

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

180 Christian Fellowship Constitution

Mission Statement: To present the mission to Jesus Christ and strive to live according to His perfect example, both encouraging other believers through prayer, worship, fellowship, and study of the Bible, as well as seeking to lead others to personal faith in Christ, helping them to discover God's role in their lives. To contribute to the Eastern and Willimantic Community, sharing God's unconditional love, encouraging thought provoking and non-condemning spiritual and theological discussions, as well as enthusiastically building long-term, healthy, and supportive relationships.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be 180 Christian Fellowship of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Article II: Basis of Faith

Section 1 - The basis of faith for this organization is as follows:

- a. The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.
- b. The deity of our Lord, Jesus Christ
- c. The necessity and efficiency of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world and the historic fact of his bodily resurrection.
- d. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration.
- e. The expectation of personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2 - All officers of this organization, leaders of Bible Study groups and speakers must subscribe without reservation to the above Basis of Faith.

Article III: Purpose

Section 1 - The primary purposes of this organization are:

- a. To witness to Lord Jesus Christ as God incarnated and to seek to lead others to personal faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
- b. To help Christians grow toward maturity as Disciples of Christ, by study of the Bible, by prayer, by worship, and by Christian Fellowship.
- c. To present the call of God to the world mission of the Church~ to help students and faculty to discover God's role for them.

Section 2 - The secondary purpose of this organization is to contribute to the educational, cultural and social climate of Eastern Connecticut State University by:

- a. Developing healthy human relationships.
- b. Pursuing opportunities for social justice.
- c. Encouraging the development of educational, personal, and vocational skills.
- d. Appreciating and promoting diversity in our membership, as well as reaching out to all races and denominations.

Article IV: Membership and Participation

Section 1 - Membership and participation in this organization is open to all students.

Section 2 - The deciding factors of membership are as follows:

- a. A committed membership will require attending a minimum of two consecutive meetings.
- b. The new member will remain a member as long as he/she regularly attends meetings.

Section 3 - Any voting member unable to attend a meeting for an excusable reason may vote by an absentee ballot.

Section 4 -Membership shall not be denied to any student because of race, religion, gender, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status except as sanctioned by federal or state law.

Article V: Officers and Duties

Section 1 - The elected officers of this organization shall be president, vice or co-president, treasurer, secretary, and public relations.

Section 2 - All elected officers of this organization should represent the club at a minimum of two of their functions, and they should also delegate responsibilities throughout the club.

Individual duties of the elected officers are as follows:

- a. The **president** will be responsible for the organization of meetings, running business meetings, addressing problems with the group, and overseeing and confirming the proper activities of the executive board.
- b. The **vice president or co-president** will be responsible for the organization of praise and worship, running business meetings, and maintaining the president's role in the event of the president's absence.
- c. The **treasurer** will be responsible for submitting the budget, overseeing all fundraising activities, requesting outside allocations for various events/activities, and submitting all financial forms including purchase orders, reimbursements, transfers, donations, and funds received fundraising.
- d. The **secretary** will be responsible for taking notes during business meetings, submitting the minutes to the necessary individuals, submitting general paperwork regarding the club, and delegating responsibility for advertising.
- e. The **public relations director** will be responsible for advertising for the club by hanging posters, communicating with other clubs, and assisting the other positions within the club.

Article VI: The Executive Board, Nominations, Elections

Section 1 - The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and such others as the chapter may add time to time.

Section 2 - Only those committed to the Basis of Faith and Purpose of this organization shall be eligible to be chose as officers or appointed to the Executive Board.

Section 3 - The responsibilities of this Executive Board are:

- a. To carry out the purpose, general policies and program of this organization as efficiently as possible.
- b. To call the annual meeting for the introduction of new officers and for the submitting of reports of the various activities of the year.
- c. To be responsible for the continuance of this organization year to year.

Section 4- Only active members shall be allowed to vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for an office in which case election may be by voice vote.

Section 5 -Elections shall be held for all offices, including those that are filled temporarily.

Section 6 -Officers shall be elected by a majority of those members voting in the election. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, a revote will occur with the President casting a vote.

Section 7 -Notification of elections and nominations must be given a week's notice prior to voting.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1 - Meetings for transaction of business shall be called by the Executive Board or upon request of three members.

Section 2 - Meetings for Bible Study and prayer shall be held as decided by the members, Bible Study meetings will usually be held weekly, prayer meetings daily.

Section 3 - Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the purpose stated here shall be held as occasion warrants.

Section 4 - A quorum shall be defined as 50% + 1 member of the club's total voting membership. A quorum must be present for any action to take place by membership.

Section 5 - A quorum shall be required to conduct any official business of the organization except to adjourn.

Section 6 - If voting results in a tie a re-vote will take place with the President casting a vote.

Article IX: Constitution and Amendments

Section 1- Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present.

Section 2- Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be automatically tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the organization.

Section 3- Prior written notice of the proposed change(s) and the date of the meeting at which the proposed change(s) shall be voted on shall be provided to all members of the organization.

Section 4- The constitution may be amended at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote provided that prior notice has been given.

ARTICLE X: IMPEACHMENT AND/OR RECALL

Section 1 - Any officer is subject to impeachment and /or recall and removal from the office for failing to fulfill his/her constitutional responsibilities.

Section 2 - An impeachment request must be given at least a week in advance of the actual impeachment voting. Both the request and the voting must take place during regular

meetings.

Section 3 - Upon conclusion of the discussion and arguments for and against impeaching the officer, a vote shall be taken. No officer shall be impeached except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4 - An officer who is impeached shall immediately relinquish his/her office but shall be allowed to maintain active membership in the organization unless his/her actions have brought discredit to the organization.

Section 5 - If an officer is impeached, the organization shall fill the position following the procedures outlined under Vacancies.

Article XI - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall act as the Parliamentary authority for all meetings of the club.

Article XII – Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association Budget and Management Committee.