

-- Preamble

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Purpose of Organization

The Student Body of Christopher Newport University (Student Body) shall be composed of persons at Christopher Newport University who are seeking degrees as defined by § 23-49.31 in the Code of Virginia. The Christopher Newport University Student Assembly shall be the Student Body’s governing instrument as defined herein.

PURPOSE. The purpose of the Christopher Newport University Student Assembly (Student Assembly) is to promote the views, further the welfare, and execute the will of the Student Body.

-- Article I --

Derived Powers

To act on the purpose of this organization, the CNUSA will enact legislation and resolutions to accomplish these objectives; supervise and coordinate the execution and allocations of resources for activities of the Student Body; effect punitive measures with respect to its rules; and act as the supreme representative body for students to present their views.

The powers of the Student Body, as herein provided under this governing document, shall extend to all activities of the Student Body. These powers shall be vested in the Student Assembly of the Student Body, but shall not prevent a member of the Student Body from representing themselves.

-- Article II --

Organizational Structure

The Student Assembly shall be comprised of two parts: 1) a Student Assembly Delegation (Delegation) of elected Students, and 2) the Student Assembly Executive (Executive).

The Student Assembly shall be no larger than 40 total members, excluding Commissions and Ombudsmen.

-- Article III --

Organization of the Delegation

The Delegation shall consist of one Delegate per one hundred and twenty-five (125) students in each Residence Area (as designated by University Housing numbers at maximum capacity) and three (3) Delegates shall be designated to represent the commuter student population (Resident Population). The Delegates may not exceed twenty-five (25) Delegates and all numbers greater than one hundred and twenty-five (125) shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred and twenty-five (125).

-- Article IV --

Organization of the Executive

- (a) The Executive shall consist of an elected 1) President, 2) an Executive Vice-President and 3) a Vice-President of Finance. The Executive may also contain any additional officers the Executive officers wish to nominate that are confirmed by the Delegation.
- (b) Any additional officers’ offices shall expire upon the end of the Presidential term.

-- Article V --

Ombudsman of the Executive and Delegation

An Ombudsman may be called upon by the Executive to resolve controversy. The Ombudsmen of the Executive may include but is not limited to:

- (a) The Chairman of any Standing Committee
- (b) Any student sitting on a Faculty or Administrative Committee
- (c) One (1) tenured standing Faculty Ombudsman and one (1) standing Administrative Ombudsman (both of whom are members of the Christopher Newport University Faculty/Administration) shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Delegation each Presidential term.
- (d) The Assistant Dean of Students

-- Article VI --

Ambassadors to the Delegation

Organization Ambassadors shall be responsible for communicating the will of the student population they represent. Ambassadors shall present themselves to the Student Assembly Vice-President for appointment. If the Ambassador is not the President of the organization they represent, they shall present a letter from the President of the organization to be considered. The Ambassadors of the Delegation shall include but is not limited to:

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| (a) Campus Activities Board | (e) Honors/President’s Leadership Program |
| (b) Multicultural Student Association | (f) Class Council |
| (c) Residence Hall Association | (g) Athletics |
| (d) Greek Life | |

-- Article VII --

Student Assembly Membership

- (a) Membership of the Student Assembly shall be restricted to members of the Student Body who are in good and Academic and Social good standing, full time, degree-seeking students of Christopher Newport University as defined in the Virginia Code in reference to Christopher Newport University. Each student filing to hold a position in the Student Assembly shall sign a release waiver that shall allow an Ombudsman to either confirm or deny his¹ degree seeking status, whether he is in good standing, and also confirm or deny he will be enrolled as a degree-seeking student the next semester.
- (b) All Delegation and Executive Officers of the Assembly shall be bound by an oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office.
- (c) Each member of the Student Assembly shall remain in his position with full participatory rights until any newly elected representatives have accepted a Certificate of Election or if he is impeached and convicted.
- (d) Each member has the right to resign from office to assume another position within the Student Assembly, or for any other reason.
- (e) Each person may hold only one (1) seat in the Student Assembly.
- (f) The Commission on Student Elections (CSE) shall oversee all elections.

-- Article VIII --

Methods of Selection for Members of the Delegation

- (a) The President shall convene the CSE with a call for elections of the Delegates, to be given to the longest serving member of the CSE, no later than the first Friday of the Fall semester. If the CSE is not convened in said time, the first resolution of every General Meeting shall be a charge of impeachment for the President and the Executive Vice- President may now make the call for elections. Elections shall start on the third Friday of the Fall semester and may extend for a period of up to five days.
- (b) If more members of the Student Body run for election than seats available, then the seats shall be up for election by the students of the respective Resident Population.
- (c) If any seat is not filled, the President may make an appointment of a constituent for the unfilled position to be confirmed by the Delegation with a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote.
- (d) Students who wish to run or vote for any positions from a College shall be a student of that respective College.
- (e) Students who wish to run or vote for any positions from each Resident Population shall have plans to permanently reside, that year, in the respective Resident Population.
- (f) The Executive Vice-President shall facilitate the election of a Secretary of the Delegation at the first meeting of the newly elected Delegation.

-- Article IX --

Methods of Selection for the Executive

The President shall convene the CSE with a call for the elections of the Members of the Executive no later than the first Friday after Spring Recess. If the CSE is not convened in said time, the first resolution of every Delegation meeting shall be a charge of impeachment for the President, and the Executive Vice-President may now make the call for elections. Elections shall be held the third Friday after Spring Recess and may extend for a period of up to five days.

-- Article X --

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Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) shall govern the Student Assembly in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these constitution and bylaws and any special rules of order the Student Assembly may adopt.

-- Article XI --

Meetings

- (a) Mass Meetings (General Meetings) of the Delegation shall be conducted every first and third Monday of each month during the Fall and Spring semesters. Ballots by written vote may be conducted during Summer and Winter sessions if needed.
- (b) The Executive Vice-President shall be the President and presiding officer of the Delegation. He shall make initial remarks at all General Meetings. In his absence, or without a President of the Executive, the Delegation may elect a temporary President and presiding officer of the Delegation. The Executive Vice-President shall have the right to cast a tie-breaking vote if needed, but have no further voting rights.
- (c) The Secretary shall send the call of any General Meeting as specified by the Executive Vice-President. The call shall include the date, hour, place of the meeting, and its purpose, and be submitted to the Delegation no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.
- (d) A quorum of two-thirds (2/3rd) of the elected Delegation shall be in attendance for any adoptions of legislation or resolutions to be made.
- (e) No proxy votes are permitted in a General Meeting or Working Committee Meetings.
 - (f) Standing and Working Committees meetings shall be conducted every second, fourth, and fifth Monday of the month.
 - (g) A General Meeting shall take precedence over Working Committee meetings with designation of the Executive Vice-President.

¹ For the purpose of this document, all personal pronouns are to be considered gender neutral.

- (h) Standing Executive Meetings shall be held the first week of each month and other times as needed.
- (i) Delegates are required to attend all Assembly meetings and assigned committee meetings. If a delegate is to miss two or more consecutive meetings without consent or proper notification to the executive board, said delegate will automatically be placed on review for impeachment by the Assembly under the attention of the Executive Vice-President.

-- Article XII --

Committees and Commissions

The Committees shall consist of Standing Committees, Commissions, Executive Committees, and Working Committees as designated by the Delegation.

Standing Committees

- (a) All Standing Committees are regularly meeting, and permanent committees.
- (b) All Standing Committees shall internally elect a new chairman after any new elections of the Delegation.
- (c) The duties of the Chairman shall be to run the committee meetings, provide a tie vote on any committee issue, provide representation for the committee if requested at Executive Committee meetings, and provide a report of the Standing Committee at each General Meeting.
- (d) Each Delegate shall sit on one (1) Standing Committee. If the membership numbers cannot be met, a Delegate may sit on more than one Standing Committee.
- (e) All Standing Committees shall be defined in the Bylaws with information on policies and procedures of the committee defined in Operating Policies and Procedures.
- (f) A new Standing Committee may not be added to the Bylaws without a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of the Delegation.

Executive Committees

- (a) All Executive Committees defined as “Executive” are Standing Committees not instructed to meet regularly. Executive Committees shall be defined in the Bylaws with information on policies and procedures of the committee defined in Operating Policies and Procedures
- (b) A new Executive Committee may not be added to the Bylaws without a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of the Delegation.

Working Committees

- (a) Working committees are temporary committees created to explore a specific issue or task as directed by the Assembly.
- (b) A majority vote of the Assembly may create a Working Committee for which the Executive Vice-President may designate members or constituents.
- (c) Working Committees terminate with the annual election cycle of the Delegation members.
- (d) All issues heard in Working Committees shall occur after that of Standing and Executive Committees.
- (e) A list of all Working Committees shall be kept by the Vice-President and available on demand of any Member of the Student Assembly and/or the Student Body.

Commissions

- (a) Commissions may be established by the Delegation with a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote. These bodies do not expire with a change in leadership. A member outside the Delegation may lead them where conflicts of interest from a member of the Delegation could occur.
- (b) A Chairman, as elected through prescribed procedure, shall run the Commissions. The Chairman shall set the agenda and run all meetings. The Chairman shall report to the General Meeting once a month with the Commissions current findings.
- (c) The Commission on Student Elections may not be removed.

--Article XIII --

Removal from Office

- (a) Any member of the Student Assembly may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of the Delegation.
- (b) Upon removal of a member of the Student Assembly, the member shall be replaced as defined in the bylaws under Officer Replacement.
- (c) Once a member of the Student Assembly is removed from office, all participatory rights are void. Delegates may not vote on their own removal from office.
- (d) A member may resign by notifying the President and Executive Vice-President in writing.

-- Article XIV --

Amendment Procedure

- (a) All resolutions to amend this document by Delegation members shall be submitted in writing to the Internal Affairs Committee without debate prior to a recess for review. Upon ratification by a majority vote of this committee, the proposed amendment shall be brought before the Delegation.
- (b) A two-thirds (2/3rd) vote in the Delegation shall be required to make any changes to the Articles or Bylaws.
- (c) A member of the Student Body may amend this document by delivering a written resolution with signatures of one-fourth (1/4) of the Student Body population.
- (d) Any legislation brought before the Assembly must be introduced at least one general assembly meeting prior to being ratified by the body. Should any research be deemed necessary for said legislation, it shall be completed between said discussion and ratification.

Bylaws of the Student Assembly

-- Plans & Summaries --

- (a) The Executive Summary of the Student Assembly may be reviewed by the President or Vice-President and with changes approved by the Delegation. Until such time the document attached to the Bylaws as an addendum titled “Executive Summary” shall be in effect.
- (b) The following documents may be reviewed by the President or Executive Vice-President and any changes shall be approved by the Delegation with a two two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) vote. Until such time, the documents listed below and attached to the Bylaws as an addendum titled as such shall be in effect:
 - 1) Operating Policies and Procedures of the Student Assembly.
 - 2) Organizational Plan of the Student Assembly.
 - 3) Administrative Plan of the Student Assembly.
 - 4) Public Relations Plan of the Student Assembly.
 - 5) Financial Management Plan of the Student Assembly.
 - 6) Financial Allocations Plan of the Student Assembly.

-- Officer Replacement --

- (a) The President
 - 1) Shall be succeeded by the Executive Vice-President.
- (b) The Executive Vice-President
 - 1) Shall be succeeded by a Delegate as nominated and confirmed by the Delegation.
 - 2) The Secretary shall be the acting Executive Vice-President until such time.
- (c) Treasurer
 - 1) Shall be succeeded by a nominee of the President and confirmed by the Delegation.
 - 2) A member of the Delegation as chosen by the President shall be designated as acting Treasurer until such time.
- (d) Delegates
 - 1) Shall be succeeded by a nomination of the President’s and confirmed by the Delegation.

All officer replacements shall be done within three General Meetings.

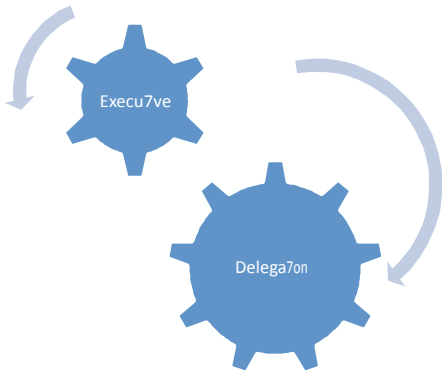
- Executive Summary of the Student Assembly -

The Christopher Newport University Student Assembly promotes the views, furthers the welfare, and executes the will of the Student Body. To this end, the CNUSA shall enact legislation and resolutions to accomplish these objectives, supervise and coordinate the execution and allocations of resources for activities of the Student Body, effect punitive measures with respect to its rules, and act as the supreme representative body for students to present their view.

The Student Assembly is administratively located at 1 University Place, in the city of Newport News, Virginia, United States of America.

The Student Assembly’s objective is to advance the will of the Student Body within all other parts of the University and its Strategic Plans.

The Student Assembly is organized into two groups, the Delegation and the Executive.



- Operating Policies and Procedures of the Student Assembly -

-- Key Policies

The President

- 1) Shall be the primary Executive Authority and President of the Executive.
- 2) Shall be the primary external liaison for the Student Assembly.
- 3) Shall assume ultimate responsibility for the functioning of all activities undertaken by the Student Assembly and exercise such powers as may be expedient to carry out that responsibility.
- 4) Shall review any legislation passed by the Delegation within twenty-four (24) hours of passage and may veto the legislation or resolution in whole but not in part.

The Executive Vice-President

- 1) Shall be the secondary Executive Authority.
- 2) Shall be the primary Executive Authority as directed by the President and when the President is not present.
- 3) Shall be the secondary external liaison for the Student Assembly.

Treasurer

- 1) Shall maintain and preserve all financial records of the Executive and the Student Assembly.
- 2) Share with the President the responsibility for the safekeeping and proper use of funds under the control of the Student Assembly.
- 3) Shall report to the Delegation on the status of the SA's funds on a monthly basis.
- 4) Define and set the annual budget for the Student Assembly with any given allocations by the Allocations Committee, private funding, and/or any previous balances in the Student Assembly account.
- 5) Submit an operating budget proposal for the Delegation to approve.
- 6) Shall present financial reports for auditing to the University Auditor upon request.

The Secretary

- 1) Shall serve as the primary recording and corresponding agent of the Delegation.
- 2) Shall serve as the primary recording and corresponding agent of the Executive unless another designation has been made by the President.
- 3) Shall serve as the Chairman of the Secretarial Staff; and as Chairman, may appoint membership for assistance in recording and correspondences with approval of the Delegation.

Members of the Student Assembly Delegation

- 1) Shall carry out the general affairs of the Student Assembly based upon the Rules of the Christopher Newport University Student Assembly (CNUSA) as defined.
- 2) Shall serve on committees as further described herein.
- 3) Shall initiate policy as needed.

-- Procedure for Selection of Delegates --

The Delegates of Student Life shall be selected through these Resident Populations:

The Delegation shall consist of one Delegate per one hundred and twenty-five (125) students in each Residence Hall and three Delegates representing the commuter student population. The Delegates may not exceed twenty-five (25) Delegates and all numbers greater than one hundred and twenty-five (125) shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred and twenty-five (125) students.

- Organizational Plan of the Student Assembly -

Vision and Mission Statement

The Christopher Newport University Student Assembly promotes the views, furthers the welfare, and executes the will of the Student Body.

History

Since 1964, Christopher Newport University, then Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary, has practiced collective Student Body representation. This representation has forwarded the vision and challenges of the student body to the Administration, Faculty, and Organizations associated with Christopher Newport University. In 2009, the **Student Assembly** was designated the official body of representation by the Dean of Students' Office at Christopher Newport University.

- Defined Standing Committees -

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- (a) The **Appropriations Committee** shall consist of the Treasurer as its Chairman shall consist of at least six (6) Delegates as appointed by the Treasurer. The Secretary may elect to be placed on this standing committee, when needed.
- (b) The **Academics Committee** shall consist of at least seven (7) members of the Delegation as nominated by the Executive Vice-President and approved by the Delegation.
- (c) The **Student Life Committee** shall consist of at least seven (7) members of the Delegation as nominated by the President and confirmed by the Delegation.
- (d) The **Legislative Affairs Committee** shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Assembly. The Legislative Affairs committee is made up of the Executive Board and the Committee Chairs.

- Defined Executive Committees

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There shall be the following Executive Committees:

- (a) The **Internal Affairs Committee** shall meet as necessary when called by the President, Executive Vice-President, or a majority of the Delegates. This committee shall consist of the Executive Vice-President as the Chairman, two (2) Delegates as appointed by the President and approved by the Delegation, and two (2) Delegates as appointed by the Executive Vice-President and approved by the Delegation. If an issue is brought before the committee that involves a member of this committee, the member shall request recusal.

- Defined Commissions -

There shall be the following Commissions:

- (a) The **Commission on Student Elections (CSE)** shall convene upon any call for elections. The CSE shall be composed of five (5) non-running members of the Student Body who shall direct the elections according to the current Bylaws. Members of the Student Assembly shall not serve on this Commission if they plan to run for the Executive Board. The members of the CSE shall be nominated by the Executive Board and approved by the Delegation with a majority. The Executive Board in conjunction with the Chair shall appoint members of the CSE. Any member of the CSE may be removed by the Delegation with a majority vote. If any open seats exist during a call for elections, the President or Executive Vice-President may fill these seats.
- (b) The **Commission on Organizations of Students** shall convene upon any request by the Academics Committee or Student Life Committee to hear the concerns of student leadership on campus. The Chairman of this Commission shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Delegation.

- Policies and Procedures of Standing Committees-

The purpose of The **Academics Committee** is to:

- (a) address academic policy concerns of the student body.
- (b) recommend to the Student Assembly appropriate suggestions to be taken to the Administration.
- (c) ensure open communication with the CNU Administration by requiring that the chairman of this committee request a meeting once a month with the Provost to advocate the student voice concerning academic matters.

The purpose of The **Appropriations Committee** is to:

- (a) vet requests for any allocations to be given by the Student Assembly that include, but are not limited to, awards and monies under control of the Student Assembly. All monies should comply with the "Policies of Monetary Allocations" section.
- (b) the proposal for allocations shall be presented and approved at a General Meeting by the Delegation.
- (c) vet requests for small grants, conference funds, and front-end-budgeted organizations, in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities.

The purpose of The **Legislative Affairs Committee** is to:

- (a) address policy concerns of the student body outside of the University with local, Commonwealth, and Federal entities.
- (b) recommend to the Student Assembly appropriate policy suggestions.
- (c) be a resource for the Assembly for in-house legislation

The purpose of The **Student Life Committee** is to:

- (a) address policy concerns of the student body on Dining Services, Housing Services, Student Activities, Parking Services, and others as needed.
- (b) recommend to the Delegation appropriate policy suggestions to be taken to the University Administration.
- (c) ensure communication of the Student Body wishes to the respective CNU officials concerning dining, housing, student activities, and parking by requiring that the Chairman of this committee shall request any necessary meetings with administrators to make these policy suggestions heard.

-- Policies and Procedures of Executive Committees

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The purpose of The **Internal Affairs Committee** is to:

- (a) mediate issues within the internal structure of the Student Assembly.
- (b) recommend to the Assembly appropriate remedies to be implemented with a majority vote at the General Meeting, unless otherwise specified within the governing documents.
- (c) Have the final opinion on all discrepancies regarding any governing document of the Student Assembly that prevents the occurrence of a General Meeting. This committee may only use this designated power to make alterations of governing documents to allow for a General Meeting to occur.

-- Policies and Procedures of Commissions

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Commission on Organizations of Students

All executive and regulatory authority given to or requested from the Student Assembly pertaining to recognized student organizations shall rest with the Commission on Organizations of Students.

General Rules

- (a) The Commission on Organizations of Students (COS) shall provide a venue for the discussion of challenges and/or concerns of recognized student-run organizations on campus and their members, assist in the beginning of new organizations to meet the Student Body's needs, and facilitate cooperation between all organizations.
- (b) The COS shall consist of one representative from any University recognized organization, or any organization as given a dispensation by the Chairman of the Commission.
- (c) The members of the COS shall each possess one non-transferable vote on issues called by the Commission's Chairman. No proxy voting shall be permitted. A majority vote of all present members shall enact any resolutions to be reviewed at the next General Meeting.

Commission on Student Elections

The purpose of the Commission on Student Elections is to:

- (a) establish election timelines and be responsible for managing the elections.
- (b) send a written notice of elections to the Dean of each college and to the Director of Housing.
- (c) collect the statement of intent from possible candidates.
- (d) issue a Certificate of Election to each newly elected member after the election is complete and the winners have been identified.

General Procedure

All executive and regulatory authority over a call for elections shall rest with the Commission on Student Elections (CSE). Any dispensation requests with elections regulations shall be deliberated and decided by the CSE. Members of the CSE shall be prohibited from maintaining any affiliation with candidates. If a candidate violates an election procedure, an eligible voter may write a written report of the violation and submit it to the CSE Chairman. Anonymous reports shall be disregarded. The CSE shall convene as needed to enforce the rules and disqualify candidates in violation of the rules.

Elections Commission Definitions

- (a) *Campaign Material* – any paraphernalia making reference to the question of elections; including, but not limited to: flyers, literature, pamphlets, buttons, clothing, and advertisements.
- (b) *Campaigning* – any candidate-endorsed statement, display, campaign material, or activity that promotes a candidate during the elections.

General Rules

- (a) Students wishing to seek office shall submit a statement of intent to the Commission on Student Elections (CSE) at least two weeks prior to the first day of elections.
- (b) Campaign materials shall adhere to the Residence Hall Association of Christopher Newport University's (RHA) Posting Policy, and the Christopher Newport University Student Handbook. Violation of these regulations may result in disciplinary action and/or possible removal from the election of the violator.
- (c) Slandorous campaigning shall result in removal of candidacy.
- (d) Bribing of any sort shall result in removal of candidacy.

- (e) The Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates shall obtain valid student signatures from the student body to be qualified to run for election – the number of signatures will be determined by the election commission. Delegation candidates shall obtain valid student signatures from students – the number of signatures will be determined by the election commission.
- (f) Nomination signatures shall be obtained from eligible voters as defined herein. Signatures may not be submitted electronically.
- (g) No campaigning may begin until seven days prior to the call for that candidate's election. Campaigning includes websites and instant-messaging profiles, as well as social networking applications.
- (h) Candidates cannot spend more than \$350 on their campaigns including in-kind contributions.
- (i) Removal and/or destruction of any opposing candidate's' campaign materials shall result in removal of candidacy. (j) Candidates may not run for more than one office of CNUSA during an election call.
- (l) Students seeking office within the Student Assembly must have a cumulative g.p.a. of a 2.6 or higher prior to being elected. This by-law may not be overridden by any decision of the elections commission.

Voting Procedure

- (a) It is the President's duty to oversee the voting process.
- (b) On the ballot, the candidates' names are to be placed in an alphabetical list (Last name, First name) under the position for which they are running.
- (c) The order of the offices on the ballot shall be as follows: President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Delegation Members.
- (d) On the ballot, all check boxes, radio buttons, or any other type of input fields shall be left blank (i.e. no default candidate may be selected automatically by the computerized ballot).
- (e) All ballots shall be able to be submitted incomplete. Any abstention votes shall not be counted for any candidate the eligible voter chooses not to vote for.
- (f) No campaigning is permitted within 50 feet of any CSE polling station.
- (g) The winner of each election shall be determined by a majority of cast votes.

Elections Certification

- (a) In the case of a non-contested election, the CSE shall issue a Certificate of Office to the single Candidate.
- (b) Upon contest of an office, the CSE shall issue a Certificate of Office to the winning candidate upon conclusion of the voting procedure.
- (c) The CSE shall refrain from issuing a Certificate of Office until all complaints/disputes towards the validity of that office's election have been resolved.
- (d) The CSE shall notify the President and Vice-President when any Certificates of Election are issued. New Members of the Student Assembly may assume Delegate responsibilities immediately upon receiving the Certificate of Election. Each shall be officially sworn in office at the next gathering of the Student Assembly.

Elections Certification

- (a) The rights to any information provided during the election process shall terminate at the end of any given term-of-office within the Student Assembly.

Election Templates Call for Election

I, _____, the President of the Student Assembly, do hereby issue a call for election for the office(s) of _____ on the _____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

Certificate of Election

I, _____, the longest serving member of the Commission on Student Elections of the Christopher Newport University Student Assembly, do hereby issue a Certificate of Election for the office(s) of _____ on the _____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

Oath of Affirmation

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office [enter office to which elected] of the Christopher Newport University Student Assembly, and will to the best of my ability, support, protect, and defend the governing documents and bylaws of this organization.

Statement of Intent

I, _____, intend to run for _____ office for the _____ academic year.

Strategic Relationships

As the central aspect of representation for the Student Body of the University, the Student Assembly will continue to seek increased representation for the Student Body within the Strategic Plan of the University.

The Student Assembly desires to establish relationships with policy-makers within and outside of the University.

The establishment of a Faculty and Administrative Ombudsman, as established in the Constitution, shall be described as follows. This page shall be updated with the appropriate personnel as needed.

Faculty Ombudsman

Administrative Ombudsman

Dr. Quentin Kidd

Dean Kevin Hughes

The Student Assembly also seeks relationships with other forms of student representation on Campus which may include, but are not limited to, the Campus Activities Board, Captain’s Log, Class Councils, Hall Councils, Inter-Fraternal Council, Multi-Cultural Student Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Panhellenic, and the Residence Hall Association.

Services of the Student Assembly

The Executive Vice-President shall maintain a list of all described services of the Student Assembly as directed by the President, Chairmen of Commissions, Executive, Standing, and Working Committees. This shall include, but is not limited to, the description and benefit of each project of the Student Assembly at that time.

- Administrative Plan of the Student Assembly -

The Secretary and Executive Vice-President shall both keep copies of the items included in the Administrative Plan. These materials are to be used as official explanations for all outside and press inquiries.

Management

Each member of the Student Assembly shall file a biographical abstract once elected for official press purposes.

Executive Offices

The President shall file a description of all Executive Offices created and an explanation of benefit for all said offices.

Statement of Values

The Student Assembly shall adhere to a policy of equal access and rights by:

- (a) advocating for a Student Body in which all individuals have equal rights. The Student Assembly shall not discriminate against age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
- (b) maintaining good attendance and regular office hours.
- (c) requesting all members of the Student Assembly have involvement in the external campus community and may include community service.

Statement on Privacy

- (a) Information a student may provide shall not be distributed outside of this organization without written consent.
- (b) Information provided by a third party may be distributed outside of this organization without written consent.

Records and Information Recording

The Student Assembly shall comply with the Corporate Records requirement of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Virginia Code § 13.1-932). Accordingly, these are the outlined rules of records accounting:

- (a) The Secretary of the Delegation shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Members of the Student Assembly and the Executive.
- (b) The Secretary shall record all official actions taken by the members without a meeting as reported, and all actions taken by a committee as reported by its Chairman.
 - 1) Written communications of any kind are to be included.
- (c) A Member of the Delegation shall report all official actions to the Secretary of the Delegation.
- (d) The Secretary of the Delegation shall record all names, titles, and addresses for the Members of the Student Delegation. The Treasurer shall maintain appropriate accounting records. The Vice-President of Finance shall also be responsible for fees of incorporation with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America, if applicable.
- (e) The President shall be responsible for all articles, bylaws, current amendments, and other administrative documents of the Student Assembly.
- (f) Any officer with a designated responsibility shall make these records available upon request, at cost, and in a reasonable timeframe.

- Public Relations Plan of the Student Assembly -

The Student Assembly encourages input from the Student Body by providing the following mechanisms:

Suggestion Boxes: easily accessible vehicles for immediate student input on issues.

Campus Surveys: done at the request of the Student Assembly to canvas Student Body input on a specific issue.

- Financial Management Plan of the Student Assembly -

-- Policies and Procedures for the Student Assembly Quarterly and Annual Reports --

Semester Report

This shall be a report filed every semester by the Treasurer with the Secretary. This report shall clearly designate the current balances on each financial account, as well as a record of recent transactions. An income statement from the “Products for Sale” shall be included in this report. This report shall contain information and explanations of any budgetary deviation.

Products for Sale

The Vice-President of Finance shall maintain a list of all described services of the Student Assembly that are for sale, and accurately keep track of the profit/loss made from such sales. Products for sale may include but are not limited to ticketed events, logo t-shirts and hats.

Pro Forma Statement (Budget)

A budget shall be prepared each semester by the Treasurer with the Secretary. This document shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Pro Forma Cash Flow Statement (Budget) to include:
 - 1) Total Cash Available
 - 2) Total Cash Paid Out
 - 3) Cash Balance/Deficiency
 - 4) Ending Cash Balance
- (b) a report on updates to the Chart of Accounts to be issued quarterly.

- Financial Allocations Plan of the Student Assembly -

- Policies for Monetary Allocations -

Overview

The Student Assembly shall only provide resources to clubs and organizations recognized by the Student Assembly.

Scope of Authority

The scope of authority of the Student Assembly Allocations Committee on monetary distribution is as follows:

- (a) The Appropriations Committee is responsible for determining Front End Budget Funding and Allocations.*
- (b) The Appropriations Committee is responsible for determining Conference Funding and Allocations.*
- (c) The Appropriations Committee is responsible for determining Small Grant Funding and Allocations.*

* Assume process currently in place by the Office of Student Activities – in working with the Business Manager within this office.

- Policies and Procedures on Chartering of Clubs and Student Organizations

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All clubs and student organizations shall apply to the Student Assembly for recognition and approval to organize at Christopher Newport University**. Upon recommendation by the Student Assembly, the Office of the Dean of Students will then consider the organization for recognition at CNU. The purpose of recognition for academic clubs and student organizations is to allow for the controlled usage facilities and finances of the Student Body. The Student Life Committee shall review new club and student organization applications and, if approved, be presented for a vote of recognition at a General Meeting.

- (a) Upon approval, the Student Assembly shall issue a recommendation for organizational recognition.
- (b) All documentation of clubs or organizations shall not conflict with the legislation or resolutions of this Assembly. In case of conflict, the binding legislation and resolutions are to be that of the Student Assembly.
- (c) A representative from the Committee shall be assigned by its Chairman to work with the organization to develop appropriate documentation and put this documentation to vote before the Committee for a final vote at a General Meeting. Organizations are required to ensure the documentation is concurrent with all aspects of student life at Christopher Newport University.
- (d) The Student Assembly may make a recommendation to revoke the organizational recognition at any time with a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority.

** Transitional Process – The 2011/2012 Student Assembly, in working with the Office of Student Activities, developed the first working committee for this purpose. This policy will take effect pending the successful transition in the 2011/2012 academic year.

Amendments to the Articles of the Constitution and Additions/Alterations to By-Laws

Article IV: Organization of the Executive

- (a) The Executive shall consist of an elected 1) President, 2) an Executive Vice-President and 3) Treasurer, and 4) Secretary. The Executive may also contain any additional officers the Executive officers wish to nominate that are confirmed by the Delegation.
- (b) Any additional officers' offices shall expire upon the end of the Presidential term.

Ratified with 2/3 vote (Received Unanimous Vote) – Fall 2011

Article VI: Ambassadors to the Delegation

The need for Organization Ambassadors is deemed unnecessary, as due to the fact that Assembly meetings are open to the public. Should any organization decide to desire representation within the Assembly, they should be welcomed to attend any open meeting as an audience member.

Ratified with 2/3 vote (Received Unanimous Vote) – Fall 2011

By-Law: General Rules for Elections

The Student Assembly deemed fit that candidates for running in Student Assembly elections must have a cumulative 2.6 or higher GPA prior to being elected to office. This by-law is recorded under section (I) within the “General Rules” of election (P. 10).

Ratified with 2/3 vote (Received Unanimous Vote) – Spring 2012

Article XIV: Amendment Procedure

Addition:

- (d) Any legislation brought before the Assembly must be introduced at least one general assembly meeting prior to being ratified by the body. Should any research be deemed necessary for said legislation, it shall be completed between said discussion and ratification.

Ratified with 2/3 vote (Received unanimous vote) – Spring 2012