

Constitution of the Multi-Asian Student Association

University of California, San Diego

ARTICLE I

NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be called Multi-Asian Student Association (MASA) at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Multi-Asian Student Association is a student group involved in the cultural, social, community, and academic projects that benefit its members, its campus, and its community. The goal of MASA is to educate and celebrate Asian American biculturality, as well as to raise awareness about the wide diversity between numerous Asian cultures. MASA looks to break down barriers between different cultures, take an active role in eliminating stereotypes, and provide a comfortable and fun atmosphere in which members can interact.

ARTICLE III

NONPROFIT STATEMENT

The Multi-Asian Student Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Membership in MASA will be available to all registered UC San Diego students, staff and alumni without the requirement of fees.

SECTION II

MASA, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University Policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition (cancer related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam era

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Veteran or special disabled Veteran. MASA also prohibits sexual harassment. This nondiscrimination policy covers MASA membership, access to MASA programs and activities, and the general treatment of members in MASA.

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATION

SECTION I

All policy questions in MASA will be decided by its staff. The general responsibilities of the staff include but are not limited to representing the organization at group related functions, meetings, and activities, as well as coordinating all MASA endorsed activities and programs.

SECTION II

MASA staff is instated with the power of the vote and of all actions necessary and proper to the accomplishment of the purposes and goals of MASA.

SECTION III

All amendments and revisions to the MASA Constitution will be passed by 3/5 vote of the *entire* staff.

SECTION IV

Our General Body Meetings occur every other week with officer meetings on the weekends.

SECTION V

Each staff member is responsible for the performance of tasks specific to his/her position. There is a cap of 15-20 members in MASA staff (see Elections for more details):

A. President:

1. Chairperson of weekly meeting.
2. In charge of preparing weekly agendas.
3. Oversees programs and activities.
4. Possesses power to veto, which the *entire* staff may override by a 1/2 vote against.
5. Possesses the power to appoint any staff member without election.
6. Serves, if an emergency necessitates, as the sole conduit of the will of MASA.

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i. President may make a decision without the presence of a quorum, which *entire* staff may override by a 1/2 vote against.

B. Vice-President:

1. Assumes Presidential responsibilities and duties in case of Presidential absence, incapacity, and/or resignation.
2. Oversees programs and activities.
3. Plans and coordinates events with other staff each quarter.

C. Administrative Chair:

1. Responsible for booking rooms for all MASA related events including staff meetings and general body meetings.
2. Responsible for TAPs (Triton Activity Planner) for all MASA events.
3. Responsible for taking official minutes of staff meetings.
4. Responsible for recording events onto the MASA calendar.
5. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

D. Cultural Chairs:

1. Responsible for cultural presentations during general body meetings for members to learn about cultural wonders.
2. Responsible for coordinating cultural events each quarter.
3. Responsible for organizing MASA's annual Asian Night Market in winter quarter.

E. Finance Chair:

1. Assumes Presidential responsibilities and duties in case of Presidential *and* vice-presidential absence, incapacity, and/or resignation.
2. Is responsible for MASA's bank account and all its related activities.
3. Responsible for requesting AS funding for MASA related events.
4. Responsible for budgeting and book keeping all financial activities of MASA.

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5. Responsible for handling FUSION related activities with the FUSION Coordinators.
6. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

F. FUSION Coordinators:

1. Responsible for handling all issues related to FUSION.
2. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

G. kunFUSION Coordinators:

1. Responsible for all kunFUSION related activities.
2. Responsible for informing staff of all kunFUSION related activities.
3. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

H. Historian:

1. Responsible for taking pictures of MASA events.
2. Responsible for the scrapbook each year.
3. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.
4. Responsible for organizing and keeping track of inventory for the MASA office.

I. Media Chair(s):

1. Responsible for taking pictures of all MASA events
2. Responsible for editing all media related projects for MASA.
3. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

J. Membership Chair(s):

1. Responsible for icebreaker activities at general body meetings.
2. Responsible for the Sidekick Program and all its activities.
3. Responsible for coordinating Sidekick events and other events each quarter.

K. Publicity Chair(s):

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1. Responsible for creating weekly flyers for advertisement of MASA related activities.
2. Responsible for creating MASA's logo each year.
3. Responsible for creating posters for MASA events.
4. Responsible for coordinating events each quarter.

L. Public Relations Chair(s):

1. Responsible for being liaisons to other organizations outside MASA.
2. Responsible for the maintenance of a primary contact data base of organizations related to MASA external to UC San Diego
3. Responsible for coordinating joint events with other organizations as well as other events.
4. Responsible for organizing MASA's annual Asian Night Market in Winter quarter.

SECTION VI

MASA is affiliated with the FUSION Dance Events Association (FDEA) and kunFUSION as sister organizations at UC San Diego. The three will work jointly on its major projects, particularly the annual FUSION Hip-Hop Dance Competition.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS

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.

SECTION I

Procedures and regulation applicable *before* annual staff elections are as follows:

- A. Elections for staff and the President will be held during Spring Quarter.
- B. Applications for candidacy may be obtained by interested individuals from the President.
- C. Incumbent officers may run for re-election.
- D. All members who are currently and will be registered UC San Diego students for the elected term are eligible to run for office unless they are:

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1. On academic probation with the University.
2. Planning to leave before the end of the academic year.
3. Unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position due to time constraints.

E. Presidential candidates must have at least one year's experience as a MASA staff member

SECTION II

Procedures and regulations applicable *during* annual presidential elections and staff appointment are as follows:

A. Each candidate is required to run a staff meeting prior to the election at the discretion of the current President.

B. Voting procedure is as follows:

1. For the office of the Presidency:

i. To become an official nominee for the office of the President, the current staff member must first be:

a. Nominated either by him/herself or by someone else on staff.

b. Accept that initial nomination.

c. Run a staff meeting prior to the election.

ii. The official nominees (candidates) must make a speech in front of the constituency in attendance

iii. The candidates are then subjected to a Question & Answer session by the attendees.

iv. Afterwards, the audience proceeds to vote on a secret ballot.

v. All MASA members who are currently registered UC San Diego students in attendance may vote for the office of Presidency, provided that he/she is a UC San Diego student and has heard the speeches of *all* candidates

a. Other voting eligibility is left to Election Committee discretion.

vi. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and counted by the Election Committee.

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C. Other staff positions:

1. After the election of the President, he or she must choose a Vice President from the current staff.
2. Anybody wishing to apply for a staff position may submit an application and schedule an interview.
3. The President and the Vice President then interviews all applicants and choose which individuals they best see fit for MASA staff the following year.

SECTION III

Procedures and regulations applicable *after* annual presidential elections are as follows:

A. Request for impeachment of an officer will result in a hearing if he/she is unable to:

1. Fulfill his/her responsibilities as seen fit by MASA staff as a whole, or
2. Attend a majority of MASA events or meetings, or
3. Are not in the best interest of MASA.

B. An officer may be impeached by 1/2 majority vote of the *entire* MASA staff.

C. In the temporary physical absence of the President and presence of an emergency (defined by individual discretion and subject to later presidential approval), order of ascendancy is as follows:

1. Vice President, Finance Chair, FUSION Coordinators.
2. In the absence of all previously mentioned staff cabinet members, ascendancy of other staff members will be left to remaining staff discretion if any MASA office (excluding that of the President) should become open, further action on replacement or re-election for that office will be left to staff discretion.

ARTICLE VII

RISK MANAGEMENT

MASA at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

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MASA at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.