



## **ECOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & EVOLUTION CLUB AT UCSD CONSTITUTION – 2020 - 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **ARTICLE I. ECOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & EVOLUTION CLUB**

The organization shall be called Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UCSD.

### **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The goal of the Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UCSD is to build a community of students interested in ecology, behavior & evolution (EBE), and share relevant opportunities. We seek to provide students with research opportunities, internship guidance, and information regarding careers in EBE. The group also serves as a social nexus for students with EBE interests, and provides an organizational structure to promote volunteer activities.

### **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

### **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Any UCSD student in good standing is eligible to become a member. Members can sign up at any time, simply by attending a meeting and providing their name and contact information. There are no dues for this organization. A member is considered an active member if they have attended two of the last three club meetings.

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

#### **Officers:**

- Officers will meet weekly to plan monthly events and discuss ideas for improvements within the club

- The secretary will record notes for each meeting
  - All meeting notes will be available for officers in the club's shared Google Drive

#### **Members:**

- Meetings will be at least once to twice a month, to a total of at least 3 events per quarter.
- Meeting details, such as time and location will be announced via social media prior to the meeting.
- All meetings with a limited quantity of spots must be signed up for prior to the meeting.

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

Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

There are six officers. Titles and role descriptions are below.

1) **President:** Direct the club with goals and focus for each quarter, organize and run board meetings, create events and general body meeting agendas in line with those goals

2) **Vice President:** Assist president, act as president in president's absence (i.e. while studying abroad)

3) **Secretary:** Keep the club organized by taking detailed notes for all board meetings, general body meetings, registration processes, member task lists, etc.

4) **Event Planner:** Plan meeting and event logistics, serve as point of contact for events involving other groups on or off campus

5) **Public Relations:** Manage outreach, including updating the group's website by sharing new events and pictures from previous events, network with other organizations on campus to expand club impact, write and send newsletters.

6) **ISC Advocate:** Be the point of contact for the Inter-Sustainability Council (ISC), attend ISC meetings and events as a representative of the Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club.

- Shared responsibilities include thinking of and fleshing out new ideas and events for the club, being active members of the EBE community on campus, and applying for club funding as necessary.
- Principal members will be elected during the last meeting of spring quarter in each year, prior to the year in which they will serve.
- Terms last one academic year, starting in the summer after they are elected and ending

at the conclusion of spring quarter. Only active members are allowed to run and vote.

- Elections will consist of all candidates having two minutes to present their experiences and ideas and one minute of questioning from the audience. Candidates will leave the room for voting. Remaining active members will vote on the candidates for each position. Runoff elections will be held until a candidate has a majority vote.
- If an officer is frequently inactive and doing less than the minimal work assigned to them, they will be given a warning . If inactivity continues, the officer will be removed from their position.

## **ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.**

**Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.** There is minimal risk associated with the club's events. If we go on a nature walk or hike, at least one principal member on the trip will have a stocked first aid kit and relevant first aid knowledge (how to treat minor cuts and scratches, bug bites, blisters and sunburn). If we hold an event with an off-campus group, such as whale watching or volunteering at a nature reserve, members will be educated of the risks and sign waivers for the groups we are working with.