

## ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION\*

The organization shall be called Roger's Community Garden (RCG) at University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego). The organization might be called "Roger's Community Garden" on any official website or memos, with a disclaimer we are a UC San Diego student organization somewhere on the page.

## ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE\*

The goal of Roger's Community Garden is to enable UC San Diego students interested in urban agriculture and gardening. In addition to traditional garden plots, RCG hosts several student projects relating to agriculture, food waste, and sustainability-oriented projects. The group will operate in cooperation with and sponsorship by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning (USP), who will oversee the interactions between student & community use and the university. USP sponsoring faculty will be kept abreast of all gardening activities and urban agriculture projects that RCG pursued.

Members of the organization can seek to cultivate skills in the growth of fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, and other agricultural products. The group will also focus on sustainability projects including but not limited to small-scale composting and aquaponics.

These activities will be pursued within the Urban Forest zoning east of the Theatre District as per the 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). RCG will ensure that all sponsored activities in the area will comport with the LRDP's definition of appropriate grove usage at the discretion of the Campus and Community Planning Committee and Facilities Management.

## ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT\*

Roger's Community Garden at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

## ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP\*

Any UC San Diego undergraduate, graduate, faculty member, affiliate, or alumni are able to join RCG. A diverse set of backgrounds and skills are crucial to efficient and innovative projects and processes. There is no process to becoming a general member, though RCG will be governed by an elected chair with some qualifications.

## ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS\*

RCG will hold weekly meetings/workdays every Sunday (with the exception of major university holidays). The principal goals of these workdays will be gardening and sustainability activities within the Urban Forest. Managerial concerns will also be addressed at last workday of the month, which will be open to all attending members but with all final decisions resting on a

two-thirds vote by the chairpersons. A summary of the final decisions on projects and gardening matters will be taken to be provided to USP and as a matter of public record.

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.

RCG will be governed by a committee of chairpersons serving for an academic year. The committee will consist of two undergraduate representatives and a graduate student representative. To qualify for committee membership, each of the student representatives must be elected in Spring by their respective student body (e.g. undergraduates for undergraduates) and must be enrolled in the coming academic year. These representatives will serve for the following summer and academic year. The elections will be decided by a plurality of members with one month advance notice being given for the election. While no firm requirements exist, the intention of Spring elections is to encourage chairpersons to have been active members throughout the academic year and to allow for a transition period over summer.

Because the garden space is administered jointly by students, other UC San Diego community members, and USP, a garden community representative approved by USP will be present at all managerial meetings. All decisions of the chair will be subject to the veto of sponsoring USP faculty.

The committee can appoint any number of officers to aid in administering the gardening and sustainability projects. However, all responsibility for the projects and for ensuring that USP is appraised of all RCG activities will rest on the committee and community representative.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT\*

Roger's Community Garden at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Roger's Community Garden at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

RCG will be utilizing traditional gardening equipment (e.g. shovels, pitchforks, wheelbarrows), off-the-shelf electrical equipment (e.g. water pumps), off-the-shelf fertilizers, and compost. RCG will ensure that all activities follow proper safety and sanitation protocols as decided by Environmental Health and Safety.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 3. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

**Roger's Community Garden at UC San Diego 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. 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

**Roger's Community Garden 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, Roger's Community Garden 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 IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The organization will apply for research grants for supplies for student projects in the garden and general garden use. That funding will be managed by our CSI assigned funding advisor. The Urban Studies and Planning department may also provide funding for general garden necessities which will be managed by our faculty advisor, Amy Learner. We will not have an off-campus bank account.

Project head officers will be required to keep a running list of how much their project has spent, and will follow all accounting rules and other regulations related to their individual grants.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

The Urban Studies and Planning department will be our faculty sponsor.