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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Florida Federation of College Republicans, Inc.			
	(PROPOSED CORPORÂTE	E NAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>	DE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:			
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	S78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ADDITIONAL CO	S87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate PY REQUIRED
FROM: Thomas Jardon Name (Printed or typed)			-
10730 SW 31 ST Address			-
Miami, Florida 33165 City, State & Zip			-
(305) 281-8064 Daytime Telephone number			

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

<u>ARTICLE I NAME</u>

The name of the corporation shall be Florida Federation of College Republicans, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 10730 SW 31 ST, Miami, FL 33165

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of the Florida Federation of College Republicans shall be to make known and promote the principals of the Republican Party among college students in the state of Florida, and shall be to present the views of the college community to the party leadership. The Florida Federation of College Republicans shall also coordinate with the Republican Party to provide support to nominated candidates at the local, state, and national levels of government.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is described below.

Section 1: Election Venue

Election of Constitutional Officers shall occur at the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF</u> <u>COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention, between the first call to order and the final adjournment of said convention.

Section 2: Parliamentary Process

The parliamentary rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall serve as a basis for the conduct of the elections process. Final authority for the governing of the FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS elections process shall be Article IX. The parliamentary rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall apply to all cases in which they are deemed applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, state, and/or federal law.

Section 3: Term of Office

A: The term of office for all Constitutional Officers is from the adjournment of the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention in which said officers are elected to the adjournment of the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE</u> <u>REPUBLICANS</u> Convention the following year.

B: No Constitutional Officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4: Requirements to Hold Office

A: Eligibility requirements

1: A candidate for Constitutional Office as well as a serving Constitutional Officer shall be or have been, a member of an officially chartered chapter that has attained Member in Good

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Standing status. Said candidate or serving Constitutional Officer shall be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning within the state of Florida and a member in Good Standing of said chapter or at the time of election graduated as a member in Good Standing within the last five hundred (500) days.

- 2: A candidate for Constitutional Office may be from a chapter officially chartered at some time during the fiscal year, provided said chapter has met the requirements for voting privileges at the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention.
- 3: No individual may hold or be elected to more than one (1) Constitutional Office at any one time.
- **4:** A candidate for Constitutional Office must be a delegate to the annual <u>FLORIDA</u> <u>FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention.
- 5: A candidate for Constitutional Office must be available to serve a full term for the office to which they expire.
- 6: With the exception of the summer semester, all Constitutional Officers must be enrolled in classes at the accredited institution of higher learning at which said officer's home chapter is located and must be physically located within the State of Florida for the regular academic year, unless said officer has graduated from an undergraduate or graduate program for a period of time not having exceeded five hundred (500) days prior to the election at which they were elected to their current office.
- **B:** Nominations for Constitutional Office shall only be considered official if made on the floor of the annual FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS Convention following the commencement of the elections process.

Any chapter that has attained Member in Good Standing status shall be eligible to make nominations of candidates for any Constitutional office. Prospective candidates may announce for office at any time, however such a candidacy shall not be official until the nominations process is fulfilled.

C: A nomination for Constitutional office shall only be considered official if an eligible candidate has been nominated and seconded by two (2) delegates to the annual <u>FLORIDA</u> <u>FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention other than himself or herself.

Section 5: Elections Procedures A: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

- 1: The Chair shall appoint a temporary Elections Chair to preside over the election, subject to the advice and the consent of the State Board.
- 2: The chair of the Credentials Committee shall read the report on the status of all chapters as the first order of business. If said report is accepted as read by a majority vote of the assembled delegations, than the Elections Chair shall open the floor for nominations. Any objections to the

report of the Credentials Committee shall be resolved by a majority vote of the assembled delegations.

- 3: The Elections Chair shall open the floor for nominations in the following order: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer; following acceptance of the report of the Credentials Committee by a majority vote of the assembled delegations. Candidates for said Constitutional Offices must receive a majority vote to win a respective office. If an election for said Constitutional Offices does not produce a candidate with a majority vote in a contested election, then the two (2) candidates with the highest number of votes shall participate in a run-off election. This process shall continue until one (1) candidate receives a majority vote and shall thereupon be determined to have won election for said Constitutional Office.
- **4:** Each officially nominated candidate for said Constitutional Offices shall have the opportunity to address the assembled delegations.
- **5:** Each officially nominated candidate for said Constitutional Office shall have the opportunity to appoint a ballot observer to observe the accounting of the official election ballots. Any ballot observer selected must be a delegate to the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE</u> REPUBLICANS Convention.
- **6:** All votes shall be cast by secret ballot. Each delegate may cast only one vote per Constitutional Office. No delegate proxies are allowed.
- 7: The Elections Chair and the chair of the Credentials Committee shall count the ballots. The results of any election to said Constitutional Offices shall not be considered official until approved by the Elections Chair, the chair of the Credentials Committee, and all appointed ballot observers. Approval shall be recorded by written signature on the official election results report.
- 8: Any officially nominated candidate may call for an immediate recount of the ballots for the election in which they have been nominated. Such recount shall be conducted by the Elections Chair and the chair of the Credentials Committee, and may be observed by the candidate, official ballot observers, the chair of the Rules Committee, or any other interested parties.
- **9:** Any problems or discrepancies that arise during the elections process shall be forwarded to the Rules Committee, which shall have final authority on the disposition of said problems or discrepancies.
- 10: Additional Elections procedures may be added as deemed appropriate by the advice and consent of the State Board, so long as they do not conflict with Article IX of this Constitution. Any such proposed additions must be submitted in writing to all members of the State Board. Such written notification may include submission by electronic mail.

B: 2nd Vice Chairs

1: The assembled delegates from the chapters constituting each region shall divide into their respective regional caucuses for the purpose of nominating said regions 2nd Vice Chair following

the first day's recess at the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> convention, but prior to the convening of the second day's business.

- 2: In consultation with the constituent chapter chairs of each region, the Chair shall appoint an officer to preside over each caucus' nominating process.
- **3:** A nomination for 2nd Vice Chair shall only be considered official if an eligible candidate has been nominated and seconded by two (2) delegates to the annual <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> Convention from said region, other than himself or herself and received a majority vote of the assembled delegates from said region.
- 4: Following the completion of the caucus nomination process, the caucus presiding officer shall submit a report to the Elections Chair that a Regional 2nd Vice Chair nominee has been selected.
- 5: Following the election of the Treasurer, the official nominees for Regional 2nd Vice Chair shall address all the assembled delegates of the convention, in an order to be determined by the Elections Chair.
- **6:** The assembled delegates shall by a voice vote, either approve or disapprove each Regional 2nd Vice Chair nominee.

Section 6: Vacancies

A: In the event that the Chair and the 1st Vice Chair are simultaneously unable to complete their terms of office, the Secretary shall assume the position of Interim Chair in addition to retaining his or her duties as Secretary.

B: The Interim Chair shall not assume any of the regular powers of the Chair. The Interim Chair shall inform the State Board of said vacancies within twenty-four (24) hours of their occurrence. The Interim Chair shall call a Special Election to be held no less than thirty (30) days, but no more than forty-five (45) days following the occurrence of said vacancies. Said Special Election shall take the form of a Special Meeting organized in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 and shall proceed in accordance with the elections process as enumerated in Article IX, section 5.

C: In the event of a vacancy in the office of 1st Vice Chair, the Chair shall inform the State Board of said vacancy within twenty-four (24) hours of its occurrence. The Chair shall call a Special Election to be held no less than thirty (30) days, but no more than forty-five (45) days following the occurrence of said vacancy. Said Special Election shall take the form of a Special Meeting organized in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 and shall proceed in accordance with the elections process as enumerated in Article IX, section 5.

D: In the event of a vacancy in any of the offices of 2nd Vice Chair, the Chair shall inform the State Board of said vacancies within twenty-four (24) hours of their occurrence. The Chair shall call a Special Election to be held in said region(s) no less than thirty (30) days, but no more than forty-five (45) days following the occurrence of any vacancy. Said Special Election shall take the form of a Special Meeting of the affected region(s) organized in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 and shall proceed in accordance with the elections process as enumerated in Article IX,

section 5.

C: In the event of any vacancy, or circumstances of vacancy, of a Constitutional Office not previously addressed, a special election shall be convened by the State Board to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of said vacancy. Each chapter shall be entitled to nominate no more than one of its members to fill said vacancy provided each chapter is in compliance with Article IX, section 3B. Each chapter shall be entitled to one vote. All votes shall be recorded by secret ballot. If said vacancy occurs within forty-five (45) days of an officially convened FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS Business meeting, said Special Election shall occur at said Business Meeting. The Special election to fill said vacancy shall be the first order of business at said Business Meeting. The Special Election shall proceed in accordance with the procedures of election enumerated in Article IX, section 5.

D: Any Constitutional Officer who shall fail to be in attendance of at least fifty (50) percent of all officially convened <u>FLORIDA FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS</u> business meetings as enumerated in Article VII, Section 4, shall be deemed to have vacated his or her office and a vacancy in said office shall be declared by the Executive Board. Said vacancy shall not occur when the officer shall be prohibited to attend by the rules of the institution at which he or she is enrolled. Official school documentation shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the determination of absent status.

E: All members of the State Board shall be notified of any vacancy among the Constitutional Officers within seven (7) days of the occurrence of said vacancy.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial Directors are:

Thomas Jardon, Chairman, 10730 SW 31 ST, Miami, FL 33165 Scott Wacholtz, Vice Chairman, P.O. Box 248668, Coral Gables, FL 33124 Ashley Boroski, Secretary Thomas Keller, Treasurer, 33 Ohio Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467

<u>ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS</u>

The initial Registered Agent is:

Thomas Keller, 33 Ohio Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator is:

Thomas Jardon, 10730 SW 31 ST, Miami, FL 33165

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

Thomas factor

Signature/Incorporator

11/19/05

Date

11/20/2005