

# **CNU Hillel By-Laws**

## **Revised Spring 2023**

### **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be Christopher Newport University (CNU) Hillel.

### **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of Hillel is to serve the CNU student body in providing a community for Jewish students on campus. Hillel is to sponsor social, religious, educational, and cultural opportunities for those Jewish students who wish to participate in Hillel. Hillel is to represent the Jewish student body on campus and it supports social action programs and education regarding the state of Israel.

### **Article III: Membership**

#### **A. Members:**

1. The members of this organization shall be current Jewish students at the University.
2. Jewish faculty and staff at the University may also participate in Hillel activities.

#### **B. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership:**

1. Membership is open to all CNU students interested in upholding the purpose of this organization.
2. Voting membership will be restricted to current CNU students who have attended at least three organized Hillel events within the current and previous semester combined. Organized Hillel events include any event planned and hosted by the club, or any local cultural or religious event attended with other Hillel members.
3. Each voting member is entitled to one vote for elections of student officers and attendance at meetings.
4. Voting membership status of an individual may be revoked if deemed necessary by the Director or Faculty Sponsor.

### **Article IV: Officers**

#### **A. Titles:**

1. The officers of CNU Hillel shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Outreach Officer. Other officers may be established. These individuals must be students at CNU for the duration of their term, and voting members of Hillel
2. Hillel's board shall consist of a Rabbi, Faculty Director, and the Officer positions listed above.

#### **B. Duties of Officers**

1. The Hillel Director shall make sure all Hillel members act responsibly and has control over the organization. The CNU Hillel Director also maintains complete control over finances and has final approval on all programming and activities related to Hillel.
2. The Hillel Director and Faculty Director will share information about local Jewish life and learning opportunities with students. They will also both assist in the writing of grants to obtain funding for Hillel programming.
3. Officers shall meet on a regular basis to discuss outreach possibilities, community involvement, and programming for future events.
4. Duties of the President shall include presiding over meetings and general oversight. Other responsibilities include communication with other groups on campus.
5. Duties of the Vice President shall include social and cultural event coordination and planning, as well as running meetings in the President's absence.
6. Duties of the Treasurer shall include maintaining Hillel's financial records. This includes working with the Director to obtain funding for Hillel events, as well as managing how these funds are spent.
7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Officer meetings. The secretary will also work with other officers and students members in the coordination of schedules for all Hillel events.
8. Responsibilities of the Outreach Officer shall include planning for involvement fairs, creating and distributing flyers advertising Hillel and Hillel events, and maintaining CNU Hillel social media presence.

#### C. Elections

9. The officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast at an annual election held in April.
10. The order in which these elections are held each semester shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Outreach Officer.
11. Newly elected officers will begin serving in their positions by the conclusion of the academic semester. The interim period following the election is intended to allow for this transition.

#### D. Vacancies and Removals:

1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by another member of the board and confirmed by the Director.
2. Interim officers may be appointed to other vacant positions as needed, as determined by consensus of the board.
3. The President can be removed from office if a Super-Majority of 2/3 of those in the Hillel organization favor that option with the Director's support.
4. An officer may be removed by the board if his / her actions are not in the best interests of the Hillel as deemed so by the President / Director.

#### Article V. University Policies:

1. CNU Hillel will abide by all University policies and regulations.

## 2. Non- Discrimination Clause

- a. Hillel at Christopher Newport University is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming community for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other protected status. We do not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or hate speech of any kind, and we strive to ensure that all students feel respected and valued. Hillel at Christopher Newport University is dedicated to providing an environment that is safe, supportive, and affirming for all members of our community.

## Article VI: Amendments

Any amendment to these bylaws can be proposed by any member of Hillel's leadership or Hillel Director. Changes to these bylaws must be voted into effect through a general majority vote by the Hillel board. If the proposed amendment is considered to have a substantial effect on the organization, then the Hillel general membership body shall be conferred to weigh their opinions and vote on it.

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