

STUDENTS FOR SOCIALISM AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Students For Socialism at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Students For Socialism (SFS) is the student affiliate of the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL), a national organization involved in a wide range of struggles, from local battles over affordable housing and racist police brutality, to the fight for a higher minimum wage and union rights, to the global issues of imperialist war and environmental destruction. SFS seeks to merge the struggles of oppressed and exploited people with the fight for socialism. We are united in our belief that capitalism—a system where all wealth and power is held by a small group of billionaires and their state—is the source of the main problems confronting humanity today. It must be replaced by socialism, a system where poor and working people control all the wealth and power of society, using it to plan for and meet the needs of the people and planet.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Students For Socialism at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

[Sect.1] - Any person whose main place of work or education is UCSD and who voluntarily accepts and pledges to carry out this organization's program and policies is eligible for membership.

[Sect.2] - The organization shall have two tiers of membership:

I. General Membership:

- A. Defined as someone who has attended at least two SFS at UCSD general meetings and wishes to participate in the organization's activities for the foreseeable future, but is not a member of our mother organization.
- B. General members do not have the right to vote in elections nor can they assume any officer position.

II. Full Membership:

- A. Defined as someone who is a full member of our mother organization (PSL-SD) and plays an active role within both organizations.
- B. Full members have the right to vote in elections and can assume an officer position if appointed or elected.

[Sect.3] - Membership in a Registered Student Organization shall be open to any student, consistent

with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications regarding Student-Related Matters (UCOP Policy on Registered Campus Organizations, Section 70.10).

- I. UCOP: <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710522/PACAOS-20>
- II. UC San Diego: https://ophd.ucsd.edu/policies-procedures/nps_student.html

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meetings will happen as often as needed by the Student Organization.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS*

[Sect.1] - 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.

[Sect.2] - The leadership of our organization shall be composed of at least two officers known as Co-Leads as will have follow these stipulations:

- I. Co-Leads must be full members.
- II. Co-Leads shall be suggested by our mother organization.
- III. Co-leads have the following responsibilities:
 - A. Facilitate general meetings.
 - B. Maintain and accurately record all financial records.
 - C. Create new offices to the leadership board and fill vacancies if necessary.
 - D. Review constitutional amendments.
 - E. Act as an official representative of the organization.
 - F. Communicate regularly with the Party for Socialism and Liberation.
- IV. Voting and Elections
 - A. Voting
 1. Only full members have the right to vote in elections.
 2. A two-thirds majority shall be required for a vote to become binding.
 3. Write-in voting is illegal and shall nullify its affiliated ballot.
- V. Elections
 - A. Elections shall occur at least on an annual basis in presence of a quorum of the full membership.
 - B. Elections shall be held to select the office holder of any newly established officer position on the leadership board.
 - C. All elections shall be held by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

[Sect.1] - Students For Socialism at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

[Sect.2] - Students For Socialism at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

[Sect.1] - Students For Socialism at UCSD is the student affiliate of the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL), a national organization involved in a wide range of progressive struggles in the US.

[Sect.2] - Our organization follows the political and organizational leadership of the PSL and its local branch here in San Diego, and as such follows the directives of the national and local branch of the party.

[Sect.3] - Only members of PSL may directly vote in and hold official leadership positions in the student org, unless otherwise allowed by the national and/or local branch of the party in San Diego.