

CONSTITUTION OF THE FRENCH CLUB

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as The French Club.

Article II: Purpose of the Organization

The purpose of the organization is to join together students who are current members, prospective members, and past members of the French Club, and any other student of Clarion University of Pennsylvania in good standing, to support the academic standing of this university and to provide exposure to cultural activities related to the French language, and to the art, history, and civilization of francophone countries. Activities include traveling to educational areas, sponsoring public lectures, and other events.

Article III: Membership

The French Club will be open to all Clarion University of Pennsylvania students in good standing. Prospective students being those who are currently being considered for future membership. All members must be in good standing with the university and the community.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Community Service Chair, CU Connect Contact, and Advisor(s).

Section 2: Duties

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings and will take charge of installation and will assign committee chairmen of lead committees.
- B. The Vice-President will preside at meetings in the absence of the President and will report from committee chairpersons to the President on progress.
- C. The Treasurer will be in charge of the budget, and will keep an accurate account of all French Club funds. He/she will also be in charge of fund-raisers, and will be responsible for filing the French Club budget request with Student Senate by the appropriate deadline.

- D. The Community Service Chair will lead and manage the involvement of French Club members in community service activities.
- E. The CU Connect Contact will ensure that all French Club activities are cleared through CU Connect (eg. Booking of space for special events, fund-raising activities, etc.) and that they are also properly advertised through CU Connect.
- F. The Advisor will be present for business meetings and other functions, and acting in the advisory capacity. The Advisor shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Board.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings

There will be a meeting every other week. Dates and times will be decided upon by a majority vote of members present and meetings will become regularly scheduled.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Any unscheduled meeting that shall be called by the Executive Board shall be a special meeting. Notification of special meetings must be given at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Section 3: Quorum

One-half of the membership must be present to have a quorum and to hold meetings.

Section 4: Majority

A majority vote shall be one-half plus one, unless otherwise stated.

Section 5: Parliamentary Procedure

The meetings shall be conducted with informal parliamentary procedure.

Article VII: Finances and Funding

Section 1: Request from Student Senate

Funding will be requested of Student Senate.

Section 2: Fund raising

There will be fund raising projects to aid educational trips and other projects of the French Club.

Section 3: Qualifications

The officers must be students at Clarion University, in good standing and present in the Clarion area for their term.

Section 4: Nomination

To be nominated, the candidate must be nominated by a member, and the nomination must be seconded by another member.

Section 5: Election of Officers

The election of officers will be held by ballot during the month of October. A simple majority of the members present at the meeting is required for election.

Section 6: Term

An officer's term will last from October of the present academic year to October of the same academic year.

Section 7: Filling vacancies

If an office is vacated during the officer's term, a new election will be held immediately thereafter. Procedures will be the same as outlined above.

Section 8: Attendance

An officer shall be allowed to have three absences of which one may be unexcused. Violation of this rule will result in the termination of his/her office.

Article V: Faculty Advisor

Section 1: Commission

The Advisor(s) shall be the French professor at Clarion University.

Article VIII: Amending, Suspending, and Accepting

This Constitution shall be amended, suspended, and/or ratified by a 2/3 vote of the members present, pending approval of Student Senate and the President of Clarion University.

Article IX: Ratification

Approval of this Constitution by a vote (2/3 or simple majority) of the membership shall be required for ratification. This Constitution will become effective upon recommendation of the Student Senate of Clarion University and approval by the Vice-President for Student Affairs and the President of the University.