

CONSTITUTION FOR THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE ON MARCH 31, 2011

Preamble:

"We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby create the organization known as the Civil Liberties Union for the purpose of upholding the general rights of students, professors, staff, and overall community at the University of Delaware."

Article I

This organization will be called the Civil Liberties Union.

Article II

This organization will have the purpose of upholding the rights of the students on campus. We establish this union in order to promote awareness, discussion, and understanding of civil liberties issues and to safeguard these civil liberties. This organization will be seen as a branch of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware.

The objective of the CLU at the University of Delaware will include identifying and addressing civil liberties issues that affect the University of Delaware community and the nation as a whole.

Article III

The Civil Liberties Union will be affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, working to strengthen the rights of each Delawarean. The CLU will also be affiliated with any other organization upholding the same values and objectives as the CLU.

Article IV

Membership

1. A member must be a full-time, matriculated, undergraduate student at the University of Delaware, who agrees with the principles of the organization.
2. A member will have the right to vote on policies in the organization as long as they attend at least six meetings, listen to at least one speaker, and attend at least one event in the semester.
3. Each voting member will have one vote.
4. It is the member's responsibility to be active in meetings as well as at events. If a member seems to not put forth the effort needed for the group

to succeed then they will be re-evaluated by the officers as being recognized as a member of the organization.

5. Members must volunteer at any event that requires volunteering, or else they are re-evaluated by the officers as members of the organization.
6. Other interested members of the University of Delaware community may become associate members.
7. Members are encouraged, but not required, to become members of the American Civil Liberties Union.
8. Members are encouraged, but not required, to follow political discussions and understand the purpose of the ACLU.
9. Members must pay dues, if any, of the CLU at the University of Delaware to be considered members.
10. All matters of policy, speakers, and events shall be subject to approval by a majority of voting members present at a meeting. Regarding matters which would normally be voted upon for which it is impractical to call a meeting, the person designated as responsible for the matter shall make it a point to contact each officer and get majority approval from the officers.
11. There is no limitation in how many people can become members of the CLU.

Article V

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 or, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Article VI

A member will be revoked of their privileges to vote if they do not attend six meetings, listen to one speaker, and attend one event. A member will be removed from the organization if their actions are disrespectful and disruptive in the meetings or if their actions go against the organization's purpose.

Article VII

Qualifications for Officers

1. The officers for the CLU shall consist of a president, vice president, treasurer, and any other officer position that will be needed for the organization.
2. Each officer must complete all the requirements for voting membership presented above.

3. Each potential officer must be able to complete a full academic calendar year.
4. Each officer must have a GPA of at least 2.00.
5. The president will be responsible for setting and running the meetings, as well as handling any affairs for the organization. The president will also be the head of each event. The president shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization. The president should be the most familiar with the organization. The president will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. The president will help create and appoint any necessary committees.
6. The vice president shall serve in the role of the president if the president should be absent for any reason, unable to fulfill the duties of the organization, or resign. The vice president also helps run the meetings smoothly. The Vice President should also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.
7. The treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the organization including all CLU expenditures, revenues, and funding requests. If there shall be any dues to be paid by members, the treasurer will also be in charge of making sure the dues are paid. The treasurer shall also sign any checks by the CLU or for purposes of the CLU and maintain all CLU ledgers. The treasurer must keep a record of all the CLU's financial transactions. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer will write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.
8. Committees may be formed from time to time to carry out the purposes of the CLU.

Article VIII

Elections for Officers

1. Elections for officers shall be held at least once per academic year.
2. Voting members must fit the requirements written above.
3. Any member of the CLU may nominate any voting member for a position as officer. All voting members shall have one vote by secret ballot.
4. Elections shall be held under such rules decided by a majority of the active voting membership beforehand.
5. In event of a tie, each nominated potential officer will have two minutes to speak on their behalf to be the position they request. Then, there will be a revote.

6. Officers assume the new role at the beginning of the next semester coming up, usually the fall semester, as voting will usually take place at the end of spring semester.

Section 1: If an officer should be removed from his/her position due to any serious charges against the organization, a vote will take place for this removal. There will be a fair hearing before this vote for the officer to plead his/her case. If the officer is removed, there will be a vote on that position at the next meeting.

Section 2: If an officer were to resign, he/she must fill out a form explaining his/her resignation. There will be a vote on that position at the following meeting.

Section 3: An officer will be trained at least three weeks prior to the last day of classes. They will get a tour of the Activities and Programs Office and staff from the previous officers. Also, they will have individual training sessions with these previous officers.

Article IX

Meetings

1. The CLU will have at least one meeting per month.
2. Meetings will depend on the severity of the issue at hand, the events coming up, and the need for a meeting.
3. The meetings will be called through e-mail. E-mail addresses will be gathered at the beginning of the first meeting in a semester.
4. Executive board meetings will be held at least once per month, and they will require mandatory attendance of at least two officers per meeting.
5. Meetings will be held regularly for the purpose of discussing current issues at hand, determining policies, events, trips, activities, and any other programs.
6. The president will notify each member of a meeting at least 24 hours before each meeting.
7. Meetings will be held as long as at least 30% of the organization is present.

Article X

Currently, there will be no dues collected for the organization. Dues may be collected in the future for any trip or event. These dues **MUST** be paid in cash. The treasurer will be in charge of collecting these dues. If a member does not pay their dues then they will not participate in the event at hand.

Article XI

Bylaws

1. The CLU shall establish bylaws necessary to carry out the policies set forth in this constitution.
2. Bylaws shall be approved by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
3. Bylaws are subject to change with a simple majority of those members present and voting.

Article XII

Procedure

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised Edition shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the special rules of order of this organization.

Article XIII

The advisor **MUST** be a full-time professional faculty or staff person. The advisor should agree with the principles in the organization and the purpose of the organization. The advisor must be there to offer advice and give professional opinions on certain issues. The advisor should try to attend as many meetings as possible, but is not required to attend any meetings.

Article XIV

The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

Article XV

Ratification

Approval of changes to the constitution requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active voting members of the CLU who choose to vote, and approval by the Activities and Programs Office.


Article XVI

Amendments

Amendments to this constitution shall require approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the active voting members of the CLU, who choose to vote. Before each vote, there will be an open discussion of the proposed amendment. Advance notice must be made to all members who will vote on the changes to the constitution.

Ratified by members. March 31, 2011

Signatures:

President: 

Activities & Programs Staff: 

Date: 4/8/2011