

## **Food Cooperative at UCSD**

### **Article I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

This organization shall be called the Food Cooperative at UCSD.

### **Article II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Food Cooperative at UCSD is a collective running a store serving vegan food and products, with the interest in fostering social, political, economic, and ecological change.

### **Article III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

The Food Cooperative at UCSD is a non-profit organization.

### **Article IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

To become part of the Food Cooperative at UCSD one must volunteer for a quarter, attend meetings, apply, and go through an interview. All volunteers are eligible for membership.

There are no fees to pay as part of membership.

### **Article V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

Meetings are held once a week. Members are required to attend each meeting as they are able to. Minutes are taken at every meeting. The day of the meeting each week is decided at the beginning of each quarter via a survey that takes into account the availability of each member.

### **Article VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS**

Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization and participate in the officer choosing process.

Officers at the Food Cooperative at UCSD correspond to different departments within the store. To become an officer, one must have volunteered for at least one quarter. Officers are selected through consensus of the collective based on their availability and interest within that department.

### **Article VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Food Cooperative at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

The Food Cooperative at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

### 1. In Case Of Interaction With Minors And/Or The Elderly

The Food Cooperative at UCSD is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). The Food Cooperative at UCSD will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

### 2. In Case Of The Provision Of Medical Assistance

In the event that the Food Cooperative at UCSD provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University does not recommend that students provide medical assistance.

### 3. In Case Of International Travel

The Food Cooperative at UCSD recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical

coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

#### 4. In Case Of Handling Of Hazardous Chemicals, Material, Equipment, And/Or Machinery

The Food Cooperative at UCSD recognizes that all student organization activities must be conducted safely, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Additionally, the Food Co-operative will abide by UC San Diego requirements for students in labs, including policies for minors in UC laboratories, and ensure members receive safety training regarding the use of chemicals and/or machinery before entering the lab. Members must follow any best practices and lab safety protocols for the use of such chemicals, research equipment or machinery, including the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment, and should work under close supervision of those trained in the handling of chemicals/use of research equipment or machinery.

#### **Article IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

We are a not-for-profit organization that works on its finances internally. Taxes and finances are handled by current members, once they have gone through the proper training.

#### **Article X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

The Food Cooperative at UCSD is closely related to the other co-ops on campus (Groundwork Books, G-Store, Che Cafe) and would help promote and co-host events, share space and resources, and provide financial and volunteer help if needed.