

**1. Name of the organization:** The organization shall be called Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) at UC San Diego

**2. Statement of purpose:** Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) is a non profit student organization with three primary areas of focus:

- Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) will **spread the word about health issues in Tijuana.** Tijuana is facing several public health crises, including an HIV epidemic, elevated rates of drug addiction (compared to the national average), issues associated with a large homeless population, and an influx of Haitian refugees. These crises have been driven in part by US deportation and immigration policies, lack of local resources, police brutality, and a refusal to deal with these issues by the city government.
- Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) will **support the efforts of the HFIT free clinic through fundraising for medical supplies, medications, and other equipment.** Health Frontiers in Tijuana (HFIT) is a student-run free clinic established in Tijuana, Mexico. HFIT was founded as a partnership between UC San Diego's School of Medicine and Tijuana's Autonomous University of Baja California School of Medicine (UABC), the only publicly funded medical school in Tijuana, in 2011. Since then, HFIT continues to serve vulnerable populations, including substance users, sex workers, the homeless, deportees, and indigent patients.
- Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) will **inform UC San Diego undergraduates about opportunities to get involved through the HFIT internship program and other supporting roles.** Current HFIT interns who want to be part of the student organization will share their experiences with new members. Motivated students who want to join the internship program (HFIT-UIP) and/or want to provide assistance outside of the clinic will be given information on how to apply and how to take leadership roles in fundraising and public health efforts.

**3. Nonprofit Statement:** Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego is a Non-profit student organization

**4. Requirements for membership:** All UC San Diego students are welcome. Anyone who wants to be informed about public health issues in Tijuana and wants to assist in supporting the clinic are welcome.

**5. Frequency of the organization meetings:** General Body Meetings will be held at least twice per quarter. Officer meetings will be held once every two weeks, but unofficial meetings will be held as often as needed. Minutes will be

taken at both, and will be distributed by the organization's leadership as deemed prudent and necessary.

**6. 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. Officer positions will include:

- Shared duties
  - Maintain communication between the organization and the HFiT clinic
  - Recruiting interested individuals and assuring their retention by contacting other organizations on campus, tabling at relevant events, and flyering
  - Maintain current members by bringing in speakers/setting up events for general body meetings.
- Fundraising Officer:
  - Generate fundraising opportunities by reaching out to organizations/businesses on and off campus.
- Communications Officer:
  - Advertising the organization's events and general body meetings

Officers will have the liberty to create sub-committees in order to fulfill their roles. They will work together in order to raise awareness and funding for the clinic.

Initial officers will be chosen from the existing leadership of the HFiT clinic. New officers will be elected during spring quarter based on an application and possible interview process. The officers must be nominated by the general body members, submit an application if interested, and undergo an interview if they are qualified and committed.

## **7. Risk Management:**

Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization

Members will not be required to visit Tijuana. Fundraising efforts will be low-risk (mostly consisting of tabling on Library Walk, or working with other student organizations to raise funds internally). Students who decide to apply for the internship will undergo a separate selection process through the School of Medicine. This student organization will not be involved in the selection or

training process.

The following language is included to cover any risk not listed above:

If Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) 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.

Fronteras Saludables (Healthier Borders) 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.

## **8. Community Advisor**

The community advisor of Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego was chosen at the behest of the current leadership of Health Frontiers in Tijuana (HFiT). The community advisor will serve until the leadership of either Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego and/or HFiT deems it prudent and necessary to change the community advisor or if the community is no longer able to or unwilling to serve. The role of the community advisor will be to facilitate contact with other organizations, both within and outside of UC San Diego, and provide guidance with the organization's activities as deemed useful or necessary by the organization's leadership.

## **9. Financial Management**

Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego will finance its activities through seed money provided by donations and through the proceeds of its fundraising activities. The organization will also apply to AS funding when deemed appropriate and necessary by the leadership of the organization. Any funds raised as a part of the organization's efforts will be transferred to a bank account affiliated with HFiT UIP. Access to the account will be given to a select number of

members of the organization's leadership. Access to the account will be shared with new members at the discretion of the leadership of the organization. The organization will submit a budget to A.S. on a quarterly basis if deemed appropriate and necessary by the leadership of Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego.

#### **10. Affiliation with Other Groups**

Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego will be affiliated with the Health Frontiers in Tijuana (HFiT) Undergraduate Internship Program at UC San Diego School of Medicine. The affiliation with HFiT-UIP serves to link our members with an opportunity for community service and an avenue by which to gain more exposure to pressing public health issues and the realities of binational collaboration. Our organization's members are not required to enroll in the HFiT-UIP, so there are no additional requirements as to membership in Fronteras Saludables. This provision is subject to change, at the behest of the leadership of either the HFiT UIP and or Fronteras Saludables at UC San Diego.