

## Baptist Collegiate Ministries Constitution

### **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Christopher Newport University.

### **Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the club shall be to (a) provide opportunities for Bible study, discipleship, fellowship, and missions and (b) to strive to cultivate strong community and develop future church leaders.

### **Article III - Membership**

**Section 1.** Anyone may become a member of the BCM with voting and office-holding privileges.

**Section 2.** BCM shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of BCM are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. BCM 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 BCM shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the leadership team.

### **Article V - Duties of the Leadership Team**

**Section 1.** The President is to preside at Leadership team meetings; appoint special committees with the approval of the leadership team.

**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 leadership team. 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 leadership team 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 leadership team.

### **Article VI - Meetings**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of the BCM shall be determined by the leadership team.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the leadership team.

**Section 3.** 50 percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

### **Article VII - Elections**

**Section 1.** Election of officers shall take place yearly during the second week of March.

**Section 2.** Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the leadership team 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 leadership team.

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

### **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 vote.

### **Article IX - Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority vote of the leadership team 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.

### **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**

A CNU faculty or staff member shall serve as advisor. The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance. The advisor shall work closely with the organization to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with CNU's policies and federal, state and local laws.

**Article XII – Responsibilities**

[Name of organization] shall adhere to University policies and all city, state, and federal laws.

**Article XI - Ratification**

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

Signed,

Club President

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