

**Himalayan Student Association AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2023-2024 ACADEMIC  
YEAR**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Himalayan Student Association at UC San Diego.

**ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Himalayan Student Association focuses on creating a welcoming community for Himalayan individuals as well as those interested in Himalayan culture. Our purpose is to promote cultural awareness of the Himalayan region and connect UCSD students to celebrate an array of identities, cultures, and languages through fun events, educational discussions, and community service.

**ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

Himalayan Student Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

**ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

*It is free to become a member of HSA. Anyone is eligible to join the organization as long as they behave in a well-mannered and respectful way to all the other members.*

*No fees/dues required. Anyone interested is eligible for membership.*

**ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

*The organization meets at least 5 times per quarter.*

*Taking minutes isn't required.*

**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.

Yeshi-Wangmu Sherpa, Co-president

Jigmey Partsang, Co-president

Karma Choden, Vice President

Any member is eligible for office

Officers will be elected/replaced/removed by majority vote

**ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

Himalayan Student Association at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

N/A

**ARTICLE VII. SECTION 2. IN CASE OF THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

In the event that HSA 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**

HSA 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. 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**

Himalayan Student 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, [Name of the organization] 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**

Our members understand what hazing is and how to identify it.

Our organization will have an anti-hazing policy and understand the repercussions.

#### **ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

*HSA will be financing its activities through university funding and club fundraising. All the money our organization earns and gathers will be handled by the principal members. As of now, we do not have an off campus bank account. We will submit a budget to the A.S. finance committee quarterly.*

#### **ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

*HSA is not affiliated with any other groups at the local, state, national , or international level.*