Constitution of the College Republicans at Indiana University

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the College Republicans at Indiana University. It shall be known throughout this document as IUGOP.

Article II. Purposes

Section 1.

To make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party, including the values of limited government, freedom, and traditional American values, to the students of Indiana University.

Section 2.

To recruit students as members of IUGOP and Republican Party, encourage members to be active in IUGOP, and to help students become members of other allied organizations.

Section 3.

To aid in the election of Republican candidates whom the IUGOP Board votes to endorse.

Section 4.

To develop the political skills of IUGOP members for future service to the party and community.

Article III. Membership

Membership in the IUGOP shall be open to all interested full- or part-time students at Indiana University.

Article IV. Executives and Directors

Section 1.

There shall be five Executives of IUGOP with voting rights. These Executives shall include Chairman, External Vice-Chairman, Internal Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and
Section 2.

There shall be four Directors of IUGOP with voting rights. These Directors shall include Technology Director, Political Director, Press Secretary, and Events Director. All IUGOP members present shall popularly elect these Directors at the specified time and place of the election.

Section 3.

Notice of elections of Directors and Executives shall be responsibly provided to all IUGOP members via the IUGOP electronic mail account no later than one week before the election.

Section 4.

Vacancies of Executive or Director positions shall be filled at the next regular meeting by a vote of the remaining officers. If the Chairman position were to become vacant, the External Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman.

Section 5.

The duties of the Executives and Directors shall be as follows:

EXECUTIVES

- **CHAIRMAN**: To preside over all meetings of IUGOP, administer the IUGOP program, and serve as official spokesman of IUGOP. The Chairman has final say over all matters which do not require a vote by the board. The Chairman shall be able to file for removal of any of the other Executives or Directors. The Chairman shall also coordinate efforts with allied organizations and branches of the Republican Party. In the event the Chairman cannot attend a meeting, he must provide one of the Vice-Chairmen with the agenda for the meeting.
- **EXTERNAL VICE-CHAIRMAN**: To assist the Chairman and preside over meetings when the Chairman is absent. To represent IUGOP with Republican organizations at the state or national level. The External Vice-Chairman may file for removal of the Chairman or any of the other Executives or Directors.
- **INTERNAL VICE-CHAIRMAN**: To represent IUGOP with the County Party and allied organizations on the Indiana University campus. The Internal Vice-Chairman may file for removal of the Chairman or any other Executives or Directors.
- **SECRETARY**: To organize the IUGOP office, collect the mail of IUGOP, and keep minutes of the meetings of IUGOP. The Secretary shall keep an accurate list of members. The Secretary shall recruit a staff to assist in these tasks.
• **TREASURER**: To make financial reports to the Executives and Directors at IUGOP meetings and distribute funds upon authorization of a majority vote of Executives and Directors. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the maintenance of IUGOP financial records. The Treasurer shall also coordinate fundraising events and correspond with donors.

**DIRECTORS**

All Directors must report back to the Chairman and their appointed Vice-Chairman (see section XI).

• **TECH DIRECTOR**: Runs the IUGOP electronic mail account and updates it as needed. Runs the IUGOP website.

• **POLITICAL DIRECTOR**: To coordinate events with the College Democrats and other organizations involved in campus politics such as debates, voter registration, etc. Will work with the Events Director when responsibilities overlap. The Political Director shall recruit a staff to help with these responsibilities.

• **PRESS SECRETARY**: To facilitate the publication and advertisement of official IUGOP publications such as press releases. The Secretary shall keep a record of all official IUGOP documents and mentions of IUGOP in the news media. The Press Secretary shall recruit a staff to assist in these assigned tasks.

• **EVENTS DIRECTOR**: To arrange IUGOP events geared toward educating the campus and local community and attracting new members. The Events Director is also charged with the tasks formerly assigned to the Social Director position (which is now defunct per Amendment VII) as follows: *To organize all social activities of IUGOP for building morale and networking within the group and publicize them to the members of IUGOP. The Social Director shall recruit a staff to assist in these assigned tasks.* The Events Director shall recruit a staff to assist in these assigned tasks.

**NON-ELECTED POSITIONS**

The Chairman shall appoint these positions.

• **DORMITORY COORDINATORS**: In charge of coordinating IUGOP activities and GOTV efforts for the dormitories of Indiana University. Responsible for assisting IUGOP members in their dorm with any question they have. The Dorm Coordinator shall serve as a direct link to IUGOP for residents of the dorm they are in charge of.

• **GREEK COORDINATORS**: In charge of coordinating IUGOP activities and GOTV efforts for the fraternities and sororities of Indiana University. Responsible for assisting IUGOP members in the Greek area they are in charge of. The default number of Greek coordinators shall be as follows: one for 3rd Street, one for 7th Street, one for North Jordan, and one for the Extension. The Greek coordinator positions shall be combined, or more created, at the discretion of the Chairman.

**Article V. Meetings**
The IUGOP shall hold a meeting for all members to inform them of the status of the IUGOP not less than twice every semester. Quorum for the meeting is 10 members and one-half of the elected positions.

**Article VI. Dues**

The IUGOP shall not charge, collect, or require any payment to join IUGOP, monetary or otherwise. Membership to IUGOP shall be free of charge to all interested students at Indiana University.

**Article VII. Removal**

If the Chairman or one of the Vice-Chairmen files for removal of an Executive or Director for failure to perform assigned duties in good faith, the elected officials of the IUGOP shall vote on the removal. If 6 of 9 elected officials vote to remove, the Executive/Director will be removed from his position and be forced to give up all keys he holds. If the removed Executive/Director has access to passwords, those passwords shall be changed immediately.

**Article VIII. Miscellaneous**

Any elected official of IUGOP may call for a vote on any topic/action of IUGOP. The issue shall be decided by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall make the final decision.

**Article IX. Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution must be submitted at least one week in advance of a regular meeting to the Secretary. The proposed amendment shall be adopted if 6 of 9 officers vote to adopt.

**Article X. Ratification**

This Constitution shall be adopted upon a positive vote by 6 of 9 officers.

**Article XI. Chain of Command**

The chain of command is as follows:

- **CHAIRMAN**: All Executives and Directors shall report and answer to the Chairman.
- **EXTERNAL VICE-CHAIRMAN**: Shall report to the Chairman.
- **INTERNAL VICE-CHAIRMAN**: Shall report to the Chairman.
• **SECRETARY**: Shall report to the Chairman and External Vice-Chairman.
• **TREASURER**: Shall report to the Chairman and Internal Vice-Chairman.
• **TECH DIRECTOR**: Shall report to the Chairman and External Vice-Chairman.
• **POLITICAL DIRECTOR**: Shall report to the Chairman and Internal Vice-Chairman.
• **PRESS SECRETARY**: Shall report to the Chairman and External Vice-Chairman.
• **EVENTS DIRECTOR**: Shall report to the Chairman and Internal Vice-Chairman.
• **SOCIAL DIRECTOR**: Shall report to the Chairman and Internal Vice-Chairman. (See amendment VII)

### Amendments to the Constitution

#### Amendment I

Elections shall be held within fourteen days of the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November. All IUCR members shall be notified of the date of the elections by email at least fourteen days before the elections.

#### Amendment II

All elections shall be conducted with a paper ballot.

#### Amendment III

In the case of a tied election, the tie-breaking vote shall be cast by the previous year's chairman. If the previous year's chairman is in the tied election, or not in attendance, the tie-breaking vote shall pass to the first officer as listed in Article XI in attendance and not in the tied election.

#### Amendment IV

**Section 1.**

Elections shall be held anytime during either the week of the second Monday of November or the week of the third Monday of November.

**Section 2.**

In this amendment, "chairman" refers to the chairman listed in Article IV Section 1 except in meetings in which this person is absent; in which case it shall refer to whoever is presiding over the meeting.
Section 3.

Only those who meet all of the following conditions may nominate, receive nominations, and vote: (1) be on the IUGOP electronic mail list, (2) have attended at least two prior general-member meetings in the fall semester of the current year, and (3) be eligible for membership as stated in Article III.

Section 4.

(a) The chairman shall announce the date of the election at the first member-wide meeting in October and he shall subsequently announce it at every such meeting prior to the date of the election.

(b) Nominations shall be open at every October member-wide meeting and every November member-wide meeting prior to the election but not at the election meeting itself.

(c) To stand for election one must be nominated by someone other than himself but the nomination does not need to be seconded to be valid.

(d) The nomination must be for a specific position.

(e) The person nominated must accept the nomination for it to be valid.

(f) No person shall be listed as standing for election of more than one office at the same time.

Section 5.

(a) The chairman shall conduct the election as provided in this constitution and its amendments.

(b) The chairman shall be permitted to vote.

(c) The chairman shall appoint two persons to count votes.

(1) Those appointed may refuse their appointments.

(2) The chairman shall not appoint persons standing for election.

(3) These persons shall not make any endorsements or vote.

Section 6.

(a) Each officer and director position shall be voted on separately and in the order specified in Article XI.
(b) The candidates for a position shall be entitled to make a speech and take questions.

(c) The candidate does not need to be present at the election meeting to run but no proxy or absentee voting shall be permitted.

(d) After all the candidates for a position have had an opportunity to speak and take questions, a time for endorsements shall immediately follow.

(e) Following the endorsement period, the voting for that position only shall occur.

(f) Competing candidates for a position shall not be in the room while another candidate for the same position is speaking or taking questions and none of the candidates for that position may be in the room during the time for endorsements and voting.

(g) Candidates shall not vote in the election for the position for which they are competing.

Section 7.

(a) A plurality shall be required to win an election.

(b) A plurality shall not be required in the case of a tie, which in that case, Amendment III shall be followed.

Section 8.

Losing candidates may drop down the ballot to run for another office but shall not be listed as running for more than one office at a time.

Section 9.

Those winning positions shall officially be in their respective positions upon the adjournment of the election meeting.

Amendment V

Pursuant to required University policy, as directed by the Student Activities Office and the Indiana University Office of the Dean of Students, the following statements are hereby adopted as the policy of the College Republicans:

Statement of University Compliance: This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

Anti-Hazing Policy: Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or
psychologically, to anything that may abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

*Personal Gain Clause:* This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

**Amendment VI**

Pursuant to required University policy, as directed by the Student Activities Office and the Indiana University Office of the Dean of Students, the name of the organization shall formally be changed to the "College Republicans at Indiana University." Any reference in this document to the "Indiana University College Republicans" shall refer to the "College Republicans at Indiana University." The acronyms IUGOP, IUCR, CRIU, and CR@IU shall refer to the same.

**Amendment VII**

On November 4th, 2012, the IUGOP Executive Board voted to amend the constitution of the College Republicans at Indiana University. This amendment reduces the number of total executives from 10 to 9 by merging the Social Director position into the Events Director position. As a result, the position of Social Director no longer exists. All duties formerly assigned to (and any inquiries for) the Social Director now belong to the Events Director. Also, aforementioned matters of the board which previously required 7 of 10 executive votes now require 6 of 9 executive votes to pass.

**Amendment VIII**

Pursuant to required University policy, as directed by the Student Activities Office and the Indiana University Office of the Dean of Students, the following statements are hereby adopted as the policy of the College Republicans:

*Statement of Non-Discrimination:* IUGOP allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.