

# **Criminology Club of Christopher Newport University**

## **Article I - Name**

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

## **Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the club shall be (a) to foster a wide student interest and participation in activities by providing leadership, programs, and service and (b) to assist students in developing skills and leadership. The purpose of the Christopher Newport University Criminology Club is to:

- a. Bring students together who have a passion for criminology and would like to further their knowledge on crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system while connecting with students that share their interest.
- b. Provide opportunities for learning and discussion of criminology through lectures and mass media (ie. TV shows, movies, and current events).
- c. Facilitate networking for students interested in criminology careers by connecting them with professionals working in the field and inviting experienced individuals to campus for speaking engagements and conversation.

## **Article III - Membership**

**Section 1.** Any student regularly enrolled and in good standing at Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Criminology 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 will be paid once per semester in the amount of \$10.00, and will be collected during the second meeting of each semester. Students joining the club after this date will be assessed dues as designated by the executive board.

There will be three levels of membership:

- a. Active members: Students with up to date dues, attend no less than 60% of meetings, and are eligible to hold officer positions.
- b. Inactive members: Students with outstanding dues and/or have not attended 60% of meetings during their membership. These students do not hold voting rights and are not eligible for officer positions.
- c. Alumni members: Individuals who have held membership in the club for a minimum of one academic year and have graduated, transferred, or left the university. These members do not hold voting rights and are not eligible for officer positions.

**Section 3.** Criminology Club shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of Criminology Club are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. The Criminology Club 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 Criminology Club shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

## **Article V - Duties of the Executive Officers**

**Section 1.** The Chairman is to preside at Executive Committee membership meetings; represent the club at university events and meetings; and appoint special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The Vice Chairman is to preside over club operations in the Chairman's absence and perform other such duties as may be required by the bylaws or resolutions of the Executive Committee. This officer will also execute all components of marketing and advertising for the organization and its events.

**Section 3.** The Secretary will coordinate all general correspondence within and from the organization; will keep minutes of all Executive Committee and membership meetings; and will preserve historical and membership 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 and expenditures; report regularly 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.** General meetings of the Criminology Club will take place on the first and third week of every month. Executive Committee meetings will take place at the same time on the second and fourth weeks of every month.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at his/her discretion.

**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 fourth week of November.

**Section 2.** Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who: (a) meets CNU's academic eligibility for student leadership positions (2.0 cumulative GPA or higher) and (b) fulfills the qualifications as determined by the Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** A vacancy in any office with the exception of the Chairmanship, shall be filled only by an election held among the members of the Criminology Club. In the event that the president cannot fulfill their duties, the Vice-Chairman will assume the responsibilities of Chairman.

#### **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, abuse of duties or position, and/or recommendation for removal by advisor or OSA staff. 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 Executive Committee or by petition signed by 2/3 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 - Bylaws**

Bylaws, 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 in situations as needed. The advisor is expected to attend meetings and events as able, and to be available when needed to support the organization's efforts. 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**

Criminology Club 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.

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Club President Signature

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Date