

Film Club of Christopher Newport University Constitution

Article I - Name

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

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be (a) instigate an interest and conversation for and about important films from both yesteryear and present day and (b) to educate film enthusiasts on a variety of cinema both silent and talkie; foreign and domestic; and abstract and realistic .

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Film 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, having been decided on by the organization as \$10 per semester, shall be paid by members only.

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

Article IV - Executive Officers

The executive officers of the Film Club of Christopher Newport University shall be as follows: President of Activities, President of Administration, Secretary, and Treasurer. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V - Duties of the Executive Officers

Section 1. The President of Activities is to preside over all general and special meetings of club members and in conjunction with the Executive Committee to plan the content and structure of said meetings. He/She is also to preside in the President of Administration's absence. Other duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President of Administration is to appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee and plan and organize publicity for activities and special events. The President of Administration is also responsible for running the meetings of the Executive Committee and working with the other Committee members to assist them in their jobs. He/She is also responsible for assisting the treasurer in fundraising and finding grants to support the club's main purpose. He/She is also to preside in the President of Activities' absence. Other duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

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 the 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 to 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 Film Club of Christopher Newport University 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 March.

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 Executive Committee.

Section 4. The offices of the President of Activities and the President of Administration shall be held by the appointee until the time of their graduation or resignation, whichever comes first.

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 two-thirds 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 two-thirds 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 two-thirds 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

A CNU faculty or staff member shall serve as advisor. The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations. The advisor is expected to attend one meeting a month and offer advice. The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating

activities to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with CNU's policies and federal, state and local laws.

Article XII – Responsibilities

Film Club of Christopher Newport University 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,
Film Club President of Activities
Zachary Owen

Film Club President of Administration
Zenith Haas

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