

## Arabic Club Constitution

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### Article I- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Arabic Club at Christopher Newport University.

### Article II- Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be to introduce the students of Christopher Newport to Arabic culture and language and to foster greater understanding of the Arab World.

### Article III- Membership

Section 1. Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Arabic Club with voting and office-holding privileges. The standards for qualification and the amount of dues to be paid shall be determined by the club.

Section 2. Dues, which will be decided by the current president at the beginning of each year, shall be paid by members only.

Section 3. The Arabic Club shall not have any prospective members for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of the Arabic Club are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. The Arabic Club shall not discriminate based on race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

### Article IV- Executive Officers

The executive officers of the Arabic Club shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

### Article V- Duties of the Executive Officers

Section 1. The President is to preside at Executive Committee membership meetings. Appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Vice President is to preside in the President's absence and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee. Plan and organize publicity for activities and special events.

Section 3. The Secretary is to attend all general correspondence of the organization and to keep minutes of all Executive Committee and membership meetings and to preserve records of the organization. He/she will also perform other such duties as may be required of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer is to supervise the financial administration of all revenue, periodically update the Executive Committee and membership on the financial condition

of the organization, and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VI- Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Arabic Club shall be determined by the President and the officers.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion.

Section 3. Two-thirds of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article VII- Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place yearly during the fourth week of April.

Section 2. Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who: (a) meets CNU's eligibility for student office holding which consists of a 2.0 grade point average and (b) fulfills the qualification as set up by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A vacancy in any office, except the Presidency, shall be filled only by an election held among the members of the Arabic Club.

#### Article VIII- Recall of Officers

Officers of the organization may be dismissed for cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include dereliction of duties. A motion for recall of an officer required 2/3 vote.

#### Article IX- Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by petition signed by 2/3 of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted which are presented at two general meetings and receive a majority favorable vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

#### Article X- By-laws

By-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, may be adopted or amended by 2/3 vote of the regular or special meetings, providing the by-laws are submitted in writing at least one week previously at either a regular or special meeting of the general membership.

#### Article XI- Role of the Advisor

The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations. The advisor is expected to attend all meetings and offer advice. He or she will be a staff member or faculty of the university. The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to insure that they are conducted in compliance with Christopher Newport University policies and the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Newport News.

Article XII- Responsibilities

The Arabic Club shall adhere to the University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

Article XI- Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by the majority of the organization's membership and Office of Student Activities.

Signed,

Club President

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