

U. Buddies Constitution

Preamble

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as U. Buddies for the purpose of enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships.

Articles

- I. **Name of Group:** The organization shall be known as U. Buddies.
- II. **Object of the organization:** U. Buddies matches college student volunteers in mutually enhancing friendships with residents of the Mary Campbell Center in Wilmington, Delaware.
- III. **Membership**

Membership is open to all University of Delaware registered, full time undergraduate students in good standing with the university without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or politics. A student can apply to be a college buddy (a student matched with a resident of the Mary Campbell Center in one-to-one friendship for the academic year) or an associate member (a student who is not matched with a buddy, but visits the Mary Campbell Center when time allows). Both types of members support the chapters' goals and objectives. Members should visit their buddies a minimum of one time a month; however, they preferably should visit their buddy once a week for an hour. There is no limit in the size of the group and there are no membership dues. College Buddy members must commit to being a part of U. Buddies for a minimum of one school year (both fall and spring semesters) and associate members must commit to being a member for a minimum of a semester.
- IV. **Non-Discrimination Clause:** The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.
- V. **Officers**

President- An undergraduate student who organizes, leads, and maintains the organization. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization, including the End-of-the-Year, Mid-Year, and Start-of-the-Year packets, and Summer Contact Information. The President will receive all

information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database.

Membership Coordinator- Oversees buddy matches by providing support, arrange carpools, and maintains updated membership lists.

Treasurer- Acts as chief financial officer and reimburses officers for purchases made for the organization. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer will also maintain all group ledgers. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

Buddy Liaison- Ensures that all the Mary Campbell Center residents are happy with their buddies and takes steps to solve problems that they have.

Programming Coordinator- Keeps track of hours buddies spend at the Mary Campbell Center and shares them with the MCC volunteer coordinator. Also checks with buddies who have not been visiting regularly.

Alumni Coordinator- Maintains contact with buddies that have graduated and informs them of upcoming group events. Also pairs up alumni with their Mary Campbell Center buddy's new college buddy.

VI. Determining of Officers: Interested applicants for officers must be either a sophomore or junior the year they begin as an officer, they will fill out an application and the current President will determine new officers with the help of the current officers. Volunteer hours for the previous school year will be highly considered when choosing officers.

VII. Meetings

Interest Meeting- Anyone interested in joining U. Buddies. The purpose it to explain what this organization is, the involvement required, and to answer any questions.

Interviews- For all new members. A five to ten minute "interview" for all new members they will meet with an officer. The purpose is to make sure they will be committed to U. Buddies and to get to know their interests to better pair them up with a Mary Campbell Center resident.

Orientation- For all new members. Will be held at the Mary Campbell Center and run by their volunteer coordinator. The purpose is to explain the Mary Campbell Center procedures and will be given a tour of the building.

Group Events- Two group events will be held a semester at the Mary Campbell Center. Both college buddies and associate members are highly encouraged to attend.

Weekly Visits- All members will visit the Mary Campbell Center one time a week for one hour. Carpools will be provided if needed.

- VIII. **Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct** - The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.
- IX. **Rules for Ratifying the Constitution** - Requires a 2/3 or simple majority vote of the organization and approval by the Activities and Programs Office.
- X. **Rules for amending the Constitution** - Requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership and advance notice to all members of the proposed change.