duties. The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the State Chairman and serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman

All state officers must continue to be members in good standing with a federated college chapter unless they graduate after completing one long academic term following their election or appointment to fill a vacancy.

In light of a transfer between two Texas academic institutions during an officer's term, the officer may complete their term in the absence of a federated chapter at the new institution upon SCREC approval.

A long academic term is defined as one semester, one trimester, or two quarters.

Section 2

The 4 officers enumerated in the previous section, as well as the 5 Regional Vice Chairmen established in Article II, section 1, shall constitute the State Officer Board of the TXFCR, which shall meet at the call of the chairman with no less than 14 days written notice. The call to the meeting must originate from the chairman and the US Postal Service's postmark or the electronic header of an email shall serve as the date of call. The State Officer Board may meet by telephone conference call with not less than 7 days notice or not less than 24 hours without absence penalty.

Section 3

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the TXFCR. It shall be

the duty of the Chairman:

to call meetings of the State Officer Board as provided in Section 2 of this Article, to call SCREC meetings as provided by Article V, Section 4, and to issue the call of the Annual Convention including the date, location and delegate registration fee adopted by the SCREC under Article V, Section 1;

to be the official spokesperson for the TXFCR in all forms and capacities, including fundraising;

to supervise the programs of the TXFCR, to sign contracts for the TXFCR, co sign financial contracts for the TXFCR, and to supervise the preparation and filing of all reports required by law to be sent by the TXFCR to government agencies;

to arrange for the provision of all financial information necessary in the performance of his/her duty to the Treasurer;

to arrange with the Secretary to maintain an official TXFCR record which must include all records, attendance roles, votes, and event planning to be used as a record of the history of TXFCR;

to preside over all meetings of the SCREC, all meetings of the State Officer Board, and the sessions of Fall Conference and Spring Convention;

to appoint committees he/she deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the TXFCR;

to oversee creation of and maintain all ties between the TXFCR and the Board of Trustees; and

to serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of all

committees. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman:

to preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairman; and

to be responsible for the oversight of voter registration drives and campaign work;

to be responsible for the involvement of the TXFCR in rallies and other political activities surrounding Republican elected officials and Republican policies;

to oversee the creation of and maintain ties between the TXFCR and the Alumni Association; and

to be responsible for any such duties that the chairman deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the TXFCR.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

to record the minutes of all meetings of the SCREC and the Annual Convention, incorporate the treasurer's report into the minutes, and provide copies of the minutes taken at all such meetings to all members of the SCREC within 14 days of the meeting or convention;

to compile, organize, and make available to each member of the State Officer Board a listing of all publications, organizations, and Party and elected officials which assist the TXFCR by August 1 of each year, that will be available on our website;

to forward all updated chapter chairman contact information to the Chairman and to the appropriate Regional Chair;

to make available copies of the TXFCR constitution and lists of updated contact information at all meetings of the SCREC;

to oversee the creation of and maintain the TXFCR Official Record which must include all records, attendance roles, votes, and event planning information;

to assist the Vice Chairman in maintaining the Alumni Association by keeping attendance roles of all meetings and events and assisting the Regional Chairs in compiling Alumni contact information;

to receive intent to run forms from any candidate wishing to run for state office, and

to submit all SCREC attendance records to the Credentials Committee for the purposes of convention voting; and

to be responsible for any such duties that the Chairman deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the TXFCR.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

to maintain the financial records of the TXFCR;

to present a written, sworn, and notarized financial report including revenue, expenditures, accounts payable, and a financial balance of the TXFCR at each meeting of the SCREC and the annual convention; the treasurer's financial report must be disclosed to the attendees of the SCRECs and annual convention with or without the treasurer's attendance; in addition this report must be presented to federated chapter chairs via e-mail within seven calendar days of a SCREC or State Convention;

to supervise the raising of funds for the TXFCR, to expend funds in accordance with the budget as approved by the SCREC, and to cosign financial contracts; and

to be responsible for any such duties that the Chairman deems necessary for achieving the objectives of the TXFCR.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Director:

To serve as the Chief Operating Officer;

to work with the officers in the discharge of their duties;

to supervise the implementation of projects and programs; to

serve as a non-voting member of the State Officer Board and

SCREC; to act as an office manager; and

to ensure a timely selection of SCREC locations and times.

It shall be the duty of the cabinet:

to fulfill any and all duties given by the Executive Director;

to work with the officers in the discharge of their duties.

Section 4

The State Officer Board shall be elected by a majority vote of delegates and proxies present at the annual state convention.

Section 5

Vacancies in any of the offices defined in Section 1 of this Article, except the Chairman, may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the State Officer Board. Temporary officers shall perform the duties of their respective offices until the convening of the next SCREC meeting or the adjournment of the Annual convention, whichever is sooner. Upon an open election by a majority of the SCREC during the order of business of the next official meeting of the SCREC, such state officers shall complete the un-expired terms of the persons elected to those offices at the most recent Annual Convention. If the Chairman's office is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become the Chairman.

Section 6

There shall be a one week transition period between Spring Elections and the start of the new State Board's term. The start of the new State Board's term shall be 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following the Spring Convention.

All passwords and necessary information shall be handed over to the appropriate incoming state officer by 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following Spring Convention.

No passwords may be changed until 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following Spring Convention.

Section 7

No College Republican may hold the same office for more than two years. In the event that a College Republican has filled a vacancy in accordance with Article IV, Section 4, the partial term will not count towards the two-year limit.

Section 8

An emergency session of the State Officer Board may be convened if there is a vacancy of an elected position on the state board. All members of the State Officer Board must be notified three (3) days before the meeting by the chairman.

ARTICLE V: STATE COLLEGE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The governing body of the TXFCR between State Conventions shall be the State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC).

Section 2

Voting Rights for SCREC shall be extended to each State Board Officer and to a maximum of ten (10) members of each federated chapter as chosen by the chapter chairman; however, chapters will only receive one vote at each SCREC meeting.

Section 3

The quorum for any SCREC meeting shall be 1/4 of the voting membership, not to be less than six.

Section 4

There shall be given no less than 30 days written notice to all members of the SCREC of any SCREC meeting. The only exception to this being for any SCREC meeting that will fall between state convention and the end of the spring semester. In this case, the meeting time and place will be given within 7 days of the close of the state convention. It shall, however, be the duty of each member of the SCREC to notify the Secretary of any change of address. The calling of any meeting must originate from the State Chairman, and the

United States Postal Service postmark or the header of an electronic mail message shall serve as the date of call.

Section 5

The rules on SCREC Proxies shall be:

If no member of a chapter is in attendance at SCREC and said chapter's school is more than 400 road miles from the SCREC site, the chapter may proxy its vote to either its Regional Chair or the Chairman of another chapter within its Region.

The State Officer Board may extend a proxy to a school within the 400 mile limit if a chapter provides in writing a compelling reason within 14 days of the called SCREC.

No SCREC member or Regional Chair may carry more than two

proxies. All proxies must be written, lawfully sworn, and entered into

the minutes.

Any school that proxies its vote shall be awarded an attendance of one (1) for the purposes the attendance formula towards convention votes.

Section 6

The SCREC shall convene once in the fall semester. The fall meeting shall be held on a weekend during the month of September or October and will be scheduled at the discretion of the state chairman. If the chairman so desires to hold the meeting at a different time, it shall require the approval of 2/3 of the state officers. However, the meeting shall not be held earlier than September or during the final exam schedule of any TCR chapter. The chairman shall follow all requirements laid out in Article V, Section 4 when scheduling the Fall SCREC Meeting.

Section 7

The SCREC shall be considered called upon receipt by the Chairman of a petition of a majority of the voting members of the SCREC, said meeting to be held at the time and place stipulated in the petition. The petition shall be valid only if said petition is made, as evidenced by postmark or other evidence, no less than 30 days prior to the date of the

petitioned meeting. This petition must be sent to the State Chairman by, "Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested."

Section 8

For purposes of electing delegates to the College Republican National Convention, only SCREC members other than the TXFCR State Officers may vote. Delegates to the College Republican National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the SCREC immediately preceding the national registration deadline that occurs in the same calendar year as the date that the College Republican National Convention convenes. At least twice the amount of delegates allowed shall be nominated. SCREC members shall vote for the number of delegate and alternate spaces allowed, and those with the highest number of votes shall be delegates. The SCREC shall establish the number of alternate spaces allowed. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall cast the tie breaking vote.

Section 9

No more than one SCREC meeting may be held in the same Region during a school year, and all Regions must be considered equally.

Section 10

In order to charter at any time other than the Annual Convention, a chapter must submit to its respective Regional Chair all information required by Article III, Section 1, excluding chartering fee. The RC for the prospective chapter's region shall meet with the prospective chapter to perform an evaluation. The RC shall then make a recommendation to the Chartering Committee. Once the required information and recommendation have been submitted, all information must be verified by the Chartering Committee and then the chapter must be voted in by a majority of the Chartering Committee within one (1) week of the recommendation.

Section 11

In addition to the SCREC there shall be three (3) standing committees; Convention, Resolutions, and Chartering.

Section 12

The responsibilities of the Standing Committees shall include:

Convention -Arrange, plan, and coordinate State Conventions. Committee shall only have the power to plan one (1) conference and one (1) convention in advance.

Resolutions -Shall have the power to recommend resolutions that reflect the views of the SCREC.

Chartering -Shall have the power to view and audit credentials of chapters in accordance with the procedures laid out in Article VII, Section 11 for all chapters who wish to charter between state conventions. Each standing committee shall be required to give a report at each

SCREC. **ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS**

Section 1

Any member of the State Officer Board may be removed from office on the basis of failure to fulfill his/her assigned duties as designated by this Constitution or if that Officer has been charged with a serious violation of the Federal or Texas penal code by the SCREC.

A majority of the State Board, Regional Chair or Chapter Chairmen may petition for the removal of a State Officer.

A majority of Chapter Chairmen within the Region may petition for the removal of a Regional Chair

A retention election shall occur as the first piece of business for the next called SCREC or regional meeting. The officer in question shall officially be removed from office with a majority vote of those in attendance. If any officer is removed from office, a replacement shall be elected immediately following Article IV, Section 5 of this Constitution.

A member of the State Board may be removed by a unanimous vote of the

other officers with the exception of the State Chairman who may only be removed by the SCREC.

Removal of a State Board member by the State Board shall require a 24 hour notice and the person in question must be given the opportunity to defend themselves before the State Board.

Section 2

Any member of the State Officer Board who has two (2) unexcused absences at a SCREC meeting shall be automatically removed from his position without a vote of the SCREC and the Chairman shall notify the officer in writing of the action within seven

days of the meeting. The SCREC may determine whether an absence is excused at the next SCREC meeting following the absence.

ARTICLE VII: STATE CONVENTION

Section 1

The State Convention of the TXFCR shall be held annually, on a weekend in March or April. All presently chartered Chapters shall be notified in writing no less than 30 days in advance of the Convention.

Section 2

The business of the Convention shall include election of State Officers, Regional Caucuses for the purpose of election of Regional Chair, amending the Constitution, passing resolutions of the TXFCR, and any other SCREC business.

Section 3

A convention committee shall be charged to find a location and plan for the following state conference and state convention. At the first constitutionally called SCREC of the new administration the committee shall present a location recommendation to be approved by a simple majority of the SCREC. Members to the convention committee shall be appointed

according to Article V, Section 12.

Section 4

The number of votes for a single Chapter shall not exceed 20, excluding the at large vote given to chapters. All duly chartered Chapters of the TXFCR attending the TXFCR State Convention shall be entitled to a minimum of two (2) delegates each and shall be awarded additional delegates in the following manner:

Each chapter shall be entitled votes equaling their attendance at the Fall SCREC meeting, including State Officers. This number of votes may not exceed ten (10).

Each chapter shall also be entitled to a maximum of 10 votes based

upon: One (1) vote for every 25 credentialed members; or

One (1) vote for every one percent credentialed of currently enrolled undergraduates at their respective college or university, in accordance with the procedures laid out in Article III, Section 1 for determining school enrollment.

Section 5

Each chapter may have one (1) alternate for every vote they are

entitled. Section 6

There shall be no proxies allowed at the TXFCR State

Convention. Section 7.

The quorum for a TXFCR State Convention shall be the delegates

present. Section 8

The TXFCR State Convention Committees shall include:

The temporary committees: Rules, Credentials, Resolutions,
Constitution. Section 9

The State Chairman shall appoint all Committee Chairmen, unless otherwise specified within this Constitution.

Section 10

The Temporary Committees shall consist of one member from each region, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, who shall be appointed by the State Chairman.

Section 11

The number of delegates which each Chapter is entitled at the TXFCR State Convention shall be approved by the Credentials Committee, with the permanent roll subject to the approval of the body of the convention.

All chartering materials received shall be retained by the Credentials committee until the close of the convention and then turned in to the newly elected State Chairman.

The State Chairman will appoint a representative from their respective area to serve on the Credentials Committee. State Officers and Regional Chairs may not serve on the Credentials Committee. The term of the committee members will expire at the close of the annual convention.

Any revisions to delegate forms and all attendee fees must be postmarked no later than the deadline set by the State Chairman. Forms and fees postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

The Credentials Committee reserves the right to verify and adjust the number of delegate votes awarded to a chapter in accordance to the validity of the credentialing materials submitted by that chapter.

Credentials Committee shall be appointed no later than the close of the SCREC prior to the deadline for state convention credentials.

The Credentials Committee shall meet 15-30 days prior to the state convention in order to begin the following credentialing process:

The committee will elect a moderator, within the committee, by majority vote of the committee members to oversee committee meetings.

The moderator will assign credentialing responsibilities to committee members. A committee member shall not review a chapter from his or her Region.

Committee members will compare the submitted credentialing roster with the submitted TXFCR registration forms to verify conformity of numbers.

Committee members will then attempt to contact at random no less than 25% of the members listed on the credentialing roster. A minimum of 10% of members must be reached successfully.

Committee members will provide a detailed report to the committee of the credentialing verification in the form of a line item checklist including each member's full name, email, phone number, and graduation year in addition to the chapter advisor's full name, email, and phone number in an Excel format to all chapter chairs upon announcement of convention.

In the event of a patterned discrepancy among the chapter's roster, the committee will vote on whether further review is necessary. Upon conclusion of chapter review, the committee will award delegate votes which will reflect any discrepancies determined by the committee.

Upon conclusion of the credentialing committee decision, chapters and state officers will be notified by the moderator of delegate votes awarded, no later than 15 days before convention.

Each chapter reserves the right to appeal any decisions made by the committee.

In case of appeal of the committee's decision, the committee must establish a date for a hearing with the appealing chapters prior the convention, to be presided over by the state chairman.

Section 12

The Rules Committee shall propose any supplementary rules of procedure for the State Convention.

Section 13

The Resolutions Committee shall review and consider any Resolutions submitted by any College Republican and recommend action to the entire body of the Convention.

Section 14

The Constitution Committee shall review the TXFCR Constitution, consider any proposed amendments, and recommend action to the entire body of the Convention. The committee must allow all submitted amendments to go before the convention.

Section 15

For the purpose of conducting the officer elections portion of the State Convention, the State Chairman shall appoint a qualified, unbiased person; this person should either not be a member of the TXFCR or should be a member from a chapter that has no student running for office.

ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROVISIONS

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition, and its succeeding editions shall be the supreme parliamentary authority of the TXFCR. The TXFCR shall have the authority to adopt any respective standing rules or special rules of order which are consistent with the philosophy of Parliamentary Authority. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the State Chairman subject to approval by the SCREC at the last SCREC meeting prior to the State Convention.

ARTICLE IX: FISCAL POLICY

Section 1

No more than thirty (30) days following the close of the convention the Chairman shall hold a state officer meeting. Items on the agenda will include:

A financial report will be presented.

Plans for fundraising efforts will be discussed and previous and/or current fundraising efforts will be evaluated.

The Chairman shall present a semester budget plan. This budget plan may be amended if needed. Approval or disapproval of a budget plan shall be a majority vote of all officers present.

At the first SCREC meeting of the year, the Chairman shall present a budgetary guide for the coming year.

The TXFCR must have a minimum balance of \$250 at the end of the State Officer Board's term. In the event that this provision is not met, the members of the State Officer Board will be reported to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, as well as the State Republican Executive Committee, and recorded in the TXFCR record.

Section 2

Any check or removal of funds shall have the written co-authorization of both the State Chairman and the Treasurer. In the event of the inability of reaching the Chairman, or in an emergency, the Vice Chairman may sign.

Section 3

All expenditures by the Chairman, Treasurer or Vice Chairman must be verbally reported to the State Officer Board within five (5) working days for purposes of reporting amounts and reasoning behind the expenditure.

Any state officer shall be able to request a copy of the receipt for any expenditure.

ARTICLE X: TXFCR AFFILIATES

Section 1

There shall be two TXFCR Affiliates: the Board of Trustees and the TXFCR Alumni Association.

Section 2

The Board of Trustees (BOT) shall exist to help raise the profile of the TXFCR and its events and programs.

The BOT shall consist of Texas Republican Elected Officials, prominent Republican Party of Texas members, prominent conservative activists, business leaders and donors.

Members of the BOT will be asked to associate their names with our programs and events, and shall be chosen selectively.

Nominees to the BOT may be nominated by any voting member of the SCREC, and shall be vetted jointly by the chairman and the nominating student.

Nominees shall then be voted on and approved by a majority vote of a SCREC.

Members of the BOT shall serve a two (2) year term, with the TXFCR having optional reappointment by a majority vote of the SCREC.

A meeting of the BOT shall be convened by the Executive Director. Members of the BOT may be removed from the Board, only with due cause, by a 2/3 vote of the SCREC.

The Board of Trustees shall confirm the nomination of the Executive Director. After the nomination of the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees has two weeks to vet the Executive Director as they each see fit. Each member of the Board of Directors must submit their vote, aye or nay, within the specified two week deadline. If the individual fails to contact the chair with a decision by electronic mail within the two weeks their vote is considered an abstention.

The BOT will operate based upon their charter found in Appendix B.

The BOT may, with the approval of the State Officer Board, create its own bylaws and officer positions as needed.

All candidates for admission to the TXFCR Board of Trustees and Board of Alumni must undergo a criminal background check as part of the pre-approval vetting process.

Section 3

The TXFCR Alumni Association shall exist to retain contact with TXFCR Alumni for the purposes of keeping them informed and involved in the events of the TXFCR and soliciting donations for the TXFCR.

The Alumni Association membership shall consist of all former officers of the TXFCR and attendees of TXFCR events/SCRECs.

The Secretary, with the assistance of the Regional Vice Chairmen, shall maintain a list of Alumni.

The Alumni Association will be in charge of determining the application and winner of the Chapter of the Year Award.

The Alumni Association may, with the approval of the State Officer Board, create its own bylaws and officer positions as needed.

ARTICLE XI: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1

This Constitution has requirements for Chapters and Chapter members that are meant to reflect a Chapter's relations with the TXFCR.

Section 2

Electronic mail message or the United States Postal Service may be used for official TXFCR correspondence unless otherwise stated.

Unless otherwise stated, the United States Postal Service postmark or header of an electronic message will serve as the notification date on all TXFCR correspondence.

It shall also be the duty of each SCREC member to notify the Secretary, in writing of any change of physical or electronic address.

Electronic mail messages in printed form must contain the complete original header.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

This constitution, or any provision thereof, may be amended by a 2/3 vote

at the annual TFCR State Convention, or by a 2/3 vote of the SCREC at a special Constitutional Convention called for by a 3/5 majority vote of the entire SCREC (not only those present). All Amendments shall be made in the format of an Addendum.

AMENDMENTS

Dues shall no longer be collected from chapters as a requirement for membership into TXFCR. (Ratified March 28, 2009)

Chapters attempting to credential with the TXFCR will no longer be required to complete and sign an official TXFCR membership registration form. (Ratified March 28, 2009)

Members of individual chapters shall no longer be required to pay any dues to their chapters for TXFCR Convention credentials. (Ratified March 28, 2009)

The SCREC shall now only meet once in the fall semester. Selection of the Fall SCREC meeting will be on a rotation basis through all regions in Texas except for the State Convention host region. Regional meetings are not mandatory and will not count towards delegates for State Convention All chapters will receive a minimum of two votes for the annual State Convention. Additional delegates will be awarded based on attendance at the Fall SCREC and according to credentialed rosters.

If a prospective chapter wishes to federate after the fall meeting, it shall not be required to hold a SCREC; a simple majority of the chartering committee shall suffice. The RVC for the prospective chapter's region shall meet with the prospective chapter to perform an evaluation. The RVC shall then make a recommendation to the Chartering Committee, to be voted on within one (1) week of the recommendation. (Ratified April 20, 2013)

The Texas College Republicans do hereby change their official name to the Texas Federation of College Republicans

A complete roster of no fewer than 10 members with the full name of each member, valid e-mail address, graduation date and school phone number for each chapter member who appears on the roster. A chapter mailing address, faculty advisor contact information, and a full list of

officers shall also be submitted. (Ratified April 14, 2018)

The State Chairman shall establish a strict deadline, that is no less than 30 days prior to the convention, for submitting credentialing materials and delegate rosters for the State Convention. All credentialing materials must be postmarked or submitted by this deadline. In years that College Republican National Committee (CRNC) officers are elected, the deadline for submitting credentialing materials for state convention shall be no later than two weeks before the CRNC credentialing deadline. During these years the second round of submission can occur up to 30 days prior to the TXFCR state convention. (Ratified April 14, 2018)

Inactive chapters will be considered reactivated at the close of either a completed fall conference or a completed spring convention. (Ratified April 14, 2018)

Be it that the State Board will be required to designate a date for spring convention must be decided by December 31st at 11:59 p.m. central time of the previous year. Failure to comply with this amendment is grounds for impeachment of any and all state board members associated. (Ratified March 30, 2019)

Be it that the TXFCR will enact a newsletter and will be committed as a constitutional requirement, where a State Board will be required to publish no less than one edition and no more than six editions per semester. The newsletter will accept submissions to the sitting secretary from members, former members and interested organizations. The State Board will vote upon the submissions for entry into the newsletter with a two-thirds majority and the approved submissions will be edited, structured and organized by the

secretary. In the absence of the secretary, newsletter duties fall to the vice chair. Each final editorialized edition will go before the State Board for a final time before publishing, and will be approved with a simple majority. The newsletter will be distributed via email, social media and print upon request. (Ratified March 30, 2019)

Be it that each departing elected State Board member may have the opportunity to speak for 2 minutes at the closing of the spring convention to reflect upon their time in the TXFCR. Any officer may waive this privilege if they so desire. (Ratified March 30, 2019)

Be it no member of the Texas Federation of College Republicans may hold more than one state, appointed or elected office, at a time and that multiple individuals may not hold the same appointed or elected office within the same term in the Texas Federation of College Republicans. (Ratified March 30, 2019)

Any willing student at any two year university may, in line with current requirements to start a chapter, apply to be federated by TXFCR with the previously mentioned conditions. Two year university chapters will not have voting rights within the federation. Two year university members may only be elected to the position of regional vice chair within the federation. (Ratified November 7, 2020)

Be it that in the event of the resignation or removal of the State Chairman elected at Spring Convention, the SCREC will retain the fall delegate standards set by the TXFCR Constitution and will conduct an election subsequent to the completion of TXFCR Fall Convention Business. In the event of an SCREC tie vote the Executive Director will serve as the tie breaking vote. If the Executive Director is not present, the highest ranking remaining executive board member will cast the tie breaking vote. (Ratified November 7, 2020)

Be it that it is allowed for a chapter chair or an individual appointed by their chapter chair, to hold the proxy vote for any and all delegates unable to be in attendance at Spring Convention, so long as an act of God or other disaster affects any federated school and/or the general populace of Texas. (Ratified April 10, 2021)

Be it that any mention of the College Republican National Committee (CRNC) shall be stricken from this Constitution. (Ratified August 16, 2021)

Be it Section 1 of the TXFCR Constitution be amended to say "The TXFCR is an official partner of the Republican Party of Texas, and as such will support and promote its principles." (Ratified August 16, 2021)

Be it that nobody may actively or openly campaign for any state position prior to February 1 of the year they seek election. Actively and openly campaigning

shall be defined as announcing their intention to run on social media, using social media to further their campaign, or physically distributing campaign materials of any kind. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the person in question being brought before the State Board who, by a 2/3rds majority, may vote to make the person brought before them ineligible for a State Board position for one year. A second infringement of this rule shall result in a vote to make the person permanently ineligible for any State Board position. (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that the TXFCR State Board shall create and maintain a regional map in accordance with the regional structure currently upheld. Any changes to the first map created by the state board shall require approval of the SCREC. The first map shall be made official upon a majority vote of the State Board. (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that Article VI of the TXFCR Constitution be amended to include "A member of the State Board may be removed by a unanimous vote of the other officers with the exception of the State Chairman who may only be removed by the SCREC." That Article VI of the TXFCR Constitution shall be further amended to include "Removal of a State Board member by the State Board shall require a 24-hour notice and the person in question must be given the opportunity to defend themselves before the State Board." (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that any requirements related to the semester newsletter be stricken from the TXFCR Constitution. (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it added to the TXFCR Constitution that "There shall be a one week transition period between Spring Elections and the start of the new State Board's term. The start of the new State Board's term shall be 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following the Spring Convention."

Be it further added to the TXFCR Constitution that "All passwords and necessary information shall be handed over to the appropriate incoming state

officer by 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following Spring Convention.”

Be it further added to the TXFCR Constitution that “No passwords may be changed until 12 PM Central Time on the Saturday following Spring Convention.” (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that the Cabinet position of Chief of Staff shall be enumerated in the TXFCR Constitution and shall serve directly under the State Chairman and Executive Director and shall be responsible for aiding them and all officers of the Federation in their duties. The Chief of Staff shall also be afforded a deputy who shall assist them in their duties. The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the State Chairman and serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that all former TXFCR State Chairs shall be offered positions on the TXFCR Alumni Board and only require a simple majority vote of the current State Board to be approved. (September 25, 2021)

Be it that the Board may, by a three - quarters vote, expel an Individual Member for good cause . The Chairman or any voting Board Members may propose the expulsion of any Member by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Expulsion . The Chairman shall place the expulsion proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than twelve days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of expulsion to the Member under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified email and by any other means likely to reach the member and be transmitted at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for expulsion as well as the time and meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. The Member shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which the expulsion is to be considered. In cases of violence, threats of violence, or acts indicating the intent to commit and / or the actual imminence of criminal or intentional or reckless tortious harm; six state board members can call for an immediate vote for expulsion with 48 - hour's notice after evidence has been submitted to the board. A Member who has been expelled is not eligible

for any kind of membership with any federated chapter, but a Member may be reinstated by a two - thirds vote of the Board or of the delegates at the TXFCR State Convention in either Fall or Spring. (Ratified September 25, 2021)

Be it that, The State Board shall be empowered to decide the date, time, location, and any other factors regarding the TXFCR Spring Convention. The State Board shall be aided in the planning and implementation of the Spring convention by the Convention Committee. These changes shall supersede any contradicting language in this Constitution and the state board is authorized to adjust the language of the constitution accordingly with the exception of the wording mandating that the Convention is held in either March or April. (Ratified December 11th, 2021)

The transferring of the TXFCR Bank Account and related financial matters shall not be limited to the one week transition period but shall instead need to be completed within a reasonable amount of time as deemed fit by the incoming board but not shorter than one month following the inauguration of the new board. This amendment shall supersede any previous language that conflicts with it. (Ratified April 30th, 2022)

The chairman may make any necessary mechanical or grammatical adjustments to the TXFCR Constitution for the purpose of clarity or professionalism. Any proposed changes must be approved by a majority vote of the State Board. Only mechanical and grammatical changes can be made. No change can alter the meaning or intent of the section being modified. (Ratified April 30th, 2022)

The position of Policy Director shall be elevated to the Board of the TXFCRs, with full voting rights. It shall be the duty of the Policy Director to: construct an annual list of policy/legislative priorities; work with legislators to create new policies that reflect conservative values; to teach TXFCR members how to appropriately conduct policy activism; cooperate with Republican Party of Texas staff on policy matters; testify before the State Legislature when asked/needed; and help TXFCR members engage in policy work at the local and state level. The Policy Director shall work with the Chairman to create a list of legislative/policy priorities. These legislative priorities will be voted on by the full SCREC every Fall Conference. The SCREC may add, edit, or remove priorities as they see fit. The legislative priorities may be modified at any time by a majority vote of the SCREC. The Policy Director, as part of their official position as TXFCR Policy Director, may only advocate for issues listed as part of the legislative priorities, or passed as resolutions by the full voting body at Fall Conference or Spring Convention. The Policy Director may engage in advocacy beyond these issues on a personal level, but they may not do so in their capacity as Policy Director of the TXFCRs. The inaugural Policy Director shall be elected via the normal officer election processes during the 2022 Spring Convention, and at every Spring Convention thereafter.

(Ratified April 30th, 2022)

The language, "who shall be appointed by the Regional Chair of that region," shall be struck from Article VII, Section 10, and replaced with, "who shall be appointed by the State Chairman." The language, "Each Regional Chair will appoint a representative from their respective area to serve on the Credentials Committee," shall be struck from Article VII, Section 11, and

replaced with, "The State Chairman will appoint one representative from each region to serve on the Credentials Committee. (Ratified April 30th, 2022)

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