

CONSTITUTION

Turning Point USA at EOU Constitution

PREAMBLE:

We, the members of the Eastern Oregon Turning Point chapter, in order to form a more perfect union, strive to achieve our student educational goals of freedom, capitalism, and free markets, pledge to fight the liberal influences related to public universities, aim to implement Turning Point ideas in our surrounding areas and strive to become difference-makers in America. With these goals in mind, we members swear to protest alongside our brethren and stand up to liberal indoctrination at EOU, and across the nation.

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

Section I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Turning Point USA at EOU

Section II. Mission Statement

Turning Point USA's mission is to educate students about the importance of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and capitalism through innovative campus activism and non-partisan, thought-provoking discussion.

Section III. University Registration

The organization shall be independent in its decision-making in accordance with the national Turning Point USA organization. The Executive Board will register the Club or apply for its recognition as a registered student organization.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section I Voting Members

Membership in the club shall be open to all full-time and part-time EOU students who have attended at least one meeting and remain in good standing with the national organization and university.

Section II Associate Members

Associate membership in the organization shall be open to any individual who demonstrates an interest and willingness to support the purposes and objectives of the Club but does not attend the University. Associate members may take part in all activities and privileges of the club, though are not permitted to vote or hold officer positions.

Section III: Membership Eligibility

The practices and policies of Turning Point USA do not: Exclude, expel, or limit membership because of an individual's race, color, creed, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic status, disability, or status as a veteran.

Section IV: Employment

The practices and policies of Turning Point USA do not: Exclude from being hired, elected, appointed, or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to their compensation, terms,

conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, creed, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic status, disability, or status as a veteran

Section V: Active Membership

Active Membership can only be attained by attending at least 4 meetings and attending one Turning Point USA event or participate in an activist event if there is one available.

Section VI: Membership Termination:

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section I. Governance

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Officers. Officers shall have the general power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Club, adopt rules and regulations governing the actions and activities of the Club, and delegate its authority to officers or committees.

Section II. Positions

The Club shall be comprised of an odd number of officers with no fewer than three serving at a given time. This will include; President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional positions may be created as is deemed necessary and voted on by the Club.

Section III. Tenure and Elections

Elections shall be held on the last month of each Spring term. Officers must make the names of officer candidates available to all active Turning Point EOU voting members, no less than one week prior to the election. Officers shall serve one calendar year beginning on the day of their election. Election Ballots will be prepared by the Officer team.

Section IV. Duties of Officers

Duties of Club officers include, but are not limited to:

President:

- Preside over meetings
- Coordinate all activities within the chapter
- Act as a Liason between the chapter and outside entities
- Attend University functions that require a club representative
- Work with other officers to determine the overall direction of the Club
- Report to the national organization
- Appoint members to officer positions in the event of resignation or removal before the next election cycle

Vice President:

- Carry out any duties of the President in the event of the President's inability to carry them out
- Replace the President in the event of the President's removal or resignation
- Maintain decorum at meetings
- Work with the other officers to create a schedule of events and activities

Secretary:

- Maintain a list of all active members and sign-ups
- Keep minutes of meetings
- Maintain decorum at meetings
- Maintain chapter documents
- Write weekly emails to inform and remind members of general news and upcoming calendar items

Treasurer:

- Serve as a signatory on the Chapter Index
- Manage the finances of the club
- Ensure debts are paid on time
- Work with other officers to prepare budgetary and fundraising plans

Media Director:

- Disseminate media advisories before and media advisories after each event
- Take pictures and record videos to help the chapter earn media coverage
- Maintain a full list of local media
- Maintain social media accounts

Section V. Removal of Officers:

Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers AND a 3/4 vote by voting members in the Club. In the event of an officer removal or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining officers.

Section IV. Meetings.

The Club shall have meetings no less than once a month and more often as the Club officers deem necessary. Voting and business can only be conducted if there are at least 7 members including at least 3 officers and the President or Vice President must be present. Members must be notified of a meeting 4 days in advance.

Section V: Emergency Meetings

Members can request an emergency meeting that is approved by the Officers. Emergency meetings can happen within 12 hours of it being called.

ARTICLE IV – BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section I. Books and Records

The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of financial accounts, and also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership meetings.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to Constitution

This Constitution may be altered or amended and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of 67% or higher of the officers and 75% or higher of all voting members in attendance. Officers wishing to amend the Constitution must inform all members of a vote no less than two weeks prior to the vote.

Section II. Club Requirements

Regardless of changes to the Constitution, the following must remain:

- At least three officer positions, comprised of President, Secretary, and Treasurer must exist.
- Officer elections must be held in the last month of the Spring term of each calendar year with officers serving for one year.

ARTICLE VII: ENACTION CLAUSE

Section 1: This constitution shall become effective upon approval by the Center for Student Involvement.

ARTICLE VIII: Scholarships

Section I: Scholarship Amounts

Scholarship amounts will be determined by the officer team based on the budget for that year. If a donor makes a donation and requests that a certain amount of that donation be given as scholarships that request must be followed.

Section II: Scholarship Eligibility

Only Members who hold an active membership are eligible to apply for a Turning Point USA at EOU scholarship.

Section III: Scholarship Awarding Process

The Club advisor will review all applications and choose which member shall receive the scholarship. Members must write thank you

letters to the donors who provided the funding for that scholarship in order to receive that scholarship. Note must be given to a chapter officer to be delivered.