

Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego

Constitution - 2024-2025

I. Name of Student Organization

- a. The organization shall be called the Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego. (herein referred as “TASA”)

II. Statement of Purpose

- a. The Taiwanese American Students Association (TASA) at the University of California – San Diego is an organization that provides a sense of community for Taiwanese Americans, as well as those interested in Taiwanese culture. We create a sense of unity not only within the Taiwanese community here in San Diego, but also with students at other universities.
- b. Our organization promotes cultural awareness by building a community of motivated and dedicated students through our social, cultural, and service activities that take place throughout the year.
- c. The Taiwanese-American identity is a vastly varied one and at times a divisive issue. Moreover, there is political and cultural apathy among many Taiwanese, and under-representation in our communities. Yet, from those who barely identify themselves as Taiwanese, to those who feel passionately about Taiwanese culture, they are all still unified under a common background. Those with the Taiwanese-American identity have the potential to develop into a tight-knit community and strong leaders with a unified voice in this nation.

III. Nonprofit Statement

- a. The Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

IV. Requirements for Membership

- a. All registered UC San Diego students are eligible to join the organization.
- b. Membership is not required for those who wish to attend meetings and/or events hosted by the organization.
- c. Membership entails an annual fee of \$10 and receipt of a membership card.
- d. Membership is valid for 12 consecutive months starting and ending on the first day of the academic calendar.
- e. Active membership is required to receive benefits of a membership card.
- f. Upon receipt of said membership card, the name of the cardholder shall be recorded by organization officers for membership purposes only.

V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

- a. TASA shall meet no less than twice per month during the academic year.
- b. TASA shall host cultural, social, and service events for the students of UC San Diego who are interested in Taiwanese American culture.

VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

- a. 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.
- b. All registered UC San Diego students are eligible for consideration.
- c. Applicants must be TASA members at the time of application for eligibility.
- d. Officers will assume their position immediately after the last public TASA event of the academic year or as stated in the officer contract.
- e. An officer's term will automatically terminate at the end of the academic year or as stated in the officer contract unless the officer is holding office the following year.
- f. Any officer may be removed from office when the following conditions are met:
 - i. Endorsement for removal by the President.
 - ii. A vote including and limited to the standing executive committee or cabinet.
 - iii. A 75% majority is required for removal of any officer.

OR

- iv. Receiving 3 strikes for misconduct and/or failure to adhere to responsibilities as stated in the officer contract.
- g. Officer Selection Process
 - i. There will be two distinct rounds for officer selection that will both include a written application, interview, and executive review. Both rounds will commence in April and conclude prior to the end of May.
 - ii. The singular collective group of standing officers will constitute the "executive committee" or "cabinet."
 - iii. The first round will include all applicants for the one (or two if a co is needed) President position. A panel consisting of the existing President and Vice-President and active standing advisors will solely handle the applications, interviews and executive review.
 - iv. The existing President and Vice-President or Co-presidents will make the final decision prior to the second round of applications. First round applicants will be informed of the decision. The decision will remain

confidential to the general member base including second round applicants.

- v. The second round will include all applicants for all other positions. A panel consisting of standing officers and standing advisors will solely handle the applications, interviews and executive review.
- vi. The continuing President and Vice-President will make the final decision including: number of officers, officer title and duties, and applicant selection.

VII. Risk Management

- a. Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.
- b. Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.
- c. Physical Injuries
 - i. Possible physical injuries may occur as a part of the events. To address these risks, the association will require participants to sign event waivers, acknowledging the potential for such injuries and allowing for appropriate management should accidents occur.