



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
DEMOCRATS OF MIRACOSTA COLLEGE**

Founded. April 19th 2016

We the Students of MiraCosta College, in order to form a more perfect campus and community, establish justice and equality, ensure political activity, provide for the common community, promote the general intellect, and secure the rights of liberty for ourselves and future students, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Democrats of MiraCosta College.

Article I - Name and Purpose

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be the Democrats of MiraCosta College, the official College Democrats chapter of MiraCosta College. For expediency it may be referred to as the *College Democrats* or *Democratic Club*.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the College Democrats shall be to support and act on the ideals of the Democratic Party, specifically progress, justice, and peace, as well as to encourage fellow students to do the same. The College Democrats will be the official College Democrats chapter at MiraCosta College and will be a non-profit student organization aiming to increase political activism on campus and within the community. In order to accomplish these goals, the College Democrats will:

- A. Publicly endorse and participate in campaign work for Democratic candidates running for local, state, or national office who intend to meet the ideals of the Democratic Party, according to the guidelines specified in Article VII. In this effort, College Democrats intends to encourage other students to support the same candidates.
- B. Hold weekly meetings to further the goals and and purposes of the club.
- C. Support progressive causes which the organization deems fit, through:
 - I. Dissemination of information;
 - II. Education of members;
 - III. Volunteer activity;
 - IV. Forums, discussions, debates and other activities;
 - V. Staging and/or attendance of protests and rallies.

Article II- Rules of Order

SECTION 1. The Democrats of MiraCosta College accepts Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) as its Rules of Order.

SECTION 2. Any issue not covered by this document shall be addressed by reference to Roberts Rules of Order

SECTION 3. For the purposes of all College Democrats General Membership proceedings, business may not be conducted without the presence of eight or more Members. For the purposes of all College Democrats Executive Board proceedings, business may not be conducted without the presence of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the voting officers. These shall be known as Quorum of Membership and Quorum of the Board.

Article III- Membership

SECTION 1. No person shall be denied membership to the College Democrats due to race, immigration status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, religion, ability, age, career history, or socioeconomic status.

SECTION 2. Membership shall be differentiated between Members, those who shall enjoy full privileges, and Associate Members, those who shall not.

- A. In order to be a Member of the College Democrats, one must have the best interests of the College Democrats and the Democratic Party in mind and satisfy the following requirements:
 - I. Be a currently enrolled student attending MiraCosta College or an incoming Freshman enrolled in courses at MiraCosta College.
 - II. Be listed in the official membership roll
 - III. Be considered in “good standing” as defined by Section 3
- B. In order to be an Associate Member of the College Democrats, one must satisfy the following requirements
 - I. Be a currently enrolled student attending MiraCosta College or an incoming Freshman enrolled in courses at MiraCosta College.
 - II. Be listed in the official membership roll

SECTION 3. Members shall be considered in “good standing” if they have attended at least two-thirds of the most recent General Meetings, with exemptions for ignorance, personal matters, or academic scheduling, have not been censured by the club for

violating the Constitution or the ideals of the Democratic Party, and have provided the information necessary for chartering with California Young Democrats. Members in good standing shall have priority in access to events with limited attendance and applications to off-campus events and retreat.

SECTION 4. As used throughout this document, full privileges shall be defined as the ability to vote in all elections, motions, bills, resolutions, and endorsements, and to stand for election, or submit bills and resolutions.

SECTION 5. As used in College Democrats proceedings, *censuring* shall be defined as;

- A. The act of temporarily suspending voting privileges until required mediation has been completed between two parties in conflict, as levied by a member of the Executive Board or brought to vote by written statement of complaint from any member of the General Membership, and passed by a majority anonymous vote of the Executive Board.
- B. General Membership and Officers shall be subject to censure if they violate the following standards of conduct:
 - I. A member shall conduct themselves with civility and respect towards all other members and Democratic Party candidates and elected officials, while a member of the Democrats of MiraCosta College.
 - II. Members shall not denigrate an endorsed candidate of the Democrats of MiraCosta College.
 - III. A member shall not create an intimidating, offensive, and/or abusive environment for other members.
 - IV. A member shall not engage in any actions detrimental to the purpose of the Democrats of MiraCosta College.
- C. In the instance of censure;
 - I. The President, or Vice Presidents, will approach the individuals in conflict or accused of violating Subsection B, and attempt to bring them to mediation.
 - i. In instances where all three officers are subject to Censure, the Advisor will request mediation
 - II. Should mediation be rejected or fail;
 - i. The rejecting parties will be indefinitely suspended until such time that they agree to mediation.
 - III. Any member who has been censured and is found in further violation of Subsection B, shall be referred to the Inter-Club Council and MiraCosta

College Office of Student Life & Leadership, and will be barred from attending club meetings and events.

- IV. Censured and disbarred members may seek redress with the Inter-Club Council and Office of Student Life & Leadership and must submit to final arbitration and mediation as provided by the Counselling Department or Office of Student Life & Leadership.

Article IV- Officers & Advisors

SECTION 1. As required by MiraCosta College policy, all campus clubs must be overseen by a Staff Advisor and have the option to seek out a Community Advisor as well.

- I. An individual employed by MiraCosta College shall serve as Staff Advisor to the College Democrats
- II. Any member of the community may serve as a Community Advisor to the College Democrats subject to the relevant college paperwork.
- III. Either the Staff Advisor or the Community Advisor must be present for all events that require an Activities Request Form submission, with exception to those instances that the Office of Student Life & Leadership permits no Advisor to be present

SECTION 2. At the discretion of the incumbent President, College Democrats alumni and other individuals of considerable importance or respect may be appointed as Advisors of Merit for one year. Advisors of Merit may not function as Community Advisors and hold no authority in the chapter outside of the guidance and assistance they offer. A majority of the Executive Board must vote to accept these appointments. There shall be no more than four Advisors of Merit at any time. Former Presidents shall automatically be accorded the position of “Advisor of Merit” unless such a position is rejected or a unanimous vote of the Executive Board is held to prohibit the appointment. Former Presidents serving in such a capacity shall not be counted among the four potential appointees afforded to the sitting President.

SECTION 3. The Officers shall be representatives of the membership of the College Democrats. Elected and appointed officers must remain active in all of the College Democrats’ activities, volunteer events, and endeavors to the best of their ability. Each officer shall focus on fulfilling their assigned duties as specified by Section 4; should they require assistance, they can turn to the other members of the College Democrats’ Executive Board. Order of succession shall proceed in order as follows.

SECTION 4. The voting membership of the Executive Board, in Order of Succession, will consist of the President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Communications and Director of Operations:

- A. The President, who shall lead the College Democrats and ensure the organization actively aims to fulfill the purpose outlined in Article I. Specifically, the President shall:

- i. Be duly elected for a one year term by the general membership of the College Democrats in the Spring Semester of the preceding academic year;
- ii. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the College Democrats;
- iii. With the College Democrats Executive Board's input, establish goals and projects for the club;
- iv. Organize and preside over all Executive Board and General Meetings;
- v. Carry out the policies and directives of the College Democrats' Executive Board;
- vi. Maintain active communication with both the Staff Advisor and Community Advisor;
- vii. Represent the College Democrats at all Full Council Sessions of the Inter-Club Council. This duty may be delegated to other members of the Executive Board should the President be unable to fulfill this function;
- viii. Be the direct communicator with grassroots political and activist causes, elected officials, and campaigns, and organize events to support these campaigns;
- ix. Request rooms and tables for General Meetings. This duty may be delegated to other members of the Executive Board should the President be unable to fulfill this function;
- x. Serve as the College Democrats representative to all College Democrats of America, Young Democrats of America, California Young Democrats, and California College Democrats, meetings and conventions. Should the President be unable to attend, they may appoint a proxy subject to the relevant paperwork and guidelines of the respective institution. The President or Proxy in their voting capacities shall be bound to the will of the College Democrats unless such obligation is suspended by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the General Membership.
- xi. Nominate the College Democrats' representatives to the California Democratic Party and San Diego County Democratic Party—and any other official representatives, delegates, and alternates from the club to conferences, caucuses, councils, conventions, and other meetings—subject to the approval of a majority vote of the officers;
- xii. If applicable, serve as the College Democrats representative to the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee and relevant Area Caucus as an Associate Member. This duty may be delegated to another Officer of the College Democrats Executive Board or Member of the General Membership should the President be unwilling or unable to fulfill this role. An Associate Member application, must be submitted to the San

Diego County Democratic Party within 30 days of the representative's election or selection

- xiii. In instances where the President can not be present for a meeting, the next present officer along the line of succession shall preside over all business and shall assume those Presidential duties necessary for the basic functions of the current meeting.
- B. The Vice President, who shall ensure the College Democrats maintains an active and expanding membership and who shall coordinate with other clubs on campus, and shall:
 - i. Be duly elected for a one year term by the general membership of the College Democrats in the Spring Semester of the preceding academic year;
 - ii. Assume the office of the President upon the President's death, resignation, removal, or inability to perform duties;
 - iii. Spearhead all campus recruitment, registration, and outreach efforts.
 - iv. Attend other relevant organizations' General Meetings, informing them of College Democrats events and bringing back information to the College Democrats.
 - v. Collect information about political volunteer and internship opportunities, and disseminate this information to the club membership and student body
- C. The Director of Finance, who shall manage all matters of finance and fundraising and their record for the College Democrats. Specifically, the Director of Finance shall:
 - i. Maintain the Associated Student Government's financial account of the club;
 - ii. Manage the annual budget and ensure solvency and fiscal responsibility;
 - iii. Coordinate fundraising events as necessary with the President and other Officers;
 - iv. Apply for funding from the Associated Student Government and Inter-Club Council and complete necessary forms;
 - v. Keep accurate record of all College Democrats expenditures and fundraising income, in the form of cheques, receipts, and so forth;
 - vi. Ensure reimbursement for all voluntary expenses personally incurred, having first been approved by the Executive Board, by the General Membership for use of the club, unless otherwise provided as a donation.
- D. The Director of Communications, who shall manage the social cohesion of the General Membership and all forms of social media and communication. Specifically, the Director of Communications shall:
 - i. Be duly elected for a one year term by the general membership of the

- College Democrats in the Spring Semester of the preceding academic year;
- ii. Chair the Social Affairs Committee and work with its members to advance the social life of the College Democrats, create an overall enjoyable experience, and build a sense of family and home for all members.
 - iii. Actively maintain and update the College Democrats accounts on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, and other forms of social media;
 - i. Create events on social media and coordinate publicity with the Executive Board;
 - ii. Approve, or delegate authority to do so, all media, posts, tweets, and snaps, before dissemination across College Democrats accounts;
 - iii. Respond to all communications sent to College Democrats accounts
 - iv. Check and manage the College Democrats' email and respond to any inquiries, notifying the relevant officer(s);
 - v. Manage the contact lists of the College Democrats, and send out weekly emails, calls, or texts, with reminders about activities and meetings
 - i. The method, or multiple of such, of communication is dependent on the preference of the General Membership;
- E. The Director of Operations, who shall keep record of all documents and pertinent information and see to the functions related to such information. Specifically, the Director of Operations shall:
- i. Maintain and archive all College Democrats communications, forms, paperwork, documents, and other relevant items, for both posterity and transparency.
 - ii. Take attendance at all Executive Board and General Meetings by roll call or paper form and indicate such on the official attendance sheet in the chapter Drive
 - iii. Determine member standing, eligibility for office, and voting privileges through the attendance rolls and other documents
 - iv. Dictate and post minutes for all General Membership and Executive Board meetings;
 - v. Coordinate with the Executive Board to maintain and update a monthly calendar of events, meetings, and other relevant activities, made accessible through means determined by the Director of Operations;
 - vi. Maintain and update the College Democrats website miracostadems.org

SECTION 4. Every officer must attend relevant student organization training sessions

administered by the Inter-Club Council or Associated Student Government.

A. The President will assign relevant training sessions to each officer.

SECTION 5. All pertinent emails sent or received by officers acting as a representative of the College Democrats must be blind carbon copied to MiraCostaDems@gmail.com

Article V- Elections

SECTION 1. The present membership in good standing shall elect the President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Operations, and Director of Communications.

SECTION 2. Elections shall be held during April of the Spring Semester and must be announced at least two weeks prior to the election date via email. Elected officers shall maintain their positions until the end of the Spring Semester and shall serve as an advisory body to the incoming board over the Summer intersession.

SECTION 3. To be considered eligible for office, candidates must be members in good standing and must submit their intent by email or google form to run to at least two days prior to the first ballot,

SECTION 4. Elections shall be conducted in line with the following procedures;

- A. Eligibility to vote shall be determined by the Director of Operations through consulting the membership rolls. Ballots will be distributed by the Director of Operations at such time.
- B. Ballots must be designed so that a portrait shot of all candidates is included next to their names either on the ballot or displayed prominently in the voting space.
- C. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot behind closed doors. No person may enter the voting space after the commencement or before the conclusion of voting procedures.
- D. Before the vote, each candidate shall receive no more than two minutes to deliver a speech to the membership.
- E. After each candidate has delivered their speeches, the voters will have an opportunity to ask questions for a time specified by the election moderator. No candidate shall ask their opponent any question.
- G. Votes shall be counted by two election managers who are appointed by the President and are not running for office.
- H. Any member, upon request, shall have access to the ballots after they have been counted.

SECTION 4. A successful candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes.

- A. Runoff elections can and will be held in the absence of a simple majority between the top two candidates for any elected position.
 - I. Each candidate shall receive a two minute period for a speech.
 - II. The membership shall cast their votes for a second time.
- B. Unsuccessful candidates may run for any remaining positions if they will be unopposed or running against another unsuccessful candidate.
 - I. Such an election will occur immediately following the initial voting session.

SECTION 5. Should a race between two or more candidates end in an exact tie, the following shall happen:

- A. Each candidate shall receive a two minute period for a speech;
- B. A two minute question and answer period shall follow each speech;
- C. The membership shall cast their votes for a second time;
- D. If an exact tie persists after the second vote, the President shall conduct a coin toss

SECTION 6. Should any elected or appointed position be vacated or void for any reason, including impeachment, the President shall appoint an interim officer, with a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, and a special election shall be held at the next General Meeting at least two weeks after the vacant position originates. Special elections shall be conducted under the same bylaws as provided above.

SECTION 7. If a new Executive Board has not been successfully elected by the end of the Spring Semester, the outgoing Executive Board shall appoint a transition team of officers to guide the Young Democrats, take on administrative duties, and organize meetings until elections can be held in the Fall Semester.

SECTION 8. Newly elected officers must;

- I. Read the Constitution, initial next to every Article on the Master Copy, and sign Article XI
- II. Candidates must read and sign a nondisclosure and guidelines form protecting the privacy of all members and integrity of the organization.
- III. Take the Oath of Office as defined by Section 9.

SECTION 9. The Oath of Office shall first be administered by the chapter Advisor to the duly elected President. Upon their assumption of office, the President shall administer the Oath of Office to the duly elected members of the Executive Board. Officers shall be sworn in by the following procedures;

- A. Duly elected officers must raise their right hand and answer in the affirmative to the question as administered by the President or Advisor

“Do you solemnly affirm that you will strive, to the best of your ability, to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected; and that you will hold in mind the best interests of the chapter and Democratic Party at all times?”

B. Upon affirmation, duly elected officers must then raise their right hand and repeat the Oath of Office as administered by the President or Advisor

"I _____, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of _____ and will know and uphold the Constitution of the Democrats of MiraCosta College."

SECTION 10. The outgoing members of the Executive Board subsequent to the elections shall prepare the Executive Board-elect through a transition process running until the assumption of office by the new Executive Board.

Article VI - College Democrats Executive Board

SECTION 1. The Democrats of MiraCosta College will have at least one General Meeting a month, subject to the determination of the Executive Board.

- A. The College Democrats Executive Board will decide on possible meeting times and will present potential meeting times to the General Membership to decide within one week after the first Fall Club Recruitment Day.
 - i. Preference shall be given to the schedule of officers in determining the meeting time of the General Membership
 - ii. Officers are required to be present for all meetings, and their schedules must be accommodated.
 - i. If no potential meeting time permits for the entire Executive Board to attend, preference will be given to the President and Vice Presidents and the attendance of the most Officers
 - iii. The College Democrats Executive Board will also decide on possible Executive Board meeting times

SECTION 2. The following are attendance requirements for every Officer, failure to meet them will be considered grounds for removal:

- A. Each Officer shall attend all regular functions of the Democrats of MiraCosta College;
 - i. Absences may be approved by the President with forty-eight hour notice, or retroactively for emergencies.
- B. Officers with scheduling conflicts will be approached with resignation or demotion
 - i. Exception or reinstatement may be made by majority vote of the Executive Board in instances where lack of attendance does not impede the accomplishment of the subject Officer's duties, or in instances where the seat is uncontested despite vacancy.
 - ii. In the event that an officer or committee leader is consistently lacking in attendance due to reason not related to scheduling conflicts, they shall be removed from office of their own volition or by majority vote of the Executive Board

SECTION 3. Should an officer be found demonstrably and willfully lacking in their duties, in violation of the Constitution, or in violation of censure, they may be impeached by the College Democrats General Membership.

- A. Any member of the College Democrats may request impeachment of an officer by submitting a written complaint which cites the offense(s) and relevant bylaws.
- B. The President, or other non-impeached member of the Executive Board, is tasked with seeking a solution through mediation before submitting the request to a vote.
- C. If mediation fails, the officer in subject shall be automatically censured and impeachment shall be brought to a vote before the Executive Board. Proceedings will move forward with a $\frac{2}{3}$ affirmative vote. The vote may not occur without $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Executive Board present. If successful, an impeachment hearing must be announced to the General Membership with two weeks notice
- D. An impeachment hearing shall be held and presided over by the Staff Advisor or Community Advisor
 - i. The aggrieved party will be given 5 minutes to make their case for impeachment and an additional two minutes for every cited offense. A proxy may present the argument for sake of anonymity
 - ii. The impeached officer will be given 5 minutes to defend themselves and an additional minute for every cited offense.
 - iii. Both parties will be given 5 minutes to respond to any allegations, and a two minute closing statement with the defending officer speaking last
 - iv. The plaintiffs shall leave at this point and the General Membership will cast anonymous ballots.
 - v. The impeachment shall succeed upon receiving a majority vote from the members present, but shall be invalid if less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of members are in attendance.
 - vi. In instances of a tie, the impeachment fails and the defending officer retains their position on the Executive Board.

Article VII - Resolutions

SECTION 1. The Democrats of MiraCosta College shall write and ratify resolutions on matters of public policy by a simple majority of the membership to signify the club's political stances in areas where the California Democratic Party has taken no stance or where the club's stances differ from the views of the California Democratic Party. This function may be used to take stances on ballot referendums and initiatives.

SECTION 2. The College Democrats shall follow a standard process for adopting resolutions:

- A. Any officer shall propose the text of a resolution at a meeting of the College Democrats' executive board.
- B. A majority of the present and voting officers must vote in favor of the resolution.
 - i. The officers may also vote to make amendments by a simple majority.
 - ii. Ties shall be broken by a random member chosen from a hat.
- C. A majority of the members at the following General Meeting must vote in favor of the resolution.
 - I. Ties shall be broken by a random member chosen from a hat.
- D. The President must approve or veto the resolution at the following meeting of the College Democrats' officers.
 - I. If the President chooses instead to veto the resolution, then the veto can be overridden under the following circumstances:
 - A. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the present and voting officers at an Executive Board meeting votes to override the veto and pass the resolution, and
 - B. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the present and voting members in good standing at a General Meeting votes to override the veto and pass the resolution.

Article VIII - Endorsements

SECTION 1. The College Democrats shall make endorsements to signal the support of the club's membership for specific candidates and slates. Endorsements shall be made no earlier than the filing deadline and no later than two weeks before the date of the election, unless the executive board determines the race to be strategically critical by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. A strategically critical race shall be defined as having an identified Democrat who has previously been endorsed by the Party, has demonstrated the ability to fundraise, has established a significant campaign organization, or where the club has a chance to play a more significant role (in races where early involvement and organizing could prove to be a key factor in winning that particular election). The College Democrats shall only make endorsements for offices in the greater San Diego area and California.

A. Requirements for consideration of endorsement shall be as follows:

- i. Candidates must be publicly declared and be in the process of filing with the Federal Elections Commission, have already have done so, or intend to at the beginning of the filing period.
- ii. The College Democrats shall not endorse non-Democratic candidates. Non-Democratic candidates may only be rated as acceptable or unacceptable.

B. The voting process and requirements for endorsement meetings shall be as follows:

- i. An endorsement meeting may not take place without a Quorum of Membership present and in good standing.
- ii. Eligibility to vote shall be determined by the Director of Operations by consulting the membership rolls. Ballots will be distributed by the Director of Operations at such time.
- iii. Ballots shall be designed in the manner as follows;
 - i. A portrait shot of all candidates must be included next to their names either on the ballot or displayed prominently in the voting space
 - ii. Written options of "No Endorsement" and "Abstain" must be provided.
- iv. A vote of "No Endorsement" counts against the vote total, whereas a vote of "Abstain" does not.
- v. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot behind closed doors or in privacy. No person that is not casting a ballot may enter the voting space after the commencement or before the conclusion of voting procedures.
- vi. Votes shall be counted by two election managers who are appointed by

the President and are not running for office. The election managers, President, and attending Advisor must complete the certification form at this time. Any person may request to review the ballots and tally sheets.

C. The process and guidelines for endorsing candidates shall be as follows:

- i. Any office may be brought to consideration before the Executive Board by any Member. The Executive Board shall then vote by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to move forward with endorsement proceedings. If successful, the President shall then notify the General Membership of the endorsement meeting two weeks in advance.
- ii. A questionnaire drafted by the Executive Board with input from the General Membership may, if needed, be sent to all prospective Democratic candidates.
- iii. In elections with more than one registered Democratic candidate is actively running, the President shall invite all candidates five business days in advance to speak at the endorsement meeting.
- iv. In elections with only one registered Democratic candidate actively running, the College Democrats shall automatically endorse the Democratic candidate after the filing deadline.
- v. During the session of the endorsement meeting, the President shall serve as moderator and the Director of Operations shall keep time.
 - i. The moderated portion of the meeting will make use of questions submitted by the General Membership prior to the endorsement meeting. These may not attack or malign a candidate.
 - ii. The open portion of the meeting will make use of questions submitted by those members present. These questions may not attack or malign a candidate. In the instance of such questions being submitted, the President shall ignore the member and move on to further questions.
 - iii. The format of the meeting shall be determined by the President.
 - iv. No candidate may ask a question of another candidate
- vi. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the General Membership is required for all endorsements. Should no candidate achieve this threshold, a second round of balloting will take place with the candidate receiving the least amount of votes being removed. Each remaining candidate will be given a minute to make any additional remarks. This will continue until two candidates remain on the ballot. If the threshold is still not met, the President will then entertain motions to rate all or individual candidates as acceptable or unacceptable, or to table the endorsement to another meeting. If no motion passes, the

club will automatically issue no position on this race.

- vii. In races where the College Democrats have not endorsed a specific candidate, the organization shall facilitate the dissemination of information for all acceptable Democratic candidates in those races.

- D. No penalties may be placed on regular members who campaign for Democratic candidates other than the endorsed candidate, except in instances where campaigning denigrates the endorsed candidate (cause for censure). Members may not act on behalf of the College Democrats and may not do so in their efforts to campaign for a non-endorsed candidate
- E. Endorsements passed by the General Membership must include language differentiating their authoring body from that of the San Diego County Democratic Party and California Democratic Party.

SECTION 2. In Associated Student Government elections, the College Democrats shall host an endorsement meeting subject to the procedures of Article VIII § 1 to provide slates and independent candidates with the opportunity to present their platforms and candidates to the chapter's membership. The membership in good standing shall then vote on endorsements for each of the individual executive candidates.

- A. Associated Student Government elections are not subject to the regulations of the Democratic Party. Candidates are not required to be registered Democrats.

SECTION 3. In elections of the California Democratic Party, California Young Democrats, California College Democrats, College Democrats of America, and Young Democrats of America, the Executive Board shall have the sole authority to issue endorsements and may consider potential endorsements

SECTION 5. The College Democrats may issue a post facto rating of *Unacceptable* for a non-endorsed candidate by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Members in Good Standing or by unanimous vote of the Executive Board, in instances where the candidate has demonstrated violations of ethical standards expected of students or has warranted the condemnation of the Membership. Condemnation must be requested in writing along with the stated offense and disseminated to the Membership seven days prior to the next General Meeting when the vote shall take place. The Membership may override a unanimous vote of the Executive Board by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote

SECTION 5. The College Democrats may revoke an endorsement of a candidate by a

$\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Members in Good Standing for *Statutes of Misconduct* or *Loss of Mandate*, or by unanimous vote of the Executive Board in Instances of Emergency.

- A. Statutes of Misconduct may be used to initiate a Motion of Revocation at a meeting of the General Membership. A member or officer must cite the offense and submit the request in writing to the Director of Operations who will then disseminate an announcement no earlier than five business days before the next General Meeting. The motion will then be brought to a vote at the specified meeting and shall succeed if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the present Members in Good Standing approve. Statutes of Misconduct shall be defined as those circumstances where a candidate has;
 - I. Demonstrably and egregiously been shown to be in violation of the same ethics expected of MiraCosta College students (Student Code of Conduct)
 - II. Moved beyond the pale of self-defense or civil disagreement and has repeatedly engaged in disreputable attacks on other Democratic candidates
 - III. Demonstrably deceived or lied to members of the chapter during the course of the endorsement process on a matter(s) that would precondition the support of the chapter
- B. Loss of Mandate, if suspected by a Member or officer, must be submitted in writing to the Director of Operations who will then disseminate an announcement no earlier than five business days before the next General Meeting. The motion will be known as a "Motion of No Confidence" and will then be brought to a vote at the next meeting and shall succeed if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the present Members in Good Standing approve. A Loss of Mandate shall be defined as the circumstance where a candidate has;
 - I. Demonstrably or visibly lost a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority support of the Members in Good Standing.
- C. Instances of Emergency must be submitted in writing to the Director Operations who will disseminate an announcement to the Executive Board and General Membership. The Executive Board will then vote at the next available opportunity on a *Motion of Revocation in Emergency*. Instances of Emergency shall be defined as those circumstances where a candidate or slate;
 - I. Has unexpectedly been announced as deceased or incapacitated or has officially declared their withdrawal from the race
 - II. Been proven to be in current violation of California or Federal criminal statutes or election laws and likely to face prosecution
- E. Should any motion succeed and an endorsement be revoked, the President must issue a public statement and notify all candidates. If a new endorsement is

requested or brought forward by a Member, the endorsement must be conducted again by the procedures covered in Section 1. The Executive Board may issue an *Advisory Endorsement* outside of these procedures if time constraints prevent adherence to Section 1

Article IX - Amendments to the Constitution

SECTION 1. Amendments to the College Democrats Constitution shall be proposed in the Spring Semester at the end of each academic year or earlier if consented to by $\frac{2}{3}$ of all Members in Good Standing. Any Member or elected officer may propose an amendment to the Constitution.

SECTION 2. The College Democrats Constitution shall be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from the present membership at a Constitutional Convention announced a week in advance.

SECTION 3. Both printed and digital copies of the current Constitution must be provided to the Office of Student Life & Leadership, as well as printed and digital copies of all amendments to the Constitution as ratified by the College Democrats.

Article X - Disbursal of Club Assets

SECTION 1. In the instance the Democrats of MiraCosta College should become defunct, all assets will be released to the Inter-Club Council as dictated by the MiraCosta College Associated Student Government Bylaws.

Article XI - Approval

SECTION 1. This document, and all subsequent amendments, was ratified by the Democrats of MiraCosta College and signed by the Executive Board on the following dates in order of re-ratification:

~~April 19th, 2016~~

~~October 3rd, 2016~~

~~February 27th, 2017~~

~~May 22nd, 2017~~

~~November 13th, 2017~~

March 12th, 2018

Signatures

President:

Vice President:

Director of Finance:

Director of Communications:

Director of Operations:

Staff Advisor:

Community Advisor (*if applicable*):
