

# Reformed University Fellowship Constitution

## Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be “Reformed University Fellowship.” The organization is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America through its campus ministry branch, Reformed University Ministries.

## Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to reach interested students at \_\_\_\_\_ University for Christ and to equip them to serve Christ, the church, the campus, and the world.

## Article 3: Beliefs

The organization believes:

1. In one true God, existing eternally as one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
2. That the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is the unique, inerrant, inspired Word of God, and is the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
3. In the sovereignty and active rule of God in creation, history, revelation, redemption, and final judgement.
4. That man was created by God in His image, but that since Adam’s sin, all men are sinful and subject to God’s wrath and condemnation.
5. That Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, fully human and fully divine, eternally existing as God, yet born in time of a virgin; and that He lived a sinless and perfect life.
6. In the historic death of Jesus as the full and only atonement for our sins, in His bodily resurrection from the dead, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, where He rules as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
7. That men are justified only by the grace of God through faith alone, only on the basis of the death of Christ.
8. That those justified are also sanctified, only by the grace of God, through faith alone, and whose lives are characterized by good works.
9. That the Holy Spirit is present and effective in applying the work of Christ to believers in regenerating and sanctifying them so that they serve Christ in all aspects of their lives.

10. In one invisible, universal church, the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong, and in particular visible Churches governed by officers with the authority to rule in matters of belief and discipline.
11. In the visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.
12. In the resurrection of the redeemed to the enjoyment of God forever in His presence, and the resurrection of the unredeemed to judgement and everlasting punishment in hell.

#### **Article 4: Membership**

1. The whole university community: students, faculty, and staff, is welcome and invited to participate in this organization. No one shall be excluded because of race, sex, creed, ancestry, handicap, or other such distinction.
2. Members of this organization are all those who support the purpose and activities of this organization and attend a significant number of its events.

#### **Article 5: Advisors**

1. The organization shall have a faculty advisor whose duties shall be to maintain that the organization adheres to \_\_\_\_\_ University policy and to encourage spiritual growth in the members.
2. The organization shall have a religious advisor responsible for pastoral oversight. The religious advisor is appointed by Reformed University Ministries.

#### **Article 6: Officers**

1. The officers shall consist of:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Secretary
2. The organization shall be governed by a Leadership Committee consisting of the four officers and the religious advisor.
3. Duties of each officer:
  - a. President: will preside over meetings of the Leadership Committee and conduct all official organizational business.
  - b. Vice President: fulfills the duties of the President in the President's absence.
  - c. Secretary: will keep official minutes at meeting of the Leadership Committee.
  - d. Treasurer: will keep accurate records of all financial matters and collection of dues, if necessary.
4. Officers must wholeheartedly support the purpose and beliefs of this organization, and indicate such by signing the statement of purpose and belief.

5. The term of office shall begin the day after classes are over and last for one year.
6. If any officer conducts him/herself in a manner which is contradictory to the purpose and beliefs of the organization, he/she can be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the remaining three officers.

#### **Article 7: Selection of Officers**

1. Elections for officers for the following academic year shall be held in April.
2. The Leadership Committee shall appoint a nominating committee by February 28. This committee shall include at least four students and the religious advisor.
3. The criteria for selection of officers shall be:
  - a. Godly character as described in scripture; e.g. the Sermon on the Mount.
  - b. Agreement with the purpose and beliefs of this organization.
  - c. Significant previous involvement in this organization.
4. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees to the members of this organization, who shall vote for the officers.
5. The Nominating Committee shall be in charge of conducting elections and shall solve any problems that arise in the proceedings.

#### **Article 8: Meetings**

1. Regular weekly meetings will be held in the form of Bible studies. Due to the nature of these meetings, no quorum would be required for them to proceed.
2. Meetings of the Leadership Committee will be held as deemed necessary by the members of the committee and the religious advisor. A quorum for these meetings will consist of 50% of the committee members.
3. As needed, meetings for prayer, outreach, or instruction can be held.

#### **Article 9: Committees**

1. See Article 6, Section 2 for the definition of the Leadership Committee.
2. As mentioned in Article 7, Section 4, the Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating candidates for the offices of the club. Its membership is to be determined on a voluntary basis.
3. If the need for additional committees arises then the President shall appoint a committee chairperson to oversee the committee.

**Article 10: Finances**

If dues are deemed necessary for the club to continue to function normally then the amount required of each member will be determined by the Leadership Committee.

**Article 11: Parliamentary Authority**

The Parliamentary Authority shall be *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

**Article 12: Amendments**

Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be reviewed by the Leadership Committee and put to a vote of the membership. Two-thirds of the members must approve an amendment for it to advance to the \_\_\_\_\_ University Student Senate for final approval.