

## THE BROOKDALE COLLEGE REPUBLICANS CONSTITUTION

Article I      The name of the organization shall be Brookdale College Republicans.

Article II      The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the principles found within the Republican Party, to develop political skills and leadership abilities among members, and furthermore the organization shall stress the importance of getting involved in national and local politics, and bring political diversity to campus.

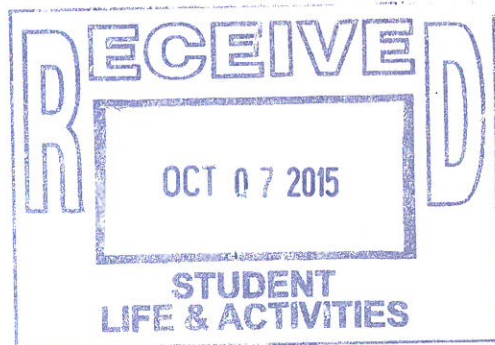
Article III      Membership:

Full membership in this organization shall only be available to students of Brookdale Community College regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or political, ethnic, or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any right or privilege, advantage, or opportunity. Brookdale College Republicans will not discriminate on any member willing to join. Brookdale College Republicans when requested shall give accurate official membership rosters to the Office of Student Life.

Article IV      Executive Committee

Section 1.      The officers which will comprise the Brookdale College Republicans shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits (active – not audit status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog).

Section 2.      All officers shall be elected at a regular Brookdale College Republicans meeting between September 1 and September 30 of each year, to be announced in writing to all members no less than two weeks in advance. Nominations shall be made at the meeting prior to the election by any members in good standing. Nominations may be re-opened by majority vote. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting.



Section 3. The President shall preside over all meetings of the organization, shall plan and manage the activities of the organization, act as the spokesperson for the organization, and shall maintain sufficient contact with the New Jersey College Republican State Committee. He shall supervise and coordinate all programming and events; he shall report to the executive committee on the status of such programming; and he shall carry out any such duties assigned by the President. The Vice President shall act in place in the absence of the Chairman, and preside over the Recruitment Committee, and report to the President on the status of recruitment. The Secretary shall take and prepare minutes of all regular meetings as well as meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall write letters for the organization. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial records of the organization, keep the officers roster up to date, prepare the budget, and shall coordinate fundraising activities with the Chairman. The Executive Committee shall be creating publicity for any special event Brookdale College Republicans might have through contact with the schools newspapers and the local media as well.

Section 4. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President the Vice President assumes the duties. In case of a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer these two offices shall be combined. Brookdale College Republicans shall have at least two officers at any given time.

Article V Brookdale College Republicans will meet no less than three times a term. The Executive Committee shall meet no less than twice a semester during the Fall and Spring Semesters, and at least once during the Summer Semester.

Article VI Quorum shall be reached when 25% of the clubs active members are present.

Article VII The parliamentary rules contained in the most recent (*edition*) addition of Robert's Rules of Order, shall govern the College Republicans in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of the New Jersey Federation of College Republicans or those of the College Republican National Committee.

Article VIII All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the Associated Students of Brookdale Community College and the

Office of Student Life and Activities. Use of allocated funds and earned income are governed by the ASBCC Finance Committee Guidelines. Authorized signatures for check disbursements will be kept on file with the ASBCC Treasurer and updated as needed.

Article IX      The advisor shall be a regular employee of the College. The duties of the faculty/staff advisor will be as defined in the Role of the Brookdale Club and Organization Advisor. The faculty advisor may participate in all activities of the organization. The Office of Student Life and Activities will appoint an advisor each April. Appointments begin July 1, and conclude June 30, of the following year.

Article X      The organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the College and under the privileges as granted by the Associated Students Brookdale Community College. The rules and regulations are found in such documents as the Brookdale Community College Catalog, the Student Handbook, as well as the general regulations of the College as provided by the Board of Trustees, by the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government.

If a rule or directive from a parent organization is in conflict with ASBCC rules, guidelines, or policies, then the ASBCC rules, guidelines, or policies takes precedent unless the ASBCC and Office of Student Life and Activities makes an exception. If a rule or directive is in conflict with Brookdale Community College regulations or policies, then the BCC regulations or policies take precedent.

Article XI      Amendments: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting, and notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members at least one week before the meeting on the constitutional amendment. Before becoming effective all amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board and Director of Student Life and Activities following procedure for recognition.

This Constitution shall become effective September 28, 2008