



The Constitution of Cru at the University of Georgia

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this student group is Cru, formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ, at the University of Georgia.

This student group is a student chapter (hereafter Chapter) recognized by Cru, a California nonprofit corporation with its principal offices in Orlando, Florida.

This student group has applied for and been granted Chartered status as a Chapter of Cru. As long as the student group fulfills the mission set for in the Charter, and otherwise remains in compliance with its obligations under the Charter, the student group has the right to use the name and materials of Cru that are designated for the use of Chapters within the Campus Ministry.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of the Chapter is to build movements of people who are transformed by Jesus Christ. The student-led movement seeks to introduce students to Christ, help them to grow in faith, encourage them to passionately live life in a manner consistent with belief in the God of the Bible, and inspire commitment to advancing the purposes of God in the world.

ARTICLE III—STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The Statement of Belief for this organization can be found at http://www.ccci.org/statement_of_faith.html and is also attached as Appendix I.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Membership in this Chapter is open to any individuals officially connected to University of Georgia as students, faculty or staff as well as those from the community, such as alumni and staff members of Cru, as long as 2/3 of active members are currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students.

Section 2.

Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. However Religious student organizations will not be denied

registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs.

Section 3.

A member may be removed from membership and lose the privileges of membership, including the right to attend meetings and events sponsored by Cru, under the following circumstances:

1. If the individual is causing overall disruption to the group, causing an obvious negative effect on the group as a whole.
2. If the individual poses a danger to other students.
3. If the individual's conduct rises to the level of harassment of another member of the group.

Under such circumstances, two or more members of the leadership team will meet with the individual, share the concerns, and ask him or her to leave the group. The accused member may then request a hearing before the full leadership team. The President will then call a special leadership meeting; they will hear from the accused member as well as other witnesses, confer, and make a decision regarding the accused member's membership rights.

Section 4.

This organization will not initiate, participate in, or be witness to any act that inflicts or intends to inflict physical or mental harm or discomfort or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s).

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of this organization, forming part of the leadership team (described in Art. VI), will serve as liaisons with the University. The officers of this organization shall be the following:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

The President will be designated as the organization's Chief Officer with the university.

Section 2.

Officers are selected from the general membership and must be enrolled students at the University of Georgia. Officers serve as representatives of the Chapter and organization of Cru, and, notwithstanding any other language in this constitution, as members of the leadership team, must subscribe to the Statement of Belief.

1. Prospective officers must agree to lead the Chapter so as to carry out the mission of Cru and communicate its messages.
2. Prospective officers must also commit to lead Cru by fulfilling the following corresponding obligations:

- a. Presenting the Gospel in a manner designed to lead others to examine, and to consider accepting the Christian faith as their own.
- b. Teaching the Bible and using Cru materials to help believers to grow in their Christian faith.
- c. Leading the members of the Cru community to live lives consistent with Biblical teaching as described in Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:13-26, and other similar passages of scripture.
- d. Working in collaboration with the rest of the Cru leadership in guiding the Cru club in service to the University community, particularly seeking to care for those in need.

Section 3.

Term of office: An officer shall serve for one year from the start of his term or until his/her successor is appointed. Officers are elected on a vote taken where quorum of leadership and staff are present. Election requires a majority vote. Removal will occur after a series of discussions have taken place with a designated smaller, older group of leadership students (for the purpose of discretion) and the elected officer. Removal will then be voted on by that smaller group and staff, requiring a vote greater than 75% to carry out the removal.

Section 4.

Quorum numbers are at least 60% of leadership students and 80% staff.

ARTICLE VI—LEADERSHIP

Section 1.

The leadership of the Chapter is made up of individuals selected, as set forth below, from the Membership.

Section 2.

1. Leadership team members must agree to lead the Chapter so as to carry out the mission of Cru and communicate its messages.
2. Leadership team members must also commit to lead Cru by fulfilling the following corresponding obligations:
 - a. Presenting the Gospel in a manner designed to lead others to examine, and to consider accepting the Christian faith as their own.
 - b. Teaching the Bible and using Cru materials to help believers to grow in their Christian faith.
 - c. Leading the members of the Cru community to live lives consistent with Biblical teaching as described in Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:13-26, and other similar passages of scripture.
 - d. Working in collaboration with the rest of the Cru leadership in guiding the Cru club in service to the University community, particularly seeking to care for those in need.

Section 3.

The leadership of the Chapter will consist of a leadership team, the size of which may vary from year to year based upon the size, needs and desires of the group. The leadership team may consist of both a small group of core student leaders and additional groups of leaders that provide direction for different aspects of the Chapter's purpose.

In addition, small group leaders will head discussion groups or Bible studies in a variety of locations and for various affinity groups on campus.

Organizational details of the leadership team are subject to change without amendment to this constitution. University of Georgia students must constitute at least 2/3 of the leadership team.

Section 4.

The current leadership team selects new leadership each year, usually occurring in the Spring. Individual leaders may also be added to the leadership team throughout the year. All prospective leaders must subscribe to the Statement of Belief and Purpose Statement as stated in Articles II and III, notwithstanding any other language in this constitution.

The staff members of Cru serve an advisory role in the selection process, working with the current leadership team to consider and evaluate recommendations for new leaders. The leadership team will then select individuals, inviting them to take the new leadership roles. The leadership team will be responsible to see that all prospective leaders subscribe to the Statement of Belief and Purpose Statement as stated in Articles II and III.

Section 5.

Leaders may be removed from their positions based upon general consensus of the core leadership. Any member of the group may make a complaint against any leader, including a member of the leadership team. The leadership team will meet, confer with the Cru staff members for advice and counsel, hear from the accused leader (sometimes in a private one-on-one setting), and make a decision.

Misrepresentation of initial agreement with or a change in an individual's ability to subscribe to the Statement of Belief and the Purpose Statement of this organization shall be grounds for immediate removal of the leader by the leadership team.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held to further the purposes of the Chapter. The leadership team, in consultation with Cru staff, shall determine the frequency, time and place, and agenda of the various meetings.

Large group meetings typically occur weekly during the school year, breaking when instruction ends and during school vacation periods. Small group meetings (Bible Studies, Discussion Groups) also meet weekly within the same parameters. Other meetings necessary to advance the purposes of the Chapter will be held as occasion warrants.

ARTICLE VIII—FINANCES

The Chapter may raise revenues through contributions, fundraising activities or by applying for school funds available to student groups. Dues shall not be charged to members for participation. Students, however, may be charged for such services as special social gatherings, retreats and conferences. The Chapter will hold to high standards of financial integrity. A member or several members of the leadership team will be responsible to carefully administer any school funds granted to the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX—CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This constitution may be amended by a general consensus of the leadership team. An amendment can be proposed to the leadership team, then discussed and voted on based on the quorum restrictions. Amendments must pass by a 75% positive vote by leadership and staff present or by proxy vote. Amendments must be informed by and consistent with Articles II and III.

Section 2.

Articles II and III may not be amended without express written permission of Cru.

Section 3.

All amendments, additions or deletions must be filed with the office of UGA Center for Student Organizations, and will become valid at the time of filing.

APPENDIX I—STATEMENT OF BELIEF
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The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians. Because of the specialized calling of our movement, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.
2. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
3. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
4. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died.
5. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own.
6. Man was originally created in the image of God. He sinned by disobeying God; thus, he was alienated from his Creator. That historic fall brought all mankind under divine condemnation.
7. Man's nature is corrupted, and he is thus totally unable to please God. Every man is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
8. The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justified them in His sight.
9. It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit, but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written word.
10. The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith.

11. Every believer is called to live so in the power of the indwelling Spirit that he will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.
12. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
13. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.
14. At physical death the believer enters immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting glory and blessing.
15. At physical death the unbeliever enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting judgment and condemnation.
16. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - personally, visibly and bodily - to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
17. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to disciple men of every nation. The fulfillment of that Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."