

Cardinals Connecting Cardinals Constitution

September 12, 2021

I: Name

This organization shall be known as Cardinals Connecting Cardinals, herein referred to as CCC, of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, herein referred to as SMUMN.

II: Purpose, Goals, and Objectives

a. Purpose

- a. Cardinals Connecting Cardinals is a student led organization that aims to connect current students with Alumni of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Members of the CCC will build connections with Saint Mary's Alumni, run events with undergraduate students on campus, promote philanthropy and be a leader among fellow students.

b. Goals

- a. Create excitement, raise awareness and celebrate the impact alumni and benefactors have on SMU through engaging activities for students.
- b. Engage, educate and empower students to both advocate and celebrate alumni relations, philanthropy and student engagement.

III: Authority

This student organization shall be recognized as being under the jurisdiction of the Saint Mary's University Student Senate. This organization is subject to the recommendations of the Saint Mary's University Student Senate and/or the Office of Advancement.

IV: Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all students of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Winona campus.

Section 2: Membership should include those students who are interested in the promotion of activities within the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Section 3: Membership shall not be limited to persons based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or class year.

V: Officers

Section 1:

The officers of the group shall be:

- a.** Chair of Alumni Relations
- b.** Chair of Philanthropy
- c.** Chair of Student Engagement

Section 2:

- a.** Officers will be elected by a majority of the voting membership of the organization in annual elections held at the May meeting of each year.
- b.** A member must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in order to be eligible to hold an office. If the officer's grade point average drops below a 2.0, he or she must resign from office.
- c.** Vacancies of office shall be filled by appointments made by the other officers and committee members.

Section 3: Subcommittee Chairs

The Subcommittee Chairs are responsible for coordinating meetings for their specific subcommittee, lead in the planning of events, and holding regular meetings with Faculty Advisors.

VI: Advisors

Section 1: Selection

There shall be two faculty/staff advisors for this organization from the Office of Advancement.

Section 2: Duties

The responsibilities of the faculty advisor shall be to:

- a.** Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.
- b.** Meet on a regular basis with the leader of the student club to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the club.
- c.** Attend regular meetings, executive board meetings as often as their schedule allows.
- d.** Assist in the orientation of new officers.
- e.** Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.
- f.** Maintain contact with the Student Life Office
- g.** Provide direction in the area of parliamentary procedure, meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting, and program planning.
- h.** Assist the club officers in monitoring expenditures, fundraising activities, and corporate sponsorship to maintain an accurate and up-to-date account ledger.
- i.** Inform club members of those factors that constitute unacceptable behavior on part of the club members, and the possible consequences of said behaviors.

VII: Annual Report

CCC shall prepare an annual report for the Student Senate, to be presented to the President of the Student Senate, on the deadline that Student Senate establishes each year.

VIII: Funding

CCC will abide by the Student Senate ruling on financial affairs. The budget process will be done according to the Student Senate policy. Funds received are disbursed at the discretion of the officers of CCC. CCC will also obtain funds through fundraising each semester.

IX: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those members present at a regular or special meeting scheduled at least one week after written notification of the proposed changes to all organization members. Senate notice and approval of these amendments must be obtained before they are recognized.

Contact information for officers this year

Chair of Alumni Relation: Hanna Widdes

Chair of Philanthropy: Jada Biermeier

Chair of Student Engagement: Grace Howard

Faculty/Staff Advisors: Ellen Heydon (ehaydon@smumn.edu), Tony Alwan (aalwan@smumn.edu)