

# **FEED THE CATS AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Feed the Cats at UC San Diego.

## **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Feed the Cats at UC San Diego is an organization created with the intent of fostering a competitive and inclusive athletic culture as a part of the social environment at UC San Diego. Members of Feed the Cats at UC San Diego will be given the opportunity to meet and compete with students of all identities and levels of athleticism, and will be granted free registration into any paid events hosted by Feed the Cats at UCSD.

## **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

Feed the Cats at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

## **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Only registered UC San Diego students may become members of this organization. Members are required to pay membership dues of \$15 each for every academic school year. Additionally, members must attend at least one General Body Meeting per quarter; if not, they will be removed from active membership, and will not have access to waived tournament fees until they attend a meeting. Removal of inactive members will happen on a yearly basis, at the end of the spring quarter.

In accordance with UC San Diego's Nondiscrimination Policy Statement, Feed the Cats at UC San Diego does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services. Any such instances of discrimination or harassment, including sexual, will result in immediate and permanent removal from membership.

## **ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

General Body Meetings (GBMs) will be held once a month, with the exceptions of the months of August, December, March, and June. As such, there will be two to three GBMs per quarter, of which members must attend at least one. All announcements and information covered in these GBMs will be disseminated through both email and all forms of social media.

Executive committee meetings will occur weekly at the discretion of the executive committee. Meeting minutes will be taken, with special care being given to meetings about removal of EOs or Assistive Team members (see Article VI).

## **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. There will be four Executive Officers (EOs) which constitute an executive committee. Their titles and duties are as listed below.

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President - The President will be in charge of planning and leading GBMs. The President will be in charge of managing members, including membership dues, attendance at meetings, and member discipline. Additionally, the President is in charge of managing the other three EOs and keeping them accountable for their responsibilities.

Vice President - The primary function of the Vice President is to manage finances, including loans, budgeting, and keeping track of revenue from events. The Vice President will also be in charge of taking meeting minutes during executive committee meetings.

Event Director - The Event Director will be in charge of the planning, organization, and carrying out of tournaments, social gatherings, and other events. This includes tasks such as organizing volunteers for such events and submitting TAP forms. The Event Director will work in conjunction with the Vice President with regards to event funding and revenue.

Public Relations Director - The Public Relations Director will be in charge of all forms of public-facing communication, including management of social media accounts, the posting or distribution of flyers, and any tabling or other advertising events.

In the event that an EO steps down, will be graduating, or is removed, elections to select a replacement EO will be conducted. Candidates will first be approved by the current executive committee through a standard application and interview. The replacement EO will then be selected through an election open exclusively to current members. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers. Votes will be strictly confidential, and are only to be viewed by the current executive committee. Executive officers may vote, but their votes will be weighted equally to those of members.

Executive Officers may choose to form Assistive Teams (ATs) of members to assist with their duties. Applications will be open to any current members, but selection of AT members will be at the sole discretion of the leading EO and their assessment of competency, suitability, and dedication for the role. Removal of AT members for misconduct or for not fulfilling their duties will be conducted with the unanimous agreement of all Executive Officers.

### **ARTICLE VI. Section 1. REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In the event that an Executive Officer is found abusing their position of power to the effect of discrimination, harassment, and or financial gain, or is otherwise not performing their duties, removal of that EO will be determined by a vote between the other EOs. The vote must be unanimous, and must be first proposed by one of the other EOs. If the vote to remove the offending EO is carried through, the remaining EOs may select one from among themselves to fill the vacant role, in which case a vote will be held for that EO's former role. This vote must also be unanimous among the other two EOs. However, if the nominated EO does not wish to take on the vacant position, the vote may not carry through.

### **ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Due to the athletic nature of this organization, there is the risk of injury due to competition or overexertion. In the event of a medical emergency occurring during an event hosted by Feed

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the Cats at UC San Diego, only designated members who have experience in administering sports medicine care or are CPR certified will provide medical assistance, and will work under the direction of any licensed professionals.

Feed the Cats at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. Feed the Cats at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

### **ARTICLE VIII. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT HANDOVER PROCESS**

Finances will be managed by the Vice President, as outlined in Article VI. In the event there is a transition from one Vice President to their successor, the successor will be officially voted in by the executive committee as the primary signer for the Feed the Cats bank account. Additionally, the current Vice President will begin the process of training their successor in their responsibilities a month prior to the final takeover date.