



ECOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & EVOLUTION CLUB AT UC San Diego CONSTITUTION – 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

ARTICLE I. ECOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & EVOLUTION CLUB

The organization shall be called Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UC San Diego aims to build a community of students interested in fields related to ecology, behavior & evolution (EBE) through professional and social events. We seek to provide our members with opportunities that will aid them in their journey towards careers, whether that be through research opportunities, internship guidance, and information regarding careers in the club. EBE Club members will be able to connect with other students with related interests by attending the club's social events.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any UC San Diego student in good standing (GPA 2.0 or higher) is eligible to become a member. Members can sign up at any time, simply filling out the EBE Club Member application provided by our social media websites. There are no dues for this organization. A member is considered an active member if they do not miss more than 5 meetings during the designated quarter time (includes weeks that are prep for the quarter and reflection after the quarter). Members can only have 3 unexcused absences (emergencies) and 2 excused absences (explain at least 2 days prior to meeting). If the president says a meeting is mandatory a week ahead of time, members have to attend, they cannot get an excused absence from this meeting.

Members must keep an open-mind and respect all other officer's beliefs. Members should keep up with the responsibilities they are given. They must be willing to share ideas and work as a team professionally.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS



Board meetings will be held by the president weekly during the school year, then over breaks adjusted to be as many meetings as necessary. Biweekly meetings usually occur during the breaks. Meeting details, such as time and Zoom link/info., will be announced by the president or vice president over Google Group announcements or the Discord board chat.

- Officers will meet weekly to plan events and discuss ideas for improvements within the club
- The secretary will record notes and a task list with deadlines for each member during each meeting
- All meeting notes will be shared over Google Group announcements.
- Meetings will be at least once to twice a month, to a total of at least 3 events per quarter.

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.

There are 4 officer positions. Titles and role descriptions are below.

- 1) **Co-Presidents:** 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, assisting each other as co-presidents, acting in one's place if absent (i.e. while studying abroad)
- 2) **Secretary:** Keep the principal members updated by email/Google Group announcements about what happened during board meetings and events, specifically will have a task list for each person with deadlines
- 3) **Public Relations:** Manage outreach through social media by sharing new events and pictures from previous events, network with other organizations on campus to expand club impact, and update club members with opportunities

This includes instagram, discord, facebook, newsletter (making and sending out)



(4) Shared Responsibilities Across PM's

- Thinking of and fleshing out new ideas and events for the club
- Being active members of the EBE community on campus by doing outreach
- Applying for club funding and reservation 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.

If there are less than needed members to cover all designated positions, the president may choose who is taking over what position based on eagerness to do the position. Officers who are leaving may teach the newer officers.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Ecology, Behavior & Evolution Club at UC San Diego 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.