

***Constitution of the Psychology Club
Christopher Newport University***

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Name of Organization

Section 1. The Psychology Club of Christopher Newport University

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the club shall be to foster a wide student interest in Psychology and participation in activities by providing leadership, programming, and service

Membership

Section 1. General Requirements

Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Psychology Club with voting and office-holding privileges

The Psychology Club shall not haze any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of the Psychology Club are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. The Psychology Club shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.

Christopher Newport University is committed to non-discrimination in hiring and all its other practices and encourages our recognized student clubs/organizations to assume the same posture of open access to all full-time student members and faculty/staff members of CNU. As the University carries out its mission to prepare students to live and work in a pluralistic society, it is our hope that all student organizations will recognize the valuable learning experience, which is offered through club participation. If this club sponsors a public event in a University facilities (e.g., an all-campus dance) or receives University funding for an event, it will permit equal and open access to that event by all members of the Christopher Newport University community.

Section 2. Categories of Membership

Members of the Psychology Club of Christopher Newport University may consist of:

- 1) Active members - persons who are voting members of the organization.
- 2) Alumni of the organization who are no longer enrolled at CNU.

Section 3. Qualifications and Privileges

Any student currently enrolled at Christopher Newport University may be an active member with voting privileges. Alumni may attend meetings but may not vote.

Section 4. Selection process

Any current student or alumni desiring membership may join the Psychology Club.

Section 5. Removal procedures

Any active member may recommend the removal of another member. The member must state his or her case for removal of the other member to an officer. A majority vote must be obtained for a member to be removed.

Meetings

A statement of the quorum (the minimum number of members who must be present before an official meeting can take place) must be included.

Section 1. One meeting shall be held each week of the academic year, excluding breaks.

Section 2. The Psychology Club will hold meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 3. The Quorum, or the minimum number of members who have to be at a meeting for the group's business to be legally conducted, shall be four members.

Section 4. Majority defined - Decisions will be brought to the membership for a vote. Before a vote can be taken, a quorum must be met. Once the quorum is met, a simple majority (50% + 1) of the present, active members will be used to declare a decision valid.

Dues

Section 1. The Psychology Club is a free organization that is open to all members of Christopher Newport University. Dues are not required for membership and will not be collected.

Elections or Selection of Officers

Elections will be held in April for the following semester and the transition of officers shall occur during the final meeting of the Spring semester. Each elected officer shall serve a term of one academic year.

Officers

Section 1. The Executive Officers of the Psychology Club shall be as follows:

President – to preside at Executive Committee meetings, meetings of the membership, and appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee

Vice President – to preside in the president's absence and plan and organize activities and special events. In the event that the President's position becomes vacant, Vice President will serve as President

Secretary – to provide contact information to the Executive Officers, preserve the records of the organization, and to organize all advertising for events and perform other duties as assigned by the President

Treasurer – to assume responsibility of the club's financial records and serve as purchasing agent for Psychology Club

Section 2. Any full-time psychology major or minor is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee so long as that student is a member in good standing of the Psychology Club and holds a minimum of a 2.0 overall grade point average. Only full-time students (12 semester hours) may serve as officers.

Section 3. Officers may be dismissed for cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include dereliction of duties. A motion to dismiss an officer requires a 2/3 vote of the membership.

Section 4. A vacancy in any office other than the President's office shall be filled by an election held among the members of the Psychology Club.

Advisor

Section 1. The advisor shall be appointed by invitation of the club membership.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. The advisor will be elected by popular vote at the end of each academic year, and then asked to be the advisor. If the advisor accepts, he or she will fill out a form stating so.

Section 4. Should the advisor no longer wish to be involved with the Psychology Club, an election for a new advisor must take place immediately, and the elected professor must then be asked if he or she is willing to be the new advisor. Standard procedures for picking advisors will then be taken.

Responsibilities

The organization will adhere to University policies and all local, state and federal laws.

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the Executive Committee and shall be declared adopted upon receiving a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-laws must be approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities.