

Rules of the *Student Directorate of Christopher Newport University*

Forward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Body of Christopher Newport University, in order

- to create a consolidated forum of elected representatives within the Student Body for student involvement in the execution of the University.
- to represent the intellectual capital of the Student Body to the Administration of the University.
- to promote the views, further the welfare, and execute the will of the Student Body
- to ensure the voice of every member of the Student Body is heard and accurately represented to the Administration.

sets forth these rules of organizational procedure and governing responsibilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following hereby be resolved as the rules of the *Student Directorate of Christopher Newport University (Student Directorate)* until the completion of the next amendment or ratification procedure.

Organization of the Delegation Members of the Student Directorate

(a) *Delegation Members of the Student Directorate* (Delegation) shall have the general management of the *Student Directorate* based upon the *Rules of the Student Directorate* as ratified by the Student Body of Christopher Newport University or amended by the Delegation. This Delegation will consist of two (2) Delegates from each College of the University as defined by the current catalog of Christopher Newport University ratified by Christopher Newport University's Board of Visitors as of the last election cycle. If graduate programs exist in the current catalog, then the Delegation will also consist of one (1) Delegate of graduate studies.

(b) Membership of the Delegation of Students is restricted to degree seeking students of Christopher Newport University as defined by the Registrar of Christopher Newport University. All students filing an application to hold a position in the Delegation of Members must agree to sign a waiver to release the information on your degree seeking status to the Elections Committee. Therefore "student" is defined by this definition.

Method of Election for the Delegation of Members of the Student Directorate

(a) If more than two (2) Delegates run for membership from any given College, or more than one (1) Delegate runs for membership from any given Graduate Program, then the one or two seats will be placed on the ballot with the qualified candidates for election by the Students of the specific College.

(b) If any seat is not filled, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman may make an appointment of a Student for the unfilled position. If the Chairman and Vice-

Chairman cannot come to agreement then a vote on one appointment nominee by the Chairman and one appointment nominee by the Vice-Chairman may be heard and voted upon by the seated Delegation Members.

(c) Before any general election, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or a surrogate with written consent of either, must send a call for elections to the head of each College, all Graduate Programs, This letter must be sent within one month prior to elections and may be reason **for immediate dismissal of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman without execution.**

(d) Students with the appropriate credentials will have the right to file paperwork with the current Executive Committee for one (1) position not less than two weeks prior to the date called for election.

(e) To run or vote for either of the two (2) Delegate positions from each College, you must be a Student of the College.

(f) To run or vote for the one (1) Delegate from the Graduate Programs at Christopher Newport University, you must be a Graduate Student. If you are a Graduate Student, but are also enrolled in an Undergraduate College, you may only vote in one race. You will need to provide the Executive Committee with your decision within one week prior to elections.

Term of Office for the Delegation of Members of the Student Directorate

- **Call for election of the delegation will be one week after J Session in January**
- **The call for election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be one week after Spring Break.**
- **Elections must be called within one fiscal year of the start of the prior election. If the election is contested in any way.**

Officers for the Student Directorate of Christopher Newport University

(a) The Officers of the Student Directorate Executive Committee shall consist of:

(1) One (1) Chairman and one (1) Vice-Chairman with the power to execute the vested interest of the Student Body. The Student Body must elect the Chairman and Co-Chairman in a general election. The Chairman and Co-Chairman may be removed from office by a 2/3rd majority vote of the Student Directorate.

(2) One (1) Chief of Staff may be appointed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(3) The Chair of the Delegation's four standing committees.

(4) One (1) Financial Advisor as appointed by the Chairman and appointed by the Delegation.

(b) The Members of the Student Directorate Executive Committee shall consist of:

(1) A Faculty advisor as appointed by the Chairman.

(2) An Administrative advisor as appointed by the Vice-Chairman

(3) As many ex-officio officers as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman care to appoint.

(c) All agree upon acceptance of the position, they may not resign until the Chairman or Vice-Chairman nominates a replacement.

Membership –

All full-time degree-seeking students in academic good standing at Christopher Newport University shall be eligible for membership in all branches of the Student Government Association (SGA).

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Ratification Procedure

(1) 2/3rds of the Delegation with yes being counted in the tally, nos being counted in the tally, and abstentions being discarded from the tally

(2) A resolution may be brought before the Student Delegation by any student with 2/3rd of the student's signatures on sheets and the resolution.

- A. The standing committees are: Education, Student Life, Facilities and Auxiliary Operations, and Parking/Dining/Housing.