Constitution and Bylaws of the Anthropology Club

Article I: Name of Organization

Anthropology Club aka "Anthro Club"

Article II: Purpose

To provide an educational, interactive student community that focuses on anything having to do with the discipline of Anthropology. Anthropology herein meaning: the study of human culture past, present and sometimes future focusing on such things such as ritual, religion, social structure, and means of subsistence, taboos, and more. The Anthropology Club will also take up an activist position in the community focusing on awareness of other cultures and humanitarianism.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: General Requirements

Membership is opened to all Christopher Newport University students, faculty and staff. Individuals seeking membership shall make a request (oral, in writing or by mean of electronic communication) to the president or vice president of the Anthropology Club. The members will be accepted and considered a member there on in accordance with the nondiscrimination policy as listed in Article III, Section 2.

Section 2: Non-discrimination Policy

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

Section 3: Categories of Membership

Categories of membership shall be divided into officer (the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) and non-officer (those participants who have made a request and approval of membership who do not have the title of president, vice president, treasurer or secretary).

Section 4: Removal of Members

Terms for removal include:

- -The harassment of any member of the group
- Poorly representing the club or its members by means of example, press or other.
- Violating the CNU honor code, or being incompliant with federal, state or local law while participating in an Anthropology Club sponsored event

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Number of Meetings

A regular scheduled meeting will be held one hour per every other week for discussion or working activities in the Student Union.

Section 2: Meeting Times

Meeting times will be scheduled on Thursdays at 10:00-11:00pm or Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm.

Placement of Officers- In the event of a vacancy of an officer position, that position must be filled under the following conditions:

-An announcement of the vacancy must be made to all members of the club so that all persons

interested in the position may express their interest.

-If no more than one person is interested in the position, that person may be automatically advanced by the other officers. If no candidate is available, or the candidates are not eligible for consideration, the position may be kept open until an eligible candidate is available.

-In the event that more than one person is interested and eligible for an officer position, an anonymous vote will be held between the members. In the event of a tie, the final decision will be up to the president and vice president.

Article VII: Advisor

Section 1: An advisor is necessary and shall be a fulltime member of the Christopher Newport University faculty or staff. Dr. Mai Lan Gustafsson shall be the advisor for the Anthropology Club for the school year of 2007-2008

Section 2: Advisor Duties

The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to ensure 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.

Article VIII: Responsibilities

The organization will adhere to University policies and all local, state and federal laws. It is the ultimate responsibly of the group leaders to ensure that group functions adhere to federal, state and local laws and uphold a moral standard during all events. Each member of the organization has a responsibility to treat all people at group functions, members or otherwise, ethically and respectfully.

Article IV: Amendments

As needed, additional articles, changes, or clarifications may be made to this constitution at the agreement of the presidents of the group or one president and a 2/3 vote from the members. Any revisions to the constitution and/ or by-laws must be approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities.

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Constitution of the Forum for Sociological Thought

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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Forum for Sociological Thought at Christopher Newport University.

The purpose of the Forum shall be:

a). To foster student interest by providing an arena for discussion of social issues

b). To broaden student knowledge of the discipline of Sociology

c). To enhance the association and cohesion of students with similar interests.

d) To promote student participation in community service activities

Article II - Membership

Section 1. – Any student regularly enrolled in Christopher Newport University may become a member of the Forum for Sociological Thought with equal voting and office-holding privileges.

Section. 2 – Dues will be determined by the treasurer and voted upon by the forum

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

to preserve the records of the organization. He/She will also perform other such duties as may be required of the Executive Committee; to serve as a point of contact for information pertaining to Forum activities.

<u>Treasurer</u> – Administrate all financial related matters including collection of dues and periodically update the Executive Committee and membership on all current revenue and financial status of the Forum for Sociological Thought. The treasurer is further to perform other such duties as may be required by the By-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee; to serve as a point of contact for financial information pertaining to forum activities.

<u>Public Relations Liaison</u> – Plan, organize, and coordinate all publicity for Forum activities, special events, and other meetings as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Section 1. – The regular meetings of the Forum for Sociological Thought shall be determined by the President

Section 2. – Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion or when so requested by three members.

Section 3. - Forty Percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum

Article V - Elections

Section 1. – Elections of officers shall take place yearly during the fourth week of April.

Section 2. – The Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of students, preferably senior members selected from the membership, and the outgoing President, ex-officio, shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. If the outgoing president desires to run for re-election, then the Vice President, ex-officio, shall serve as Chairman of the nominating committee.

Section 3. – Any student member is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who: a) meets the Forum for Sociological Thought's eligibility for student office holding a GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and b). Fulfill the qualifications as set up by the executive committee.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by majority of the Executive Committee or by petition signed by 1/10 of the voting membership. Amendments shall be considered adopted upon presentation at two general meetings and at the acceptance of the majority vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

Article X - Amendments

By-Laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, may be adopted or amended by 2/3 vote of the voting members at 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 - Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership; and by approval of the Student Government Association, Director of Student Life, and the Vice President for Student Services.