



**By-Law for Campus Club Recognition and Network
of the Conservative Party of Canada**

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Acknowledging that the Constitution of the Party provides that Conservative Party electoral district associations are the primary organizations through which the rights of members are exercised, this by-law provides for the recognition of Conservative campus clubs, as provided for in Article 11 of the Constitution, and for the creation of the Conservative Party National Campus Network.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “campus club” means a Conservative campus organization recognized under this by-law.
- 2.2 “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Party.
- 2.3 “Network” means the Conservative Party National Campus Network created by this by-law.
- 2.4 “Party website” means the general website of the Party or a website maintained by the Party to recognize campus or activist activities.
- 2.5 “Party” means the Conservative Party of Canada.
- 2.6 Youth and Campus Clubs Committee means a subcommittee of the National Council which must include the Chair of Secretariat.
- 2.7 All other terms used in this by-law which are defined in the Constitution of the Party have the meaning set out in the Constitution.

3. RECOGNITION AS A CAMPUS CLUB

- 3.1 Any group of at least ten (10) members in good standing of the Party who are full-time or part-time students at a post-secondary institution holding membership in the *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada* or in the *Association of Canadian Community Colleges*, who wish to form a campus club may apply for recognition.
- 3.2 An application for recognition of a campus club shall be sent to the Executive Director or his/her designate. The application shall include:
- 3.2.1 the name of the proposed campus club;
- 3.2.2 the website and general e-mail address if any;
- 3.2.3 the name, telephone number, e-mail address, residential address, and title of all members of the executive;
- 3.2.4 a copy of the duly adopted constitution, which shall comply with section 4;
- 3.2.5 the minutes of the meeting(s) at which the name, executive and constitution were adopted.
- 3.3 When the Executive Director is satisfied that the information contained in the application is complete, he or she shall forward the application to the Youth Campus club

Committee (YCCC) of National Council for consideration. Within 30 days, the (YCCC) shall review the application. Where the application meets the requirements of this by-law (YCCC) may, by a unanimous vote of its membership present and voting, grant recognition as a campus club. A group whose application is denied may appeal to National Council for re-consideration, whose decision shall be final and binding.

- 3.4 National Council, by a majority vote of its members present and voting, may at any time recognize or withdraw recognition of a campus club on such terms as it sees fit, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 3.5 When a campus club has been recognized the Executive Director shall cause the information referred to in sections 3.2.1. and 3.2.2 to be published on the Party website.
- 3.6 Unless specifically waived by National Council, a maximum of one (1) campus club may exist at each educational institution holding membership in the *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada* or in the *Association of Canadian Community Colleges*. If more than one application is received from a single educational institution, National Council shall determine which of the applying groups to recognize as the campus club for that institution.

4. CONSERVATIVE CAMPUS CLUB CONSTITUTIONS

- 4.1 The constitution of a campus club shall provide that the campus club shall:
 - 4.1.1 support the aims and principles of the Party;
 - 4.1.2 have an executive composed of party members who are democratically elected by the membership of the campus organization.

5. PRIVILEGES OF CAMPUS CLUBS

- 5.1 Except where the terms of their recognition by National Council or (YCCC) from time to time provides otherwise, a campus club may:
 - 5.1.1 have its contact information published on the Party website;
 - 5.1.2 use the name and logo(s) of the Party, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by National Council or(YCCC);
 - 5.1.3 allow the participation of a representative of the campus club in the Network.
- 5.2 No club or organization of students at a Canadian post-secondary institution other than one recognized as a campus club under the terms of this by-law may exercise any of the privileges set out in section 5.1.

6. MAINTENANCE OF RECOGNITION

- 6.1 No later than May 31 of each calendar year, a campus club shall file with the Executive Director of the Party or his/her designate the information required in section 3.2.
- 6.2 Unless otherwise provided by the(YCCC), recognition shall cease on June 1 of any given year if that campus club fails to file the information referred to in section 3.2 by May 31, or if the membership of a campus club falls below ten (10) members.

7. CONSERVATIVE PARTY NATIONAL CAMPUS NETWORK

- 7.1 National Council authorizes the creation of a consultative body called the Conservative Party National Campus Network.

8. OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

- 8.1 The objectives of the Network are:
- 8.1.1 to encourage campus clubs to forge and maintain constructive and mutually supportive relationships with local Conservative election district associations and with each other;
 - 8.1.2 to encourage campus clubs to promote and facilitate the participation of campus club members in the activities and operations of local Conservative election district associations;
 - 8.1.3 to assist and, where necessary, to initiate the establishment, growth and maintenance of campus clubs;.
 - 8.1.4 to encourage and facilitate the sharing of best practices and other information for improvement and development of campus clubs;
 - 8.1.5 to encourage and facilitate cooperation between campus clubs;
 - 8.1.6 to communicate the activities and discussions of the Network to campus clubs and local Conservative election district associations;
 - 8.1.7 to encourage campus clubs to forge and maintain constructive and supportive relationships with conservative provincial political parties and affiliated associations.

9. MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE OF THE NETWORK

- 9.1 The following shall be members of the Network:
- 9.1.1 the President of each recognized campus club, or their designate;
 - 9.1.2 a Co-Chair appointed by National Council;
 - 9.1.3 a member of the National Council;
 - 9.1.4 the Executive Director of the Party;
 - 9.1.5 the National Campus Outreach Coordinator provided in section 10 or another staff member designated by the Executive Director.

- 9.2 The Network shall adopt rules of order to be followed. Absent the adoption of any rules of order or to the extent not provided by such rules, the Network shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- 9.3 The Network will be co-chaired by the Co-Chair appointed by National Council and a President of a campus club. The campus club Co-Chair position shall rotate every other meeting.
- 9.4 The Network shall annually elect a Secretary from its members by simple majority vote.
- 9.5 The Secretary shall provide minutes of each meeting to all members of the Network within thirty (30) days.
- 9.6 The Network shall meet by teleconference, by other electronic technology, or in person, at least quarterly. Meetings may be called by the Co-Chairs jointly, or at written request of at least 40% of the members of the Network. Quorum is 40% of the membership.
- 9.7 The Network shall act in the interests of all party members and subject always to the provisions of the Party Constitution and this by-law, and to decisions of National Council, and motions passed at any National Convention or by referenda.
- 9.8 Motions require a simple majority of those present and voting. Motions which result in a tie vote are defeated.
- 9.9 The voting of the Network on motions shall be recorded in the minutes to indicate, by member of the Network, his/her vote on each motion, as follows: (i) In favour; (ii) Against; (iii) Abstained; (iv) Absent.
- 9.10 The Network, on approval of a majority of its current membership, may petition the National Council to remove or suspend a member of the Network whose personal or campus club conduct is judged improper or unbecoming, or likely to adversely affect the interest or reputation of the Network, the National Council, the Leader, or the Party.

10. THE NATIONAL CAMPUS OUTREACH COORDINATOR

- 10.1 The Executive Director shall assign to a party staff person the duties of National Campus Outreach Coordinator. Such duties shall include:
 - 10.1.1 to serve as an expert resource to campus clubs, including developing and maintaining a best practices knowledge base of campus clubs activities;
 - 10.1.2 to serve as the staff resource to the Network;
 - 10.1.3 to consult with campus clubs and the Network on developing Party sponsored youth recruitment resources and materials;
 - 10.1.4 to provide the Network with regular reports on campus outreach efforts;
 - 10.1.5 other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

11. FINANCE RULES FOR THE NATIONAL CAMPUS NETWORK

- 11.1 The Network shall not have a bank account and shall not conduct any financial activities.

12. INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 12.1 Subject to Article 17.3 of the Party Constitution, this by-law shall govern the affairs of the Network. In the event of any conflict between this by-law and the Party Constitution, the latter shall prevail.
- 12.2 Subject to Article 19 of the Party Constitution, National Council shall be the final authority in all matters that require interpretation of this by-law.