

AUGUSTANA DEMOCRATS CONSTITUTION

Mission: The mission of the Augustana Democrats is to promote the ideals of the Democratic Party on the campus of Augustana College and in the surrounding community. To this end, the group will provide constructive information about candidates during electoral seasons, as well as promote any public policy issue deemed pertinent by the group to the college community. Additionally, the Augustana Democrats are committed to creating and perpetuating a healthy dialogue concerning political issues among students.

The group's main goal is to provide Augustana students civic education, a variety of means for political participation, and leadership opportunities on campus and in the Sioux Falls community.

Article I. Membership – All Augustana students, faculty, staff, and Administrators are welcome to join the Augustana Democrats. The Augustana Democrats encourage diversity among their members and do not discriminate on the basis of sex, income, marital status, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, religion, or disability.

Article II. Executive Structure – The executive board for the Augustana Democrats will consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The creation of other needed offices or planning committees may be created on an ad hoc basis. The social, publicity, voter registration, and dorm canvassing committees may be created and

continued on an as needed basis by the President or Executive Board with the President's voiced approval.

The president's duties include: providing active and encouraging leadership to all group members, planning meetings and monthly events, representing the group to the media and to the school administration as needed, and serving as the group's spokesperson for the Office of Student Affairs and the Augustana community.

The Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, as executive board members, will also play important roles in the completion of these tasks.

The Vice-President oversees all subsequently formed committees, including publications.

The Secretary-Treasurer is primarily responsible for the completion of minutes at each month's meeting and the dissemination of this information to group members. The duties of the treasurer are typically combined with the secretary and include managing the finances of the organization and preparing financial reports for the membership.

Article III: Elections

Executive Board members shall serve a renewable term of one school year.

An election of the board members will occur in the spring semester, allowing newly elected officers to plan for the upcoming year throughout the summer months. Members must be elected by a majority voice vote of present group members. Any officer who fails to fulfill the duties of his or her office may be removed by a two-thirds vote of present and active voting members.

Parliamentary procedure will be followed in the nomination and election process.