

Name of Organization

Section 1. American Sign Language Club of CNU

Purpose

Section 1. This club exists to provide knowledge about American Sign Language. The language and culture will be taught in a classroom like setting

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization will be open to any interested student.

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

Section 2. There will be two types of members associated with the club: active and inactive. Active members will be recognized and be given voting privileges. Active membership will be determined by the dues being paid. Inactive members will not have voting privileges and will consist of those who do not pay their dues.

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will occur once a week or what the officers determine is best.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the officers at their discretion.

Section 3. Meetings will be held as long as more than the officers are present. Quorum will be defined by a majority vote of active members in attendance.

Dues

Section 1. Dues will be determined by the officers based on how many potential members there are. Dues will be collected by the third meeting of the academic year or at the discretion of the officers.

Executive Officers

The officers will be as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Public Relations.

Section 1. The President is to attend all the meetings if possible. He/she will be responsible for running the meetings and is expected to lead of all activities.

Section 2. The Vice President is to attend as many meetings as possible and be at the meetings the President cannot. He/she will be responsible for running meetings in the President's absence. He/she will assist the president as needed.

Section 3. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting, recording, and processing money received from dues. He/she will be in charge of budgeting the money and determining with the help of the executive officers how much the dues will cost.

Section 4. The Public Relations Officer is responsible for marketing and advertising of the club. He/she will work with the Treasurer to determine a budget for marketing and advertisement.

Elections

Section 1. Elections will take place during April for the next year.

Section 2. Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer who: meets CNU's eligibility for student office holding which consists of a 2.0 GPA and knows enough sign language to run the meetings (for President and Vice President). Only full time students (12 semester hours) may serve as officers.

Section 3. Officers will hold their position for one school year. In the event that an officer is removed, the quorum will be met to vote on another member to fill the vacant position. Officers will be removed from their position if their GPA drops below a 2.0 or they can no longer fulfill the duties specified by their job title.

Advisor

Section 1. The Advisor will be a faculty/staff member at CNU and will be appointed at the start of the organization. If the advisor vacates his/her position, a new advisor will be approved by a majority vote.

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 removed in the event that they no longer are a faculty at Christopher Newport University or if they cannot fulfill the duties as advisor.

Responsibilities

Section 1. The American Sign Language Club of CNU will adhere to University policies and all local, state, and federal laws.

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed to the officers and voted on by the majority of the members. Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-laws must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities.

Ratification

Section 1. This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership and Office of Student Activities.

Signed,

Club President

Date _____