

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego Constitution

2023-2024 Academic Year

Article I. Name of Organization

The organization shall be called Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego

Article II. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of our organization is to combine pre-dental and pre-medical students. Together, we can hold events to fundraise for low-income elementary schools, homeless shelters, and third-world countries in need of supplies. The goal is to donate dental kits (emphasizing dental hygiene) and sports equipment (emphasizing health). We hope to educate members of our community about the importance of health by showing them presentations and videos. Apart from donations our club aims to provide helpful resources to incoming pre-dental and pre-medical students by offering them clinical experience, shadowing medical professionals, upperclassmen advising, and a community of peers who share the same interests as them.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

Membership fees are \$10 per quarter. To be eligible for membership one must be looking forward to helping the community, gain experience in the field of dentistry or medicine, and be an undergraduate/graduate student at UC San Diego. To become a member one must fill out a form online through our website. Members will be registered based on completion of the form and payment. Membership will be put on hold if fees are not paid quarterly.

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Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

In order to accommodate everyone's schedule, we will be meeting once or twice a month online based on the project. The first meeting of the year will go through plans for the school year and introductions from principal members. We will take attendance of membership to account for dedicated members. Attendance will not affect membership. If a dedicated member is consistent they may be eligible to hold a position in the society and be given the opportunity to shadow a dentist, one on one. Attendance will be taken at the end of every meeting. If one must leave the meeting early due to urgency, that will be fine if they give notice.

Once a month or once every two months, students will meet to fundraise for an event. Afterwards, students will go in person to donate goods at needed facilities. Students who show up will have their pictures taken and posted on the website for recognition. Dedicated members will have the opportunity to educate others on the importance of health.

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.

The current President is Julyna Mansour. The Co-Presidents are Sruthika Prakash and Carina Shuler. Officers will be chosen by the President and Co-Presidents. Delegated officers will be given a position in the organization where an area of responsibility is needed. Officers will be given a title, which upholds them to a higher standard and higher position than a normal member. Dedicated members are eligible for positions in the organization.

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Officers will be chosen at the beginning of every school year. Officers who are not dedicated, fail to do their duties, or act negatively will be dismissed from their position. When this occurs a different member will be appointed in place. All members regardless of position will be upheld to act kindly to others in the organization. If multiple complaints are addressed to either the President or Co-Presidents, then that member will be dismissed from the organization.

Article VII. Risk Management

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Members will possibly be working with elders and minors in clinics, shadowing, elementary schools, homeless shelters, and fundraising events. When members work with minors and elders, a faculty member of the organization will always be present in order to supervise the club and prevent any inappropriate incidents from happening. Additionally, the president and co-presidents will oversee all activities and make sure that club members are behaving appropriately. Members given the opportunity to shadow in clinics will have to undergo training that is required by the clinics or hospitals.

Members are in charge of any vaccinations and visa requirements for international travel. Members choosing to travel with principal members will be paying costs out of pocket. Members choosing to go voluntarily, go at their own risk and are liable for their actions.

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Article 8. Section 1. In case of Interaction with Minors and/or Elderly

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society 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 UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu>. Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society 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 VII. SECTION 2. IN CASE OF THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In the event that Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University does not recommend that students provide medical assistance.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 3. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UCSD recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks.

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Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 4. IN CASE OF HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR MACHINERY

Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego recognizes that all student organization activities must be conducted safely, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Additionally, Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego will abide by UC San Diego requirements for students in labs, including policies for minors in UC laboratories, and ensure members receive safety training regarding the use of chemicals and/or machinery before entering the lab. Members must follow any best practices and lab safety protocols for the use of such chemicals, research equipment or machinery, including the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment, and should work under close supervision of those trained in the handling of chemicals/use of research equipment or machinery.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION

The Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego, will not tolerate hazing. If one is found to be involved in such activities, they will be dismissed from the organization forever and be reported to the University school officials. We highly encourage members to report signs of hazing or talk of a member involved in such actions.

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ARTICLE IX. COMMUNITY MENTOR

Choosing/finding a community mentor will be the responsibility of the President. The community mentor will serve the organization until they chose to stop. In this case another community member will be chosen by the President to serve the organization. The community mentor will serve to educate members and give professional advice on dental/medical matters.

ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The organization plans on using membership fees to organize fundraisers. The money obtained from these fundraisers will go towards buying dental/medical supplies which will be donated. Money earned by the organization will be handled by the President and Co-Presidents.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

The Pre-Dental+Pre-Medical Society at UC San Diego will not be in affiliation with other groups.