

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

## **Article I. Name of Student Organization**

The organization shall be called Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego.

## **Article II. Statement of Purpose**

### **Section 1. Statement of Purpose**

The Ahlul-Bayt Student Association's mission is to cater to the spiritual and educational needs of Muslim students at UC San Diego, particularly those who have been marginalized in other spaces, and to spread the teachings of the Ahlul-Bayt to the general UC San Diego community. Every aspect of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego will align with the teachings of the Qur'an and sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (s) and his Ahlul-Bayt (a). The organization aims to maintain an inclusive environment and to retain members in order to nurture a diverse generation of Muslims who are cognizant and pragmatic members of society.

### **Section 2. Objectives**

#### **2.1. To Educate**

2.1.1. To endow Muslim students with an Islamic heritage and to cultivate an informed and balanced Islamic understanding according to the teachings of the *Thaqalayn* - the Qur'an and the authentic sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (s) and his Ahlul-Bayt (a). Focus will be placed on the application and implementation of the *Thaqalayn* to contemporary times and contemporary issues.

2.1.2. To educate the UC San Diego community on Islamic values and culture through the teachings of the *Thaqalayn*; to present an accurate understanding of Islamic teachings.

2.1.3. To promote unity amongst Muslims regardless of sect through open, respectful educational means; to develop and improve relations amongst Muslims as well as with non-Muslims through engaging in intra and inter faith dialogue in order to achieve peace, harmony, mutual respect, and greater understanding.

#### **2.2. To Encourage Excellence**

2.2.1. To encourage the general UC San Diego population towards attaining excellence by assisting them in the pursuit of their goals as well as to recognize their achievements.

2.2.2. To cultivate a cadre of Muslim individuals who are driven to contribute towards the betterment of their community, society, and humanity.

2.3. To Offer a Holistic Campus Experience.

2.3.1. In addition to serving the general UC San Diego population's academic and spiritual needs, to provide a healthy social and recreational atmosphere.

### **Article III. Non-Profit Statement**

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

### **Article IV. Requirements for Membership**

#### **Section 1. Non-discriminatory policy**

Membership shall be open to all UC San Diego students consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications regarding Student-Related Matters. This non-discrimination policy covers organization membership, and access to organization programs and activities.

#### **Section 2. General membership requirements**

Membership in the organization shall be extended to all UC San Diego students who agree to uphold the general purposes of the organization as stated in Article II of this document.

2.1. One must attend and participate in one large event per quarter. Large events include, but are not limited to, General Body Meetings, Library Walk events, any event with an invited speaker, and any event done in collaboration with an organization within or outside of UC San Diego.

2.2. One must attend two small events per quarter. Small events include, but are not limited to, recurring events such as Nahjul Balagha studies, sisters' halaqas, and Du'a Kumayl circles.

## **Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings**

### **Section 1. Principal Member meetings**

1.1. Principal members must agree to meet once a week; however, meetings may be held at the frequency they see fit.

1.2. Additional meetings may be held at any time subject to each principal member being notified at least 24 hours in advance

1.3. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or Vice Chair, provided that the aforementioned condition has been met. Any other principal members must notify the Chair or Vice Chair if they desire an additional meeting.

1.4. All major issues decided upon by Ahlul-Bayt Student Association will be done so by a vote from the principal members.

1.4.1. All votes of the principal members are of equal value, and each principal member is required to vote.

1.4.2. A majority is required for a decision to be passed.

1.4.3. No principal member has the power to veto any decision made by the council.

1.4.4. In the event of a tie, the Chair determines the final outcome, ideally with a compromise

### **Section 2. Quarterly events**

2.1. There will be at least one main, large event hosted by Ahlul-Bayt Student Association every quarter. All principal members must assist in the planning and execution of these events.

### **Section 3. Regularly scheduled events**

3.1. Smaller events such as Najul Balagha studies, dua circles, etc., should be held at least once a month. Frequency of events will be based on interest and resources. Other events that general members wish to hold must be brought to the principal 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 Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Section 1. The Ahlul-Bayt Student Association council shall consist of the following principal members:

- 1.1 An executive council
  - 1.1.1. Chair
  - 1.1.2. Vice Chair
- 1.2 A general council
  - 1.2.1. Outreach Coordinator
  - 1.2.2. Logistics Coordinator
  - 1.2.3. Director of Internal Affairs

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities

2.1. The Chair shall:

- 2.1.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 2.1.2. Provide leadership and guidance to the council and general members
- 2.1.3. Act on all matters of general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association upon the approval of the principal members
- 2.1.4. Supervise the establishment and planning of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego events and activities
- 2.1.5. Serve as a voting official representative of the students on all occasions
- 2.1.6. Enforce and maintain the constitution and by-laws of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association
- 2.1.7. Lead each council and general meeting
- 2.1.8. Act as the Muslim Student Association liaison
- 2.1.9. Be in charge of the external affairs and external outreach of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to: working with mosques, communities, universities, and other UC San Diego student organizations
- 2.1.10. Perform any other duties as assigned or agreed upon by the council
- 2.1.11. If able, be present at all Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events, meetings and activities

2.2. The Vice Chair shall:

- 2.2.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 2.2.2. Assist the Chair with all of his/her duties as stated in 2.1
- 2.2.3. Take charge of the responsibilities of the Chair in his/her absence
- 2.2.4. Maintaining relations with the UC San Diego community, including the Muslim Student Association
- 2.2.5. Maintaining relations with the Muslim community and mosques in San Diego
- 2.2.6. Taking care of chaplain and community advisor business
- 2.2.7. Perform any other duties as assigned or agreed upon by the council
- 2.2.8. If able, be present at all Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events, meetings and activities

2.3. The Outreach Coordinator shall:

- 2.3.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 2.3.2. Record all minutes covering topics discussed and activities held at organization meetings
- 2.3.3. Recommend and contact speakers, other UC San Diego orgs, and the general Muslim community for events pertaining to education and outreach
- 2.3.4. Coordinate mass-media propagation within and beyond the UC San Diego community. This includes but is not limited to: maintaining Ahlul-Bayt Student Association social media pages, printing and coordinating flyering, etc
- 2.3.5. Be responsible for assigning other principal members to take over outreach responsibilities in the absence of the outreach coordinator
- 2.3.6. Perform any other duties as assigned or agreed upon by the council
- 2.3.7. If able, be present at all Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events, meetings and activities

2.4. The Logistics Coordinator shall:

- 2.4.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 2.4.2. Act with the approval of the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association executive council on all matters concerning finance and logistics
- 2.4.3. Keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and reimbursements of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association

- 2.4.4. Present the budget, financial status and/or history of transactions to the executive council as deemed necessary by the council
- 2.4.5. Act with the approval of the council on all matters concerning events and meetings
- 2.4.6. Be responsible for acquiring and providing all information to the council regarding time and location for events and meetings
- 2.4.7. Be responsible for policies and events of a social/service nature established by the council
- 2.4.8. Be the official financial signing authority for all matters related to expenses, events, and meetings
- 2.4.9. Maintain and update the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association website as necessary
- 2.4.10. Advertise and promote Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events to the campus community, with the approval of the council
- 2.4.11. Perform any other duties as assigned or agreed upon by the council
- 2.4.12. If able, be present at all Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events, meetings and activities

2.5. The Director of Internal Affairs shall:

- 2.5.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 2.5.2. Propose activities pertaining to Islamic education and outreach to the executive council and make recommendations for which ones to pursue
- 2.5.3. Be responsible for the maintenance of the physical or electronic library, and make recommendations to the council with respect to the addition of resources
- 2.5.4. Ensure that the needs and concerns of the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association community are addressed
- 2.5.5. Be responsible for attendance and keeping track of all general members
- 2.5.6. Maintain the event calendar
- 2.5.7. Perform any other duties as assigned or agreed upon by the council
- 2.5.8. If able, be present at all Ahlul-Bayt Student Association events, meetings and activities

Section 3. Accountability

- 3.1. If a principal member misses more than two council meetings in one quarter without due cause or reason as deemed appropriate by the council, the said principal member will be issued a warning.
- 3.2. If a principal member misses one more council meeting without due cause or reason

as deemed appropriate by the council, and has already accrued one warning, said member will be dismissed from his/her responsibilities upon the second infraction.

3.3. If the council feels that a principal member is failing to perform his/her required duties for reasons not deemed as appropriate, upon review and further evaluation, the accused principal member will be issued either a warning or an immediate dismissal.

3.4. If a principal member has already accrued a warning with respect to the performance of his/her responsibilities, and the council still feels that he/she has not been fulfilling his/her responsibilities, the member will be dismissed from his/her responsibilities upon the second infraction.

3.5. In the event that 3/4 of the general members vote to have a principal member dismissed, their vote shall be binding given that the reason for the dismissal is on constitutional grounds.

3.6. In the event of the dismissal of a principal member, applications and interviews would be carried out for the position in question.

3.6.1. If the dismissal occurs before the end of week 7 of winter quarter, applications will be released for the position and interview will be conducted by the Chair and Vice Chair.

3.6.2. This process will be expedited to fill the position within 1-2 weeks of dismissal.

3.6.2. If the dismissal occurs after the end of week 7 of winter quarter, the rest of the principal members will take on the responsibilities of the absent principal member for the remainder of the school year.

3.7. Membership can be revoked by the council if a unanimous decision is made on the grounds that the general member violated the principles laid out in this constitution or code of conduct.

## Section 4. Eligibility and Council Selection Process

4.1. All undergraduate students who qualify for general membership as outlined in article IV, Section 2, provided they are willing to abide by the constitution and code of conduct, are eligible to run for council.

4.2. Council applications will be released early spring quarter, with the exact date to be set forth by the council.

4.3. The Election Committee will consist of:

4.3.1. The current Chair

4.3.2. A senior council member who will be graduating

4.3.3. An alumni who was (at least) a general member of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association(when applicable)

4.4. Responsibilities of the Elections Officer:

4.4.1. To be unbiased towards all applicants

4.4.2. To ensure a smooth and problem-free transition from the current council to the new, incoming council

4.4.3. To appoint, with the approval of the executive, other members of the general membership to assist in his/her affairs with regards to running the election

## **Article VII. Risk Management**

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization

### **Section 1. In Case of Interaction with Minors and/or the Elderly**

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego 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. Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego 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.



## **Article VIII. Community Advisor**

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego will maintain communication with a Community Advisor(s). The principal members of Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego must maintain contact with said advisor(s) in order to promote the mission of the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego according to Islamically advised guidelines. Said advisor(s) would be a means of advice and support in order to promote the goals of the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association at UC San Diego.

### **Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### **1.1. The Community Advisors shall:**

- 1.1.1. Adhere to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt (a)
- 1.1.2. Serve as an advisor to the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association council by providing them general guidance
- 1.1.3. Come to an agreed upon number of events that they will lead per quarter
- 1.1.4. Be available for office hours once a week

## **Article IX. Affiliations**

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association embraces diversity and as such, as an organization as opposed to as individuals, is not affiliated to any individual or institution, be it a mosque, organization, political party, *marja' taqlid* (jurisconsult), scholar, etc.

## **Article X. Code of Conduct**

All members must abide by the guidelines set forth by the Code of Conduct in the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association space. Link to the Code of Conduct:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dJE0ZMvx-WAAN3rWqKCsobHJir599oql/view?usp=sharing>

Section 1. During meetings, in the event of any disagreement regarding religiously oriented matters, unsupported and non-referenced personal opinions will not play a role in any decisions or conclusions reached. Disagreements may be posed to one or more religious authorities unanimously agreed upon by the principal members.

## **Article XI. Amendments**

1.1. Any Amendments to the constitution must be presented as a formal written proposal to the current principal members.

1.2. Religiously based disagreements regarding any amendment shall be considered and referred to one or more religious authorities unanimously agreed upon by the executive.

1.3. All proposals must be seconded by at least 5 other Ahlul-Bayt Student Association members, including general and principal members.

1.4. Once a proposal has been made, it may be dismissed if the council unanimously votes against it.

1.5. In the event that 1.4 occurs, a petition of at least 3/4 Ahlul-Bayt Student Association's general membership will be necessary for the proposal to be given a referendum.

1.6. If a proposal is not dismissed, the executive council will be responsible for conducting a general membership referendum on the issue:

1.6.1. The Chair will call a General Body Meeting where the proposal will be presented, discussed and voted on by all members.

1.6.2. A 2/3 majority shall amend this constitution.

## **Article XII. Definitions**

1.1. The Holy Qur'an is defined as the final revelation from Allah, exalted is He, given to Prophet Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), as a guidance for mankind in all their secular and spiritual affairs.

1.2. Based on the numerous authentic ahadeeth, unanimously agreed upon by all Muslims, the Ahlul-Bayt (peace be upon them) are defined as the family of Prophet Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and the 12 Imams, and thus consist of only the following 14 infallibles:

Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Fatima al-Zahra daughter of Muhammad (peace be upon her)

Ali son of Abu Talib (peace be upon him)

Hassan son of Ali (pbuh)

Hussain son of Ali (pbuh)

Ali Zainul 'Abideen son of Hussain (pbuh)

Muhammad Al-Baaqir son of Ali (pbuh)

Ja'far as-Sadiq son of Muhammad (pbuh)

Musa al-Kadhim son of Ja'far (pbuh)

Ali ar-Ridha son of Musa (pbuh)

Muhammad at-Taqi son of Ali (pbuh)

Ali an-Naqi son of Muhammad (pbuh)

Hassan al-Askari son of Ali (pbuh)

Muhammad al-Mahdi son of Hassan (may Allah hasten his reappearance)