

# Constitution of Turning Point USA at NCSU

## ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

### Section I. Name

- A. The name of the organization shall be Turning Point USA at North Carolina State University.
- B. This organization will have affiliation with Turning Point USA.

### Section II. Purpose

Turning Point USA educates students using innovative campus activities and events as well as non-partisan, thought-provoking debate, dialogue, and discussion about the importance of:

- A. Fiscal responsibility
- B. Free markets
- C. Capitalism
- D. Limited government

### Section III. Non-Discrimination Policy

*All membership shall be determined without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, political party affiliation, or sexual orientation.*

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

### Section I. Voting Members

- A. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all currently enrolled North Carolina State University students who:
  - a. Have attended at least one meeting
  - b. Remain in good standing with the National Organization and the University.
- B. Membership will begin on the date of the first Chapter meeting the member attends, or upon payment of any dues, whichever comes first.

### Section II. Associate Members

- A. Associate membership in the Chapter shall be open to any individual who:
  - a. Demonstrates an interest and willingness to support the purposes and objectives of the National Organization and Chapter, including but not limited to:
    - i. Faculty
    - ii. Alumni
    - iii. Professionals
    - iv. Community members
  - b. These members will be considered non-voting, Associate or Honorary Members.

- B. Associate Members and Honorary Members may take part in all activities and privileges of the Chapter, but are not permitted to vote for or hold elected Officer positions.

### **Section III: Procedures for Becoming a Member**

- C. Any currently enrolled NC State University Student is eligible for membership; no GPA minimum is required.
  - a. Dues are \$20 for the year, with at least \$10 paid no later than 60 days after Membership has been accepted.
  - b. Should the member fail to pay dues before the 60 days has expired, member will remain an active member and be permitted to participate in Chapter events and meetings but will forfeit their eligibility to:
    - i. Run for or vote in Chapter elections
    - ii. Receive any end of the year gift, prize or recognition given to active members.
- D. Any current North Carolina State University Faculty or Staff is eligible for club sponsorship and membership.
  - a. The Chapter Advisor is not required to attend all meetings, but must be made available to coordinate with University Administration as needed.
- E. Any Member may, at any time, resign one's own membership from *Turning Point USA at NCSU* by **notifying the Chapter Executive Leadership or Faculty Advisor in writing** of their intent to do so.
  - a. At that time, effective immediately, that Member will forfeit any privileges or benefits associated with being a member in the Student Chapter.

### **Section IV: Non-Discrimination Policy**

*Turning Point USA at NCSU has a strong passion for and emphasis on, outreach and getting the campus community involved and informed. **Therefor all membership shall be determined without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, political party affiliations or sexual orientation.***

## **ARTICLE III. Leadership/ Executive Officers**

### **Section I. Governance**

- A. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Executive Officers.
- B. Executive Officers shall have the general power to:
  - a. Manage and control the affairs and property of the Club
  - b. Adopt rules and regulations governing the actions and activities of the Club
  - c. Delegate its authority to officers or committees.

### **Section II. Executive Positions**

- A. The Chapter shall be comprised of no fewer than four Executive Officers serving at a given time. This will include;
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
- B. Additional positions may be appointed as deemed necessary by the Chapter Leadership.

- a. Should multiple members share interest in a single position, the Executive Officers will call a vote through which a simple majority of Active Members present at the meeting will be required.
- b. In the situation of a tie, the decision will be the duty of the acting Chapter President.

### **Section III. Tenure and Elections**

Elections for the Executive Leadership Positions shall be held between May 1st and September 31st of each calendar year.

- A. Candidates must announce to all voting members no later than one meeting prior to the election.
- B. Election Procedure will go as follows:
  - a. Candidates will remain outside of the meeting room for the duration of the election process.
  - b. Each candidate will come into the meeting room to give a speech not to exceed 2 minutes, candidate will then leave the room and the next candidate will enter.
  - c. After all candidates have spoken for a position, members will discuss individual candidates and the club must state 2 positives and 2 negatives during the discussion of each candidate.
  - d. Members will then vote on a pre-made blank voting ticket.
  - e. Vice-President will collect the Votes and the Secretary will tally the vote.
  - f. In the case of a tie, the President will have the deciding vote.
- C. Executive Officers shall serve one calendar year beginning on the day of their election.

### **Section IV. Duties of Officers**

*Duties of the Chapter's Executive Officers include, but are not limited to:*

#### **A. President:**

- a. Run and preside over all meetings
- b. Plan meeting agendas
- c. Act as a liaison between the Chapter and outside entities
- d. Attend University functions which require a club representative
- e. Appoint committees
- f. Vote, only in the case of a tie

#### **B. Vice President:**

- a. Take over duties of the President during the President's absence
- b. Replace the President in the event of the President's removal or resignation
- c. Work with the other officers to create a schedule of events and activities

#### **C. Secretary:**

- a. Keep notes of all official business during meetings
- b. Maintain a list of all Members and Committees
- c. Approve the past meetings minutes before each meeting

#### **D. Treasurer:**

- a. Collect and deposit funds in the Chapter account
- b. Develop fundraising plans

- c. Present a monthly budget report to the Chapter during meetings or by other contact
- d. Disperse Chapter funds as directed by the President

### **Section V. Removal of Officers**

- A. Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers and a 75% vote by all present voting members in the Club.
- B. In the event of an officer removal or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining officers.

### **Section VI. Meetings**

- A. The Club shall have a minimum of 2 meetings per 30 day period.
- B. Minimum of 5 members must be present to conduct business.
- C. Attendance will be taken by sign-in document at the beginning of every meeting.
- D. The President shall run and preside over all meetings.
- E. President will coordinate with other Officers to determine meeting Agenda.

## **ARTICLE IV - 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.

## **ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS**

### **Section I. Amendments to Constitution**

- A. This Constitution may be altered, or amended and new Bylaws may be adopted by an affirmative vote of 50% or higher of the officers and 75% or higher of all voting members in attendance.
- B. Officers wishing to amend the Constitution must inform all members of a vote no less than two weeks prior to the vote.
- C. The Incoming Officers will review the previous constitution and propose any changes to the Members at the first meeting of the next semester.

### **Section II. Club Requirements**

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

- A. At least 4 officer positions, comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must exist.
- B. Officer elections must be held between May 1st and September 31st of each calendar year with officers serving for one year.