

Constitution of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)

Preamble: The purpose of the organization is:

To positively impact the campus of Coastal Carolina University by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We seek to connect students to Jesus Christ and help Christians grow in their relationship with God.

BCM Purposes

Purpose 1 – Building a community of followers of Christ through:

- Campus events
- Weekly worship
- After worship fellowships

Purpose 2 – Having a personal and growing relationship with God through:

- Discipleship of the Leadership Team
- Small groups
- Discipleship programming/partnering
- Solid proclamation of the Word

Purpose 3 – God being honored both personally and corporately through:

- Weekly worship through qualified worship leaders
- Recruiting and discipling new worship leaders

Purpose 4 – Building relationships with “outsiders” for the intent purpose of life change through

- Fostering accountability
- Intentional outreach
- Learning to share each others lives and testimonies

Purpose 5 – Loving others through:

- Serving the Coastal Community through outreach
- Serving the Coastal Carolina University campus

Article I. – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, referred to as BCM (names of individual ministries may vary from BCM).

Article II. – Membership

Membership in this organization shall be extended to all students, faculty, and staff of Coastal Carolina University willing to take part in the activities of BCM.

Article III. – Leadership Team

There shall be a Leadership Team of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries consisting of the Campus Minister, President, Gathering Team Leader, Serve Team Leader, and Community Team Leader. Each of the team leaders will have a team appointed to them by the interview committee. The BCM Leadership Team may, at will, create or discontinue ministry positions. The Leadership Team will serve from May to May and must maintain the expectations provided through their application.

Article IV. – Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings for business transactions shall be handled according to a schedule determined by the Director and Leadership Team.
- Section 2. Meetings for Bible study and prayer shall be held at times decided by the members. Bible study and worship will usually be held weekly.
- Section 3. Other meetings would include dorm meetings, video showings, luncheons, dinners, ministry opportunities, and other activities (all subject to proper authorization).

Article V. - Budget

The necessary funds for the BCM may be allocated by the Waccamaw Baptist Association, local Southern Baptist Churches, Coastal Carolina University or by contributions from the students in the organization. Dues are collected in the form of payments for activities.

Article VI. – Amendments

The constitution and by-laws may be changed at any meeting of the Leadership Team where a quorum (2/3 of the Leadership Team) is present. Any changes may be printed in the constitution the following academic year.

Article VII. – Submission to Authority

BCM and its membership will support and comply with all rules and regulations of Coastal Carolina University.

Article VIII. – Adding Leaders to Established Team

BCM Leadership will nominate and select proven freshmen leaders at the end of the fall semester. These new members of the Leadership Team will serve for the spring semester. They will attend the spring retreat and will take on the responsibilities of the position in which they are placed.

Article IX. – Hazing Policy

The Coastal Carolina University Code of Student Conduct states:

Hazing is any reckless or intentional act, occurring on or off campus, that produces physical, mental, or emotional pain, discomfort, humiliation, embarrassment, or ridicule directed toward other students or groups (regardless of their willingness to participate), that is required or expected of new members and which is not related to the mission of the team, group, or organization. This includes any activity, whether it is presented as optional or required, that places a new or current member in a position of servitude as a condition of membership.

Hazing is inconsistent with South Carolina laws/statutes, University policies, the Student Code of Conduct, and fraternal/organizational laws. Baptist Collegiate Ministry and its members agree to abide by the anti-hazing policy required of all student organizations at Coastal Carolina University.

BY-LAWS

Article I. – Selections

All positions of the Leadership Team will be determined through a process of nomination, application, interview and selection. The interview will be selected jointly by the Director of the BCM and the outgoing President of the BCM. No one who is applying may be on the Interview Selection Committee. If the outgoing President is seeking to interview for the position of President again, he or she will be excused from selecting the members of the interview committee. The goal of the interview committee is to have the new Leadership Team in place by the end of March, therefore nominations and applications will go out approximately 2-3 weeks before interviews, which will be 2 weeks before the end of March. The selection process for the President and Team Leaders will be separate from the rest of the Leadership Team. The process for selection of President will be as follows: (1) Nominations will be made by any member of the BCM Leadership Team for others or for themselves to receive an application for the position of President or Team Leader, (2) applications will be sent out to all who are nominated, (3) those who choose to accept the nomination will fill out the application and return it to the BCM Director by the appropriate deadline, (4) all applicants sign up for an interview time, and (5) at the end of all interviews, the interview committee will determine who best fits the position of President and Team Leader, (6) the BCM director will contact all applicants and inform them of its decision, (7) the BCM director will announce to the BCM as a whole the new President and Team Leaders. The new President and Team Leaders will interview and select the remainder of the Leadership Team. The following process will be followed for selection of Leadership Team is as follows: (1) Nominations can be made by any member of the BCM Leadership Team for others or themselves to receive an application, (2) applications will be sent out to all who are nominated, (3) those who choose to accept the nomination will fill out the application and return it to the BCM Director by the appropriate deadline, (4) all applicants sign up for an interview time, and (5) at the end of all interviews, the interview committee will determine who best fits what positions, (6) the BCM director will contact all applicants and inform them of its decision, (7) each applicant will have the opportunity to accept or decline the position, (8) the BCM director will then announce to the BCM as a whole the new Leadership Team. Vacancies shall be filled by the BCM Director in consultation with the Leadership Team. If a president needs to be replaced, it shall be at the discretion of the BCM director/advisor and another leadership team member.

Article II. - Criteria For All Potential Leaders

Section 1. A nominee must be committed to:

- Having a personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ (the spend time regularly in personal Bible study and prayer)
- Being actively involved in a local church (they are consistent, 2-3 times a month)
- Maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.70 in all courses.
- The purpose and values of BCM.
- Being accountable to other members of the Leadership Team.
- Must attend at least 95% of Tuesday night gatherings.

Section 2. A nominee will be expected to:

- Pray regularly for BCM, the leadership team, the college campus (school, students, faculty, and staff), local churches, and the community of Coastal Carolina.
- Be at all appropriate Leadership Team meetings (planning, fellowship, and discipleship).
- Participate in all entry-level events (campus events, retreats, etc.)
- Be regularly involved in a small group Bible study or seeker study
- Participate in a ministry activity regularly.
- Fulfill the responsibilities and duties of their leadership position.