

Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Initiative (PPRI)

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 - Name of Organization

Section 1: The name of the organization by this constitution shall be Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Initiative (PPRI).

Article II - Purpose

Section 1: The primary purposes of this organization are: to support pregnant and parenting students at Clarion University as they strive to attain a college education; to advocate for these students in the areas of advising, housing, child care, health care, resource identification, and financial aid; to help with recruitment and retention programs; and to organize parenting workshops and social and professional networking opportunities.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any Clarion University student interested in participating is eligible to join. All majors are welcome as well as all class standings. Members will be expected to attend biweekly meetings and participate in discussions, community service and fundraising events with dedication and commitment.

Section 2: There will be no membership fees.

Article IV – Duties and Elections of Officers

Section 1: The organization shall have the following officers to remain in office. They are responsible for:

A. President

The President will be in charge of reviewing and presenting approval for any decisions made by PPRI. The President will be in charge of scheduling any events or inquiring about transportation for the events if necessary. If any other member for some reason cannot complete a task, it is the responsibility of the President to complete the task or see to it that it is completed.

B. Vice President

The Vice President will be in charge of assisting the President in all of his or her duties.

C. Secretary

The Secretary will be in charge of typing the agendas, keeping record of the minutes, updating the roster, and setting up a list serve to inform students about any meetings or beneficial opportunities.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer will be in charge of preparing the budget and keeping record of all funds raised and spent by Women United.

Section 2: Elections will be held at the end of spring semesters unless a student wishes to resign his or her position or a unanimous vote of the membership decides to impeach an officer from a position. Students will be nominated from the floor or may nominate themselves, and a secret ballot will be held to determine the winner. The elections will be conducted by a member assigned by the president.

Section 3: A majority vote will determine the outcome of all elections to assure a fair election.

Article V – Role of Co-Advisors

Section 1: The advisors will be selected and invited by the officers to advise Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Initiative (PPRI). The role of the advisors is to serve as a resource person who will attend meetings, proofread materials, give constructive criticism, approve events and expenditures and participate in activities when possible.

Section 2: The advisors serve as guide and have no vote, with the exception of the above, i.e. the advisors must approve events and expenditures.

Article VI – Duties and Elections of Officers

Section 1: Meetings will be held bi-weekly. If any business transactions are to be discussed, officers will have a separate committee meeting on Tuesdays prior to the open meeting.

Section 2: In any meeting, any motion can pass with majority vote of the members present.

Section 3: Each meeting will follow Robert's Rules.

Article VII – Finances and Funding

Section 1: There will be no dues.

Section 2: We will request funds from Student Senate.

Section 3: We will also work for funds through fund raising.

Article VIII – Amending, Suspending, and Accepting the Constitution

Section 1: Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted to members, in writing, for discussion. After discussion, the amendment shall be tabled for one week. After that week, the amendment will be voted on and passed with a majority vote of all members present and approved by the advisor.

Section 2: Amendments shall take effect after approval by the Student Senate, Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.

Article IX – Ratification

Section 1: The affairs of the organization shall be governed as outlined in the above stated Constitution effective upon adoption by the majority of members at the meeting and then approved by the Student Senate, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.