

UC SAN DIEGO REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION GUIDELINES
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Mission Statement

We, the students of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), provide and cultivate a community to address the problems, concerns, and the invisibility of UCSD transracial adoptee students. We work to intentionally create an environment where social, educational, and political issues can be addressed; build a community that centers collectivism and care within adoptee spaces and across other networks and other communities; to empower adoptees to see themselves as leaders and critical agents of change; and to center the voices of adoptees to increase awareness and knowledge around adoption history and adoptee lived experiences and truths. The Transracial Adoptee (TRA) Tritons at UC San Diego is a non-profit organization.

Article I: Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Transracial Adoptee (TRA) Tritons at the University of California, San Diego, hereinafter referred to as TRA Tritons.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

TRA Tritons was established to connect the transracial adoptee student community at UC San Diego in order to create a sense of belonging and intentional support network. TRA Triton's mission is to empower and center the voices and narratives of adoptees, bring awareness to a historically excluded community at the university, and cultivate community and meaningful relationships. TRA Tritons seeks to promote and uphold this mission through education, care, collectivism, and justice.

Article III: Non-Profit Statement

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Article IV: Requirements for Membership

Registered and enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are dedicated to upholding the mission of TRA Tritons are eligible to join. TRA Triton events and meetings are open to all UCSD students, staff, faculty, or alumni and they may participate in some capacity as TRA Triton members. Events are also open to anyone outside the UCSD community.

All members of TRA Tritons must agree to abide by the provisions of this Constitution All TRA Triton members at UCSD agree to be respectful and inclusive all members, willing and committed to learning about issues and experiences that impact the transracial adoptee community, and participate in at least one meeting per quarter.

Article V: Frequency of Organization Meetings

TRA Tritons at UC San Diego will meet within an agreed upon space and time given the events proposed at the beginning of every fall, winter, and spring quarters. Communication of these meetings shall occur through public social media posts and emails to members affiliated with the organization. Notes will be taken at every meeting by a designated notetaker, which will rotate every given time the organization agrees to meet. Facilitators of each meeting will also rotate each meeting. Both of these aspects will be agreed upon between Co-Chairs and general members.

Article VI: Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

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

The election process are as follows:

- All active members of the organization will take place in an annual vote for the running of Co-Chair 1 and Co-Chair 2. If only two individuals are running for the two positions, they will automatically be elected into these positions, unless the group collectively votes no confidence in one or both individuals.
- The TRA Triton Organization at UC San Diego is a non-hierarchical organization consists of two Co-Chairs

Their responsibilities are as follows:

- The two Co-Chairs shall preside over meetings, represent the organization in an official capacity (events, tabling, etc.), and shall delegate roles such as, but not limited: facilitating meetings, taking meeting notes and attendance, reserving rooms, developing relationships with other campus clubs and organizations, amending the constitution, drafting the meeting agenda, managing finances of the organization, and planning social and educational events.

Article VII: Risk Management

Transracial Adoptee (TRA) Tritons at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. Transracial Adoptee (TRA) Tritons at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.