

College Democrats of Mesa State College Constitution

Adopted: February 2011

Article I: Name, Purpose, Objectives

1. Official Name
 - a. Starting February 2011 forward, the official club name will be College Democrats of Mesa State College.
2. Purpose
 - a. The purpose of the College Democrats of Mesa State College is to offer a social and networking club for the student population. The club will focus on the Democrat Party in American Politics.
3. Objectives
 - a. Be a body that encourages voting by students.
 - b. Be a body that informs.
 - c. Be a body that works with other clubs and organizations at Mesa State College.
 - d. Be a body that endorses candidates and ballot issues.
 - i. All endorsements will include the clause: "Mesa State College does not endorse any candidates nor ballot issues, instead endorsements are solely from the College Democrats of Mesa State College."
 - e. Be a body that holds forums and rallies.
 - i. All forums and rallies will be advertised with this clause: "Mesa State College is not hosting, nor do they endorse, this rally/forum, instead this rally/forum is hosted solely by the College Democrats of Mesa State College."
 - f. Reserve the right to co-host events including rallies, forums and debates.
 - g. Donate time to candidates and ballot issues
 - i. College Democrats of Mesa State College will not make monetary donations to candidates or ballot issues.
 - h. Assist other organizations on campus either through donation of time or donation of funds.

Article II: Membership

1. Eligibility
 - a. All students and faculty of Mesa State College (Grand Junction, Montrose, Bishop/WCCC, On-line or any other campuses) are eligible for membership.
2. Benefits
 - a. Benefits of membership include, but are not limited to: networking, opportunities & a database for internships, and a place where ideologies that match the Democrat party platform will be protected and encouraged.
 - i. Limitations

1. College Democrats of Mesa State College will not guarantee placement nor eligibility to an internship
 - b. College Democrats of Mesa State College will not harbor any ideologies that may hurt the reputation or wellbeing of the College Democrats or Mesa State College. Members will also have access to the Mesa County Democrats and possibly the College Democrats of Colorado and/or America.
3. Fees
 - a. All fees for membership will be ruled by the Bylaws for the College Democrats of Mesa State College.
 - i. Typical fees for membership that will be allowed are any fees to be a part of the College Democrats of Colorado and/or College Democrats of America.
 - ii. Other fees allowed for membership will be if the participants make travel arrangements or decide to purchase shirts, etc...
4. Qualifications of Membership
 - a. Students/Faculty must abide by the following to be in good standing with the College Democrats of Mesa State College
 - i. Be a student or faculty at Mesa State College.
 - ii. Students must be of Probationary or higher status with Mesa State College.
 - iii. Complete at least 4 (four) hours of community service each semester, unless specified elsewhere.
 - iv. Be current with any specified fees of membership.

Article III: Officers

1. Officers for the College Democrats of Mesa State College will consist of the following.
 - a. President
 - i. Duties
 1. Position will be mostly a Public Relations type position.
 2. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
 3. Will work with other officers to plan meetings, activities.
 4. Will work with outside organizations.
 5. Will attend Associated Student Government Meetings, or appoint a party to attend, in order to be an influencing organization on campus.
 6. Complete 8 (eight) hours of Community Service each semester.
 - ii. Eligibility
 1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
 2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.
 - iii. Obtaining Office

1. Must submit a letter of interest not less than three weeks prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester, which will be set no less than four weeks prior to the meeting.
 2. Elected by a plurality of those students in attendance at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
 3. No write-in candidates will be accepted.
- iv. Vacancy**
1. In the event this position becomes vacant, the Vice President shall fill this position.
- v. Removal from office**
1. The President may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section.
 2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers with a majority vote from the students/faculty at the meeting following the officers' vote.
- b. Vice President**
- i. Duties**
1. Position will be mostly a Public Relations type position.
 2. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
 3. Will work with other officers to plan meetings, activities.
 4. Will work with outside organizations.
 5. Will run general meetings based on the approved agenda by all officers.
 6. Complete 8 (eight) hours of Community Service each semester.
- ii. Eligibility**
1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
 2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.
- iii. Obtaining Office**
1. Must submit a letter of interest not less than three weeks prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester, which will be set no less than four weeks prior to the meeting.
 2. Elected by a plurality of those students in attendance at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
 3. No write-in candidates will be accepted.
- iv. Vacancy**
1. In the event this position becomes vacant, the Treasurer shall fill this position.
- v. Removal from office**

1. The Vice President may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section.
2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers with a majority vote from the students/faculty at the meeting following the officers' vote.

c. Treasurer

i. Duties

1. Track College Democrats of Mesa State College balance and be in charge of all request forms for reimbursement.
2. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
3. Will work with other officers to plan meetings, activities.
4. Complete 8 (eight) hours of Community Service each semester.
5. Can be the Club Advisory Board Representative.
6. Will work on outside donations.

ii. Eligibility

1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.

iii. Obtaining Office

1. Must submit a letter of interest not less than three weeks prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester, which will be set no less than four weeks prior to the meeting.
2. Elected by a plurality of those students in attendance at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
3. No write-in candidates will be accepted.

iv. Vacancy

1. In the event this position becomes vacant, the Secretary shall fill this position.

v. Removal from office

1. The Treasurer may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section. May also be removed if there is a proven case of monetary fraud.
2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers with a majority vote from the students/faculty at the meeting following the officers' vote.

d. Secretary

i. Duties

1. Keep and publish meeting minutes for all meetings.
2. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
3. Will work with other officers to plan meetings, activities.

4. Complete 8 (eight) hours of Community Service each semester.
 5. Can be the Club Advisory Board Representative.
 6. Advertise all functions and meetings.
 7. Update any social media account.
- ii. Eligibility
 1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
 2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.
 - iii. Obtaining Office
 1. Must submit a letter of interest not less than three weeks prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester, which will be set no less than four weeks prior to the meeting.
 2. Elected by a plurality of those students in attendance at the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
 3. No write-in candidates will be accepted.
 - iv. Vacancy
 1. In the event this position becomes vacant, a special election will be held for any interested parties.
 - v. Removal from office
 1. The Secretary may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section.
 2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers with a majority vote from the students/faculty at the meeting following the officers' vote.
- e. Club Advisory Board Representative
- i. Duties
 1. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
 2. Will attend all Club Advisory Board Meetings.
 3. The Treasurer can hold this position.
 4. Will fill out all CAB Forms needed.
 - ii. Eligibility
 1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
 2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.
 - iii. Obtaining Office
 1. Must submit a letter of interest, when position is vacant, to the President or Vice President.
 2. Appointed by the President and Vice President.

- iv. Vacancy
 1. In the event this position becomes vacant, an email to the general membership will be issued asking for interested parties.
- v. Removal from office
 1. The Club Advisory Board Representative may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section.
 2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers.
- f. Faculty Advisor
 - i. Duties
 1. Will attend CAB Advisor Trainings.
 2. Advise as s/he sees fit.
 - ii. Eligibility
 1. Must be a faculty member of Mesa State College.
 - iii. Obtaining Office
 1. Agreement between the faculty member and the President & Vice President.
 - iv. Vacancy
 1. In the event this position becomes vacant, another faculty advisor will be sought by the President & Vice President.
 - v. Removal from office
 1. The Club Advisory Board may remove the Advisor to the College Democrats of Mesa State College, or
 2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers.
- g. Young Democrats Representative
 - i. Duties
 1. Will attend meetings, both general and officer meetings.
 2. Will work with other officers to plan meetings, activities.
 3. Can be any officer above.
 4. Will work with incoming freshman.
 5. Will work with the Young Democrats at the high schools in the Mesa State College areas.
 - ii. Eligibility
 1. Must meet the minimum standards for Club Officers as set forth by the Club Advisory Board.
 2. Must abide by all Federal, State and Local laws as to keep a good name for the College Democrats of Mesa State College, Colorado and America along with Mesa State College.
 - iii. Obtaining Office
 1. Must submit a letter of interest, when position is vacant, to the President or Vice President.
 2. Appointed by the President and Vice President.

- iv. Vacancy
 - 1. In the event this position becomes vacant, an email to the general membership will be issued asking for interested parties.
- v. Removal from office
 - 1. The Young Democrats Representative may be removed from office for violation of the Eligibility section at any time during the school year or for violations to the Duties section.
 - 2. A 2/3 vote is required from the officers.
- 2. The College Democrats of Mesa State College recognizes its officers and members are potentially members of other clubs/student body organizations. This is encouraged and no officer or member will be dismissed due to participation in other school activities unless the participation leads to a violation of duties.
- 3. College Democrats of Mesa State College Officers may hold other officer positions in other clubs as long as that position does not cause a violation of duties.

Article IV: Committees

- 1. Standing Committees
 - a. There are no standing committees.
 - b. Any committees formed will be dissolved at the end of the school year unless a constitutional change is done.

Article V: Meetings

- 1. Meetings
 - a. All meeting times will be set up with the set scheduler of rooms at the beginning of each semester. It will be the job of the officers to set these meetings.
- 2. Officer Meetings
 - a. Officer Meetings will occur no less than twice per month, with at least 3 (three) officers of the positions filled present.
- 3. General Assembly Meetings
 - a. General Assembly meetings will occur no less than twice per month. There will be no minimum attendance set for general assembly meetings except for officers, which will be at least 3 (three) officers of the positions filled present.
 - b. Any extra activities may be constituted as a general assembly meeting.
- 4. The College Democrats of Mesa State College reserves the right to request rooms and or space for speakers to come to Mesa State College. When guest speakers are present, no official club business will occur with the exception of those allotted in the Sunshine Act.

Article VI: Amendments

- 1. Proposal
 - a. All officers as set forth above may propose amendment changes during an officer meeting.

- b. All general members may propose amendment changes by submitting them to any of the officers.
- 2. Changes to the Constitution
 - a. Any proposed changes will go before the officers and will require a 2/3 vote from the officers in attendance to be changed.

Article VII: *Dissolution*

- 1. Proposal
 - a. All officers as set forth above may propose dissolution during an officer meeting.
 - b. The Club Advisory Board may propose dissolution by contacting the Faculty Advisor and the President of the club.
- 2. Dissolution
 - a. Any proposed dissolution will go before the officers and will require a 2/3 vote from the officers in attendance to be enacted.
- 3. Funds
 - a. Any funds in the College Democrats of Mesa State College's account will go into an inactive status and held for a future College Democrats or Young Democrats, whichever comes first.

Article VIII: *Assimilation*

- 1. In February 2011, the Young Democrats (Mesa State College Branch) became the College Democrats of Mesa State College.

Jeremy M Watson, President Date

Dr. John Redifer, Faculty Advisor Date