

Princeton University Libertarians

PREAMBLE

The Princeton University Libertarians proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to:

*Promote libertarian ideas and values on the Princeton University campus.
Facilitate the discussion of libertarian ideology amongst its members.
Bring in speakers and host other events that provide opportunities for Princeton students to learn about libertarianism.*

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this student organization shall be the “Princeton University Libertarians”

NAME OF GROUP

Section 2. The words "*Princeton University Libertarians*" or "*Princeton Libertarians*" shall not be used by any individual or group of individuals without the consent of the officers or the organization as a whole.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization will be extended to all undergraduate students at Princeton University who demonstrate interest in membership.

Section 2. No person who has expressed interest in membership shall be denied membership.

Section 3. Active members shall be those who attend 67% of all meetings and events each semester or those who attend at least 10 meetings or events in a semester in which attending 10 or more meetings would fall short of 67% attendance. A club event is any official event fully or partially sponsored by the club, as well as club meetings. Events that are purely social in nature do not count for this purpose.

ARTICLE III ***Officers***

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board of Officers, which shall consist of the following in order of seniority: President, Co-President, Treasurer, Outreach Chair

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be empowered to:

- (1) Conduct the business and affairs of the organization;
- (2) Act as arbiters in cases of disagreement among members;
- (3) Represent the organization in all cases including but not limited to cases of liability, responsibility, or honors.

Section 3. The President

- (1) The President shall be the highest ranking member of the Princeton University Libertarians Executive Board and shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board. The President will also preside over all meetings of the Princeton Libertarians unless otherwise specified.
- (2) The President shall represent the club publicly.
- (3) The President shall work with other officers to organize events including but not limited to inviting speakers to campus.
- (4) The President shall oversee operations of the Princeton Libertarians and work with other officers to ensure they faithfully execute their duties.
- (5) The President shall hold any responsibility not otherwise given to another member of the executive board in this document, but may delegate responsibilities to other members of the executive board or to appointed officers as appropriate. In the event that the

President delegates a responsibility to another officer, that officer will then be held responsible.

Section 4. The Co-President

- (1) The Co-President will be senior to all members of the Princeton University Libertarians and Executive Board other than the President.
- (2) The Co-President will be responsible for assisting the President in carrying out their duties.
- (3) The Co-President shall be responsible for overseeing the organization of events. This includes but is not limited to ensuring the following duties have been executed by the President, the Co-President, or another officer to whom they have been delegated for all events: securing a venue, registering and getting ODUS approval for the event, appropriate communication with any co-hosts, ensuring any necessary technology such as a microphone for a speaker or projector for a presentation will be available and ready. The Co-President will also communicate with the President and Treasurer to ensure that any and all funds necessary for hosting a speaker or other event are available and communicating all necessary expenditures to the Treasurer.

Section 5. The Treasurer

- (1) The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the finances of the club.
- (2) The Treasurer shall fulfill all duties and responsibilities that the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students deems the treasurer of an ODUS recognized club responsible for.
- (3) The Treasurer shall be responsible for raising funds for the Princeton University Libertarians and for events sponsored by the Princeton University Libertarians.
- (4) The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all necessary expenditures are paid including but not limited to the payment of outside speakers and event related expenses.

Section 6. The Outreach Chair

- (1) The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for overseeing the recruitment of new members. This will include but not be limited to organizing the Princeton University Libertarian's presence at clubs fairs, organizing open houses, sending recruitment

emails on Residential College and other listservs, and making recruitment posts in class year Facebook groups.

- (2) The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for running and maintaining any and all social media accounts as well as the website (libertarians.princeton.edu).
- (3) The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for promoting all events. This may include but is not limited to promotion on social media accounts and hanging posters or flyers around campus.
- (4) The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for maintaining contact with Alumni and will work with the Treasurer on any fundraising efforts that specifically target Alumni.

Section 7. Appointed officers:

(1) The executive board may appoint additional officers as it sees appropriate. These may include but are not limited to social chairs and committees or chairs for specific events.

(2) All club members shall be eligible to apply for officer positions. The appointment of a new officer shall be announced to all club members and an application made available at least 1 week before the application deadline.

(3) At least 51% of the executive board must approve the appointment of a given individual to an officer position.

(4) The term of an appointed officer will be determined by the executive board. Appointed officers may be removed from their position prior to the end of their term for any reason by vote of 51% of the executive board.

(5) Appointed officers will report to the President or another member of the executive board as specified at the time of appointment. Appointed officers may also be invited to attend meetings of the executive board as a non-voting guest on a meeting by meeting basis at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Executive Board or the entire organization shall be held whenever necessary, upon the call of the President or at the request of at least three executive board officers.

Section 2. The executive board shall meet at a minimum of one time per month during the academic year. These meetings shall be open to only the executive board. Non-voting guests including but not limited to appointed officers may be invited at the discretion of the President on a meeting by meeting basis.

Section 3. A meeting or event open to all club members shall be held at least twice per month when students are on campus. These meetings should be communicated to all club members at least one week in advance. Anyone causing significant disruption to a meeting or event may be asked to leave at the discretion of the President or presiding officer. Members who repeatedly disrupt meetings or events or otherwise repeatedly disrupt the operations of the club may be barred from attending future events by a unanimous vote of the executive board.

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of the officers:

(1) The executive board officers shall be elected annually every April after the first elections are held. Due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the coronavirus pandemic, the founding executive board shall remain in power long enough to establish the group on campus, and it will be at their discretion when to hold the first election, no later than April 2023. Elections shall be held by individual, secret ballot. A candidate must receive 51% of the votes to win an election. Terms shall last one year or until the successor for each respective position has been duly elected and has qualified for said position; if a candidate does not receive 51% of the vote, a run-off will be held between the two candidates who received the highest amount of votes.

(2) Elections shall be held for the following executive board officer positions: President, Co-President, Treasurer, Outreach Chair.

(3) The outgoing President will preside over all election proceedings and will moderate the discussions; if the President is participating in a specific election, the subsequent officer will preside over the election; the presiding officer will tally all votes.

(4) Each candidate will have the opportunity to present a speech; after the speeches have been given, the presiding officer will call for a vote by secret ballot.

(5) A member may be awarded a proxy vote with valid reason subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Voting members:

(1) To be a *voting member* an individual must qualify as an active member as defined in Article II Section 3 of this document.

(2) In the case that a member studies abroad or takes a one semester leave of absence, the number of events required to achieve voting member status will be halved.

(3) In order to accurately count active members, attendance will be taken by electronic forum at the start of each event. It is the president's responsibility to maintain a record of each members' attendance at events. The President may delegate the role of taking attendance at an event, but must maintain the record.

Section 3. Resignation:

(1) In the event of the resignation of an elected officer, a special election, announced to all members to fill the position shall be held. In the event of the resignation of the President or Treasurer, the Co-President will serve as acting President or acting Treasurer until the special election can be held.

(2) In the event of the resignation of an appointed officer, the executive board may fill the vacancy at its discretion.

ARTICLE VI

Impeachment of Executive Officers

Section 1. Grounds for impeachment of an Executive Board Officer:

(1) Proven violation of Princeton Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities;

(2) Proven violation of any rules outlined in this constitution;

(3) Failure to perform duties outlined in this constitution.

Section 2. A member of the Executive Board may be removed from their position by vote. Removal requires a unanimous vote of the Executive Board officers with the

officer in question abstaining, followed by a vote of at least 67% of present active members as defined in Article II Section 3. The officer in question must be given an opportunity to defend himself before both the executive board and the full membership prior to the votes. Members must be given 7 days notice before the impeachment vote; this notice will be sent out only after the Executive Board has voted unanimously to impeach and this notice will include both the accusations against the officer and the officer's written defense. The officer in question will be temporarily relieved of their powers for these 7 days. The President will preside over impeachment proceedings unless the President is the officer in question in which case the Co-President shall preside.

ARTICLE VII ***Amendments***

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at the meeting and three-quarters of the executive board.

Section 2. A motion for an amendment to the constitution may be raised by any active member at the meeting to elect new officers or by 51% of the executive board officers at any time during their term.

ARTICLE VIII ***Ratification***

Section 1. This constitution will take effect following a unanimous vote of approval by the founding Executive Board.

Princeton University Libertarians - Reestablished July 2020

Constitution ratified - August 5, 2020

Founding Executive Board:

President: Patrick Townsend '23

Co-President: Emily Dale '23

Treasurer: Ally Noone '23

Outreach Chair: Juan Nova '23