

# **THE BREAK AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

The organization shall be called The Break at UC San Diego.

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

The Break is UC San Diego's first and premier nonpartisan political review publication. We aim to produce original journalism, enabling students to review ongoing developments in the world without an ideological lens — digging deeper beyond surface-level frameworks that often drive the political conversations of today. We publish articles, op-eds, and other forms of content covering various local, domestic, and international issues.

The goal of The Break is to be the spark of conversation. To ignite intrigue and curiosity within individuals and to encourage critical thinking by presenting diverse perspectives and nuanced analysis. By fostering a space where ideas can be explored without preconceived biases, The Break aspires to cultivate a community of informed and engaged citizens who are not only aware of the complexities of the world but also motivated to actively participate in shaping its future.

## **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

The Break at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

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

Members must be undergraduate students enrolled at UC San Diego. There are no fees required for membership. However, different roles within the organization have different requirements for maintaining membership. Section Editors and the Editor in Chief must provide at least two articles or pieces of creative content for publication each academic quarter. Section Editors must also work with writers to review and edit their pieces before publication. The Director of Multimedia must release two pieces of content each academic quarter. Writers must provide at least one article or piece of creative content for publication each academic quarter. Attending each meeting is encouraged, but it is not required.

Each new member is subject to an application process. The application process is open year-round. Applicants will be evaluated by the Executive Board, comprised of the Editor in Chief, Section Editors, and Director of Multimedia. Membership is not guaranteed upon applying. The application process will assess their practical skills, writing supplements, and teamwork. Current members are identified on our website with their role/title and a photograph.

The Break at UC San Diego does not discriminate against any person based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc., nor does The Break at UC San Diego tolerate hateful behavior on these bases.

Any member may be removed from the organization by the Executive Board. This will occur in an Executive Board meeting, in which the member may be present to appeal, and the

Board will secretly vote and determine the member's removal. The vote must be unanimous. Reasons for dismissal may include intolerable or discriminatory words or actions, actions which irrefutably put the lives of another member or members in serious danger, improper representation of The Break at UC San Diego, and neglecting duties or commitments to the organization.

#### ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The Break meets a minimum of once every other week during each academic quarter. The meeting time will be decided on with each new quarter by choosing a time slot that works best for the greatest number of members. In light of varying schedules, attendance at each meeting is not mandatory as long as members continue to complete the required tasks for their roles. Important information will be sent via email to those who miss meetings.

#### 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 to select the organization's officers. Officers in The Break at UC San Diego include the Editor in Chief, Section Editors, and Director of Multimedia.

The Editor in Chief is responsible for the overall vision, content, and direction of the publication. They make the final decisions on what gets published, lead the entire editorial team in meetings, update the website, act as the top communicator for the organization, and preside over the general management of the organization's affairs. Section Editors are responsible for their respective sections of the publication, such as "San Diego," "United States," "World", "Opinion," etc. They write articles, assign articles, review and edit content before publication, and ensure their section meets the publication's standards. The Editor in Chief and Section Editors must provide at least two articles or pieces of creative content for publication each academic quarter. The Director of Multimedia is tasked with operating the social media and overseeing the multimedia production. The Director of Multimedia must produce at least two pieces of content each academic quarter.

Any member may become a Section Editor by going through a review process. The Editor in Chief, Section Editors, and Director of Multimedia, who make up the Executive Board, will assess the interested applicant based on writing and editing abilities and then decide to promote that person to the Section Editor position. The Executive Board will make open calls if they judge another Section Editor is needed for the organization.

Any officer may be removed from their position during the season. This is determined during an official team meeting where 90% of members must be present (rounding up). To be removed, another member of the Executive Board must present a legitimate reason. Removal from the Executive position does not necessitate removal from the team.

To be eligible for the Editor in Chief position, one must have at least one academic quarter of experience as a Section Editor for The Break at UC San Diego. The Editor in Chief position will be made available when the current Editor in Chief leaves the position. A popular vote from the current Executive Board will fill the position.

#### ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The Break at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the organization's actions.