

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

This organization shall be known as the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Asian Pacific American Public Affairs (APAPA) empower API communities through increasing leadership and civic engagement. We encourage and promote active participation in issue advocacy and voter education, engage with the community, and develop API leaders of tomorrow. Through mutual understanding and appreciation of our history, we embrace diversity as our strength and strive to build a better world that is diverse, inclusive, and with representation from all voices and communities.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in a Registered Student Organization shall be open to any student, consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California.

Section 2. Members shall be recognized after attending one general meeting of the organization.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

This organization shall meet at least once a month among the board members and general meetings after every event.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICER

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. All candidates for executive board positions must have a minimum, cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and if elected, must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

Section 3. According to APAPA National Bylaws, there shall be no less than 5 members on the executive board and no more than 21 members.

Section 4. Executive Board members shall serve a two year term and be re-elected at the end of their term to remain on the Board.

Section 5. The officers of this organization are the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and such other officers as provided by the Board. All Board members and officers can vote on the Board. The President and/or the Chair may at his/her discretion choose to serve as a nonvoting member during their entire term

Section 6. Members of the Executive Board shall be determined by an election with the general body and have been a member for at least two quarters. To successfully be elected or re-elected, officers must gain a majority vote of active members. Officers assume their positions following the beginning of a new academic year.

Section 7. Any officer or board member, including the President, who acts in a way that is detrimental to APAPA may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the general members.

Section 8. The President is the chief executive officer and operations manager. The President shall provide general direction, guidance, and support of the Board, and all events and programs. The President can direct officers, and shall attend and preside at all meetings. The President should work closely with other parties, including board members, advisors, and community partners, to plan for the annual budget, events, and programs.

Section 9. The Secretary shall organize information, documents, and materials as needed or requested by the Board, President, or Chair. The Secretary shall take meeting minutes, and provide them to all board members. The Secretary shall also sign in the name of the entity, either alone or with one or more officers, all documents authorized or required to be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall assist the Board in planning or scheduling meetings, and shall track elections and term limits.

Section 10. The Treasurer is the chief financial officer. The Treasurer is responsible for the receipt, and disbursement of all funds. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget, and track progress throughout the year for the Board. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain all financial records. The Treasurer shall prepare financial summaries or statements for board meetings. The Treasurer shall serve as a signer on the bank account for the entity.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Treasurer shall be responsible to file a copy of the annual financial report with National APAPA HQ. The financial report shall include information requested by APAPA HQ or the NGB on all income and expenses.