

Constitution of the Fusion Dance Events Association at UC San Diego

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be called Fusion Dance Events Association at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The Fusion Dance Events Association (FDEA) is a student organization involved in the cultural, social, community, and academic projects that benefit its members, its campus, and its community. The goal of FDEA is to educate and celebrate the unique Asian American cultural identity and its major presence in the emerging dance community at the University of California, San Diego and beyond. FDEA aims to recognize excellence in the UCSD dance community, support dancers, and provide performance opportunities to spread their art to the general public.

ARTICLE III

Fusion Dance Events Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Membership in FDEA will be available to all registered UCSD students, staff and alumni without the requirement of fees.

SECTION II

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

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATION

SECTION I

All policy questions in FDEA 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 FDEA-endorsed activities and programs.

SECTION II

FDEA 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 FDEA.

SECTION III

All amendments and revisions to the FDEA Constitution will be passed by 2/3 majority vote of the entire staff.

SECTION IV

Our General Body Meetings occur every 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 FDEA staff (see Elections for more details).

The Fusion Co-Coordinator position is a 2 year-position. Upon completion of the 1st year, the junior Fusion Co-Coordinator is promoted to senior Fusion Co-Coordinator. All other staff positions are to be decided by the current Fusion Co-Coordinators jointly. They typically include team leads for Decorations, Finance, Graphics, Media, Marketing, Productions, and Welcoming.

ARTICLE VI

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ELECTIONS

SECTION I

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

A. Elections for the junior Fusion Co-Coordinator will be held during Spring Quarter.

B. Applications for candidacy may be obtained by interested individuals from the senior Fusion Co-Coordinator.

C. All members who are currently and will be registered UCSD students for the elected term are eligible to run for office unless they are:

1. On academic probation with the University.

2. Planning to leave UCSD before the end of the academic year, or within one academic year.

3. Unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position due to time constraints.

D. Junior Fusion Co-Coordinator candidates must have at least one year's experience as a FDEA staff member.

SECTION II

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

A. For the Office of Junior Fusion Co-Coordinator:

1. Applicants for the position of junior Fusion Co-Coordinator will be interviewed by the senior Fusion Co-Coordinator in private.
2. The senior Fusion Co-Coordinator is the sole decision maker for the election of the junior Fusion Co-Coordinator.

B. Other staff positions:

1. Anybody wishing to apply for a staff position may submit an application and schedule an interview.
2. The Fusion Co-Coordinators then interview all applicants and choose which individuals they best see fit for FDEA staff the following year.

SECTION III

Procedures and regulations applicable after annual 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 FDEA staff as a whole, or
2. Attend a majority of FDEA events or meetings, or
3. Are not in the best interest of FDEA.

B. An officer may be impeached by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the entire FDEA staff.

C. In the temporary physical absence of both of the Fusion Co-Coordiators and presence of an emergency (defined by individual discretion and subject to later Fusion Co-Coordinator approval), order of ascendancy is as follows:

1. Finance chair of FDEA

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 FDEA office (excluding that of the Fusion Co-Coordiators) should become open, further action on replacement or re-election for that office will be left to staff discretion.

D. Registered students are the only ones who are eligible to vote for officers.

Article VII

Risk Management

Fusion Dance Events Association at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Fusion Dance Events Association at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization. Possible risks associated with the organization may include, but are not limited to: bruises, pulled muscles, sprains, and other athletic injuries. To prevent injury, the organization encourages stretching and warming up at the beginning of each activity.

In Case of Handling of Hazardous Chemicals, Material, Equipment, and/or Machinery

Fusion Dance Events Association 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, Fusion Dance Events Association 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.