

The Koala at UC San Diego Constitution

We the staff of The Koala at UC San Diego, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, expose hard truths, secure freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of expression, support an open and honest discourse, and offer humor, social commentary, and a platform for the oppressed and underserved, do ordain and establish this Constitution for The Koala at UC San Diego.

NAME: The name of this organization shall be The Koala at UC San Diego.

PURPOSE: This non-profit student organization will publish (approximately 3 times a quarter) a humorous satire newspaper. While targeted at the UC San Diego student body, we may occasionally appeal to the rest of humanity (editor's discretion). The Koala at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE TWO - Structure and Membership

Section I: All organizational and directive powers shall be embodied in the Executive Committee, which shall consist of an Editor-in-Chief, an Associate Editor, an Art Editor, an Other Media and Communications Director, a Distribution Director, and an Advertising Director.

Section II: Membership is based on article submissions and degree of involvement with the paper. A student who submits or helps out consistently for one quarter shall be considered Staff, and shall be inducted by the Editor-in-Chief. A student who submits or helps out consistently for one year shall be considered Senior Staff with the approval of the Executive Committee, each member of which shall personally inaugurate the new Senior Staff by voicing approval for the candidate.

Section III: The Editor-in-Chief shall be chosen by the outgoing Editor-in-Chief. This appointment shall require a 50% approval by all Senior Staff and members of the Executive Committee. In the event of deadlock, the outgoing Editor-in-Chief can persuade recalcitrant members of Senior Staff and the Executive Committee with persuasive verbal argument until he achieves 50% approval.

Section IV: The Associate Editor, Art Editor, Other Media and Communications Director, Distribution Director, and Advertising Director shall be determined by the incoming Editor-in-Chief.

Section V: The Editor-in-Chief shall have the power to create new positions as he sees fit.

Section VI: The Koala at UC San Diego shall meet weekly. Meetings shall be open to all UC San Diego students, but those who do not contribute to The Koala at UC San Diego within an acceptable period shall be kicked out at the behest of the Editor-in-Chief's proposal and 50% approval by all members of the Executive Committee. In the event of deadlock, the Editor-in-Chief can persuade recalcitrant members of the Executive Committee with persuasive verbal argument until he achieves 50% approval.

ARTICLE FIVE - Duties of the Executive Committee

Section A: The Editor-in-Chief shall oversee internal operations, and shall have final editorial, content, and organization strategy decision power, with a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee and Senior Staff members required to override an editorial, content, or organization strategy decision. The electorate shall declare the winner on the basis of a simple roll call vote.

Section B: The Associate Editor shall be responsible for the maintenance of the organization's budget, and take up the powers of the Editor-in-Chief in his absence.

Section C: The Art Editor shall be in charge of all artwork.

Section D: Other Media and Communications Director shall be in charge of all other media social or otherwise including the maintenance of The Koala at UC San Diego official website and social media accounts and shall be in charge of all communications including but not limited to press inquiries, business cards, and other forms of self-promotion.

Section E: The Distribution Director shall be in charge of the publishing, printing, and distribution of the physical newspaper issues, along with honoring the subscription arrangements made with recurring subscribers to issues physical and digital published by The Koala at UC San Diego.

Section F: The Advertising Director shall be in charge of obtaining advertising and liaison between the advertisers and the organization. He shall take care of all billing and commissioning matters, including but not limited to collections and book-making.

ARTICLE SIX - Ratification

A solemn oath to uphold the core principles of our mission statement shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution.

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 Koala at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. The Koala at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

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