

REACH Constitution

Raising Educational Awareness through Compassion and Humanity

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the REACH (Raising Educational Awareness through Compassion and Humanity) organization at Christopher Newport University.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be to (a) to provide the Christopher Newport University community opportunities to engage in Fall, Spring, and/or Summer service trips in the Hampton Roads, national, and global communities. (b) to develop individuals through exploration, service, and reflection to be bearers of conscious and respectful service and develop and sustain global community ties.

Article III- Membership

Section 1. Any member of the Christopher Newport University may become a member of REACH 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, to be determined by the Executive Board, will be based on fees related to the service trips.

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

Article IV – Executive Officers

The executive officers of REACH shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Fundraising Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and trip leaders. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

Article V – Duties of the Executive Officers

Section 1. The President is to preside at the Executive Board and membership meetings, sustain the mission and vision of REACH, ensure deadlines and logical benchmarks are being met, and encourage the sustainability of the organization through new leadership development. As well as weekly meetings with club adviser.

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 Board. The VP is responsible for all Social Media needs, T-Shirts purchases and a weekly meeting with the adviser and the President.

Section 3. The Fundraising Coordinator is for the creative and logistical drive behind all fundraising initiatives for the organization and ensuring fundraising deadlines and goals are met throughout the year. They will be responsible for organizing the fundraising committees in the Spring semester. REACH fundraisers have included, but are not limited to: Bluesfest, Krispy Kreme sales, restaurant partnerships, as well as a letter writing campaign. The Fundraising Chair position will be held by two members. Each chair position will have different obligations to the organization.

Section 4. The Secretary is responsible for organizing all meeting spaces (Executive Board meetings, general body meetings, fundraisers, etc...) as well as taking minutes during the meetings to preserve the records of the organization.

Section 5. The Treasurer is responsible to supervise the financial administration of all revenue, as well as placing an importance on communicating important financial information and condition with the rest of

the Executive Board. They will also be required to meet with the CNU OSA Financial office monthly to keep up with our finances.

Section 6. Trip leaders (2 additional Positions) are responsible for community outreach and establishment of trips through logistical and learning objective driven planning, establishing trip curriculum and overall leadership of REACH service opportunities as well as any other duties as assigned. Trip leaders are expected to be at all Executive Board meetings and support the group as needed.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. The regular Executive Board meetings of REACH will be determined by the President and officers during the first week of the academic year. General Board meetings will be held the second and fourth weeks of each month following trip attendee selection with individual trip meetings to be hosted every first and third week of the months following trip attendee selection.

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

Article VII- Executive Board Applications

Section 1. Executive Board Applications will be available during the immediate weeks following the Spring Break service trips.

Section 2. Any student who is eligible to apply as an officer of the Executive Board who: (1) who is in good academic standing and (2) has participated in at least one REACH trip.

Section 3. The Executive Board applications will be reviewed and decided by the current executive board. All Eboard members must reapply to service for an additional year, current eboard members will leave the room when their applications are being reviewed.

Section 4. The advisor if possible will preside over the application review.

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 a recall of an officer requires a 2/3 Executive Board vote.

Article IX- Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Board or by petition signed by 1/10 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. Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-law must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities. The organization will adhere to the University policies and all local, state, and federal laws.

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 Adviser

Will Reddy will serve as the adviser. The adviser will play an active role in consulting with President and Vice President during weekly meetings. He will provide support for the President, Executive Board, and Staff. He will be the point person on campus for emergencies for the duration of Spring Break. It is his role to offer guidance while allowing the organization to operate with student leadership.

Article XII – Responsibilities

REACH shall adhere to University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

Article XIII – Ratification

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

Signed,

Club President: _____ *(to be reviewed and renewed every change in leadership)*

Date: _____