

Progressive Citizens for a United America (PCFUA)
Clarion University Chapter Bylaws

TO BE USED BY ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN FORMING A BYLAWS AND BECOMING RECOGNIZED OR APPROVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE AND CLARION UNIVERSITY.

Progressive Citizens for a United America
BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1-NAME.

- I. The formal name of this organization shall be the Clarion University Chapter of the *Progressive Citizens for a United America* (PCFUA).
- II. Our organization may also be recognized by the nickname "*The Millennial Party*".

ARTICLE 2.- PURPOSE

- I. The PCFUA organization is being formed on the Clarion University of Pennsylvania campus to promote the idea of political reform to university students. Our primary purpose is to encourage students to register as independents, and to support beneficial policy changes that will positively affect the future of America.
- II. The PCFUA organization will also function as a tool to bring together a new generation of progressive individuals and ideas that do not necessarily align with the already existing conservative or liberal platforms. The PCFUA stresses compromise as a way to overcome idle litigation in American policy.
- III. Benefits of PCFUA membership include:
 - a. open and insightful discussion on American policy reform
 - b. ability to network to like-minded individuals
 - c. informative and provocative rhetoric exchanges
 - d. power in numbers to lobby to local, state, or federal legislators

ARTICLE 3.- MEMBERSHIP

- I. Membership to the PCFUA requires:
 - a. Said individual to submit their full name and e-mail address to acting PCFUA officers for contact purposes.
 - b. Attendance in one (1) or more meetings per semester.
- II. There are no membership fees required to join PCFUA. However, donations to the national PCFUA are encouraged.
- III. Members of the PCFUA may be dismissed under the following conditions:
 - a. Excessive absenteeism to organizational meetings (less than one).

- b. Malicious activity in representation of the PCFUA
- c. Continued distraction to meetings or other official PCFUA functions.

ARTICLE 4.- DUTIES AND ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS.

I. President- Evan Schindler

Responsible for starting organization, soliciting membership, communications with the university, scheduling meetings, formulating meeting agendas, any other beneficial work necessary to the sustainability of the PCFUA.

Vice President- Alex Demczak

Responsible for assistance in membership outreach, communications with the university, formulating meeting agendas, and other assistance to the president.

Treasurer- Brian Jendesky

Because our RSO does not accept donations, the job of our treasurer is to collect and organize the information of our members to be fit for emailing and other ways of communication.

Community Service Chair- Rico Canello

Our community service chair is responsible for gathering members who are inclined to participate in a community service around Clarion University. We believe this can be a vital way to promote our image to students and residents alike.

CU Connect Contact- Taylor Walsh

Our CU Connect contact is in charge of monitoring any interest we may receive from potential members through the Clarion University website.

II. Elections for our RSO are held annually in the month of April. Any member can run as a candidate for the officer positions in our RSO. Ballots will be drafted and distributed to our members with candidates' names on them. Our treasurer will be responsible for counting the ballots and determining the majority winner of each race. The ballots will be distributed between the 2nd and 3rd week of April and will be counted in the final week of April. Current officers cannot vote for candidates.

II. Majority vote is defined as having a higher percentage of voters than opposing candidates.

- a. If there are 2 candidates, the winner must obtain 51% or more of the votes.
- b. If there are 3 or more candidates, the winner must secure more percentage of the votes than the opposing candidates.

- c. In the event that there is a tie in any election, the current officers (minus the advisor) will take it to a vote and decide by majority rule (3/5) who will win the election.

ARTICLE 5.-ROLE OF CAMPUS ADVISOR.

- I. John Eichlin has been selected as our campus advisor due to his diligence and experience in both the legal and political realms. It is apparent that his qualifications allow him to actively sustain and improve our organizations abilities to reach out to students, make a presence in the community, and bring about discussions on contemporary legal and political issues. He is also a great teacher in the classroom that can help our members to learn more about legal issues that are of concern to them.
 - a. We assume that Mr. Eichlin's duties as our advisor will continue at-will, so long as he does not resign from his position. Upon expiration of Mr. Eichlin's duties as our advisor, we suggest that a new advisor be found based on the same qualifications and standards as that of Mr. Eichlin.
- II. Our advisor has the duty of over-seeing meeting agendas, as well as the ability to provide feedback on the organization's direction/attitude. He is responsible for helping our officers format and re-write our platform. Our advisor will contribute his expertise of the law and other political aspects to help us establish a more concise political system.

ARTICLE 6.-MEETINGS.

- I. Meetings of PCFUA will be held weekly.
- II. Quorum requires that meetings have at least two (2) officers and four (4) additional members present.
- III. Majority of a meeting is defined by 51% or more of attendance to said meeting.
- IV. Meetings will open with a briefing by the president or vice president, and will be conducted according to a predetermined agenda which has been approved by the officers and the advisor.
- V. Members or officers can call up special meetings during a scheduled meeting. If that member/officer receives feedback that suggest their meeting would meet quorum requirements, then that meeting is verified, and must be attended by at least two (2) officers.

ARTICLE 7.-FINANCES AND FUNDING.

- I. Membership within our RSO does not require dues of any kind.
- II. No funds will be requested from the Student Senate.
- III. Our organization has the option to fundraise, but our main focus and concern is awareness in the community and aspects of a similar nature which do not require funding to support.

ARTICLE 8.-AMENDING, SUSPENDING, AND ACCEPTING.

Our Bylaws are subject to change annually, and should be prepared to undergo those changes by the elected officers. Those elected officers in April should consider, revise, and report all bylaw reform to the university before the following Fall semester.

All changes to the Bylaws must be approved by the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.

ARTICLE 9.-RATIFICATION.

These Bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of _____ and following the approval of the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the vice president for student & university affairs, and the president of Clarion University.

These Mock Bylaws was formed from the various guidelines to constructing an organization's Bylaws and statements were taken from outstanding organizational Bylaws currently recognized by the Student Senate.

Student Organization must function in compliance with their approved Bylaws. Any adopted changes to the Bylaws by a student organization must have the written approval of the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University before they may be implemented