



# **Sangam SD Constitution 2024 - 2025**

## **Article I- Name of Student Organization**

***Section 1.*** This organization shall be named Sangam SD, founded at the *University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego)* on the Fourteenth Day of October in the year Nineteen-Hundred Eighty-Six.

***Section 2.*** The previous name of Sangam SD was Sangam at UCSD. Sangam at UCSD changed its name to Sangam SD on the First Day of January in the year TwoThousand Seven.

## **Article II – Statement of Purpose**

***Section 1.*** Sangam SD aspires to promote South Asian cultural awareness and education within the UC San Diego community and beyond.

***Section 2.*** Sangam SD holds numerous social, cultural, and educational events with the goal of spreading diversity, tolerance, and understanding of all South Asian cultures. The goal of Sangam SD to unite South Asians at UC San Diego as well the spreading of diversity, tolerance, and the understanding of all South Asian cultures is reflected through the numerous social, cultural, and educational events which Sangam SD holds.

***Section 3.*** General Body Meetings shall occur at least once per quarter.

## **Article III – Nonprofit Statement**

***Section 1.*** Sangam SD at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

## **Article IV – Definitions**

**Section 1.** The current **Sangam SD** Executive Board is defined as the entire group of individuals who hold official positions on **Sangam SD** Executive Board at the most recent time.

**Section 2.** The succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board is defined as the entire group of individuals who are to hold positions on **Sangam SD** Executive Board after the end of the term of the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board. The duration of the term of any current **Sangam SD** Executive Board is explained in Article VI, Section 4.

**Section 3.** In this Constitution, any respective individual mentioned as the current holder of a specified Executive Board position is defined as the respective individual who holds that specified position at the most recent time.

**Section 4.** In this Constitution, any respective UC San Diego academic year mentioned as current is defined as the respective UC San Diego academic year that occurs at the most recent time.

**Section 5.** In this Constitution, any respective UC San Diego academic year mentioned as succeeding is defined as the respective UC San Diego academic year that is to occur directly after the end of the current UC San Diego academic year. A UC San Diego academic year begins on the most recent first day of Fall Quarter classes, and ends on the day before very next Fall Quarter's first day of classes.

## **Article V – Requirements For Membership**

**Section 1.** **Sangam SD** membership shall not be denied based on an individual's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, age, or national origin. Any registered UC San Diego student can be a member of **Sangam SD**

**Section 2.** **Sangam SD** membership duration begins from the moment an individual purchases membership and ends at 12:00am on the first day of Fall Quarter classes for the succeeding UC San Diego academic year. Membership can be purchased on any calendar day.

**Section 3.** **Sangam SD** membership prices may vary upon the calendar day that membership is purchased. Membership prices for each respective calendar day shall be determined by the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board. The duration of the term of any current **Sangam SD** Executive Board is explained in Article VI, Section 4.

**Section 4.** Any person who performs in **Sangam SD**'s Culture Show must be a paid member of **Sangam SD**, and also must not owe any pending charges to **Sangam SD** by the beginning of the Culture Show.

**Section 5.** Any person who has pending charges owed to **Sangam SD** must pay the charges within 21 days, after the respective charge is notified, by **Sangam SD**, to the respective person. Any person who has pending charges owed to **Sangam SD** shall not be allowed to participate in or attend further **Sangam SD** events, even if the next event is within 21 days of the respective charge notification. Any person, who fails to pay pending charges to **Sangam SD** within 21 days shall be banned from all future **Sangam SD** events.

## **Article VI – Organization**

**Section 1.** **Sangam SD** shall consist of a current Executive Board of up to 22 undergraduate students attending UC San Diego. **Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.**

**Section 2.** **Sangam SD** Executive Board shall consist of the positions listed below:

President(s)  
Vice President of Finance  
Vice President(s) of External Affairs  
Culture Show Chair(s)  
Social Chair(s)  
Publicity Chair(s)  
Technology Chair(s)  
Fundraising Chairs(s)  
Secretary  
Historian  
Membership Chair (s)  
Outreach Chair(s)  
Freshmen Representative(s)

**Section 3.** **Sangam SD** Executive Board general and mandatory duties for each position are given below. These duties are not limited to only what is described below. Executive Board may assign other duties amongst each other, not specified below, as needed:

### **President(s)**

-Plan, organize, and execute weekly Executive Board meetings and quarterly **Sangam SD** General Body Meetings

-Enforce all **Sangam SD** rules/regulations  
-Lead diverse projects and events, and set missions and goals for **Sangam SD** as a whole

-Approve proposals and requests from board members -Be aware of all **Sangam SD** related issues  
-Serve as chief authority on all **Sangam SD** decisions, except for issues regarding impeachment, probation, and the selection process for the succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board. Impeachment rules and guidelines are outlined in Article V, Section 6 and Article V, Section 7. Probation rules and guidelines are outlined in Article V, Section 6 and Article V, Section 7. The selection process for the succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board is outlined in Article V, Section 8.  
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#### **Vice President of Finance**

-Ensure thorough budget applications, including up-to-date record keeping -Conduct and oversee all fund raising and collection of dues -In charge of the official **Sangam SD** bank account  
-Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

#### **Vice President of External Affairs**

-Establish and maintain contact with all South Asian organizations, both on and off campus  
-Maintain calendar, noting all UC San Diego cultural events -In charge of planning/executing annual **Sangam SD** Trip(s)  
-In charge of planning/executing any possible inter-collegiate/national competitions of any activity.  
-Work closely with President and Vice President of Finance in fundraising efforts and organizing General Body Meetings  
-In charge of *Sangam Support*  
-Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

#### **Culture Show Chair(s)**

-Organize and supervise all **Sangam SD** Culture Show-related planning (and related issues)  
-Negotiate contracts with outside vendors as needed for **Sangam SD** Culture Show  
-Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

#### **Social Chair(s)**

-Organize and supervise all **Sangam SD** social events, except for **Sangam SD** Culture Show and **Sangam SD** General Body Meetings  
-Negotiate contracts with outside vendors as needed for ALL **Sangam SD** social events, except for **Sangam SD** Culture Show and **Sangam SD** General Body

Meetings.

- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

### **Publicity Chair(s)**

- Execute strategies to effectively publicize **Sangam SD** events
- Design flyers and attire for all **Sangam SD** events and related matters
- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

### **Technology Chair(s)**

- Update and maintain website with relevant information
- Handle all electronic and technical aspects necessary to **Sangam SD**
- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

### **Fundraising Chair**

- Plan quarterly fundraisers
- Assist Vice President of Finance with managing finances
- Work alongside Vice President of Finance in developing yearly fundraising plan
- In charge of filling out TAP form for each fundraising event

### **Secretary**

- Keep detailed notes of all meetings
- In charge of keeping the membership database up-to-date -

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### **Historian**

- Compile detailed post-event synopses
- In charge of taking pictures for all **Sangam SD** events -Create and maintain **Sangam SD** scrapbook
- In charge of Senior Slideshow (Spring Banquet)
- In charge of *Snapshots With Sangam*
- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

### **Freshmen Representative(s)**

- Organize and supervise events for the freshmen class specifically with the aim to bring the freshmen class closer together
- Serve as the chief liaison between **Sangam SD** and the freshmen class
- Introduce and publicize **Sangam SD** to the freshmen class
- In charge of choreography and/or planning of Freshmen Act for the annual **Sangam SD** Culture Show
- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

### **Membership Chair**

- Create and send out monthly newsletters

- Distribute membership t-shirts
- Preserve, protect, defend, and uphold the Constitution of **Sangam SD**

**Section 4.** Each **Sangam SD** Executive Board shall last for only one term. The duration of one term of every **Sangam SD** Executive Board shall begin as soon as the Culture Show during the current UC San Diego academic year ends, and shall end as soon as the succeeding UC San Diego academic year's Culture Show ends, after which the succeeding Executive Board takes control. If Culture Show does not occur in that respective term year, then the duration of that respective **Sangam SD** Executive Board shall begin as soon as the very last event of that UC San Diego academic year ends, and shall end as soon the succeeding UC San Diego academic year's Culture Show ends, after which the succeeding Executive Board takes control. If Culture Show does not occur in the succeeding UC San Diego academic year, then the duration of that respective **Sangam SD** Executive Board shall end as soon as the last event of the next UC San Diego academic year ends, after which the succeeding Executive Board takes control. If Culture Show occurs in the current UC San Diego academic year, then a maximum of three **Sangam SD** events can take place in the current UC San Diego academic year after the end of Culture Show in that current UC San Diego academic year. Culture Show must occur during the spring quarter of a UC San Diego academic year.

**Section 5.** Any Executive Board member may resign from his or her position at any time. A replacement for the vacant position as a result of resignation shall be appointed by the President(s) of **Sangam SD**. In the event that the President(s) of **Sangam SD** resigns, a replacement for the vacant position as a result of a presidential resignation shall be decided by a simple majority vote amongst the remaining Executive Board members. Any Executive Board member who leaves Executive Board due to resignation may reapply to be on Executive Board at any time.

**Section 6.** Any Executive Board member may be impeached from Executive Board at any time. An impeachment is a proposal to remove a current Executive Board member from Executive Board. Only an Executive Board member may propose an impeachment of an Executive Board member. The proposal must be made to the entire Executive Board and shall include the reason for impeachment, after which a vote amongst the Executive Board shall take place regarding the removal of the impeached Executive Board member. With at least a three-fourths majority vote, in favor of removal, by the current Executive Board, the impeached Executive Board member shall be removed from Executive Board. Impeachment of an Executive Board member may also occur due to that respective Board member's probationary standing. The condition upon which probation is assigned is explained in Article VI, Section 7. The decision to remove an Executive Board member as a result of impeachment from receiving probation twice consecutively does not require a three-fourths majority vote of the Executive Board to remove the impeached Executive Board member, but rather is decided by a simple majority vote amongst the President, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of External Affairs. In the event of a tie in votes, the President and the Vice President of Finance must come to a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie in votes between the

President(s) and Vice President of Finance, and the Vice President(s) of External Affairs must come to a simple majority vote. In the event of an impeachment of the President due to two consecutive probations, removal of the President shall occur with at least a three-fourths majority vote, in favor of removing the President, by the current Executive Board. Replacement for a completely vacant presidential position as a result of removal due to probationary reasons shall be decided by a simple majority vote amongst the remaining Executive Board members. Replacement for a vacant position as a result of removal due to probationary reasons shall be appointed by the current President or the current remaining President. Any Executive Board member removed from Executive Board for any reason shall not be allowed to re-apply for **Sangam SD** Executive Board until the current and succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board has termed out of its assigned duration. The duration of the term of any current **Sangam SD** Executive Board is explained in Article VI, Section 4.

**Section 7.** Only the President(s) of **Sangam SD** reserves the right to place any Executive Board member on probation, except for himself or herself. Probation shall be assigned to any Executive Board member who engages in any serious misconduct which causes a negative impact to the reputation of **Sangam SD**. The reason for probation and duration of the probationary period will be decided by the current President(s) of **Sangam SD**. Further misconduct while on probation, or being placed on probation twice consecutively, may result in impeachment. The process of determining removal, from Executive Board, as a result of receiving impeachment due to receiving probation twice consecutively is explained in Article VI, Section 6. If an Executive Board member is not removed after two consecutive probation periods, further misconduct committed by an Executive Board member resulting in probation either consecutively or inconsecutively automatically results in the removal of that Executive Board member. An Executive Board member will be automatically removed from Executive Board if he or she has been placed on probation four separate times throughout the term of the current Executive Board. The President may be placed on probation by a simple majority vote of the current Executive Board. The reason for probation and duration of a presidential probationary period will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.

**Section 8.** Executive Board positions for the succeeding term shall be decided in the Spring Quarter of the current UC San Diego academic year or the Fall Quarter of the succeeding UC San Diego academic year. All **Sangam SD** Executive Board positions for the succeeding term become vacant, and must be applied for, in order to be considered for a position on Executive Board for the succeeding term. Any Executive Board positions that become vacant due to resignation or removal shall not be mandated an application and interview process to replace that vacant spot. Replacement of a vacant Executive Board spot due to resignation is explained in Article VI, Section 5. Replacement of a vacant Executive Board spot due to removal is explained in Article VI, Section 6. Any **Sangam SD** member may apply to be on the Executive Board for the succeeding term, unless that member has previously been removed from **Sangam SD** Executive Board. The rules and guidelines, regarding re-application to Executive Board for any member who wishes to rejoin Executive Board after having once been removed

from Executive Board, are outlined in Article VI, Section 6. All applicants must be interviewed by at least the current President of **Sangam SD**. The succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board for the succeeding term shall be officially decided by a simple majority vote, for each position, amongst at least the current President, current Vice President of Finance, and current Vice President(s) of External Affairs. The current President of **Sangam SD** reserves the right to include other Executive Board members in this official decision, for each position on the succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board. The maximum amount of persons involved in making the official decision, for each position on the succeeding **Sangam SD** Executive Board, shall be seven persons. In the event of a tie in votes of the official decision, for any respective position, an official decision, regarding who receives that respective position, shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the consenting current **Sangam SD** Executive Board. Any official decision may be recalled by the President of **Sangam SD**. In the event of a recall, an official decision, regarding who receives that respective position, shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the consenting current **Sangam SD** Executive Board.

**Section 9.** The maximum amount of persons assigned the current position of President shall be two persons. The maximum amount of persons assigned the current position of Vice President of Finance shall be one person. The maximum amount of persons assigned the current position of Vice President of External Affairs shall be two persons. The maximum amount of persons assigned to any other current Executive Board position shall be no more than three persons. The maximum amount of persons allowed on the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board is explained in Article VI, Section I.

**Section 10.** The succeeding President, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of External Affairs must have one year of experience on **Sangam SD** Executive Board prior to taking the respective position as President, Vice President of Finance, or Vice President of External Affairs. The succeeding Culture Show Chair, Social Chair, Publicity Chair, Technology Chair, Secretary, Historian, and Freshmen Representative are not required to have any prior experience on **Sangam SD** Executive Board prior to taking the respective position as Culture Show Chair, Social Chair, Publicity Chair, Technology Chair, Secretary, Historian, or Freshmen Representative.

**Section 11.** Any current paid **Sangam SD** member may apply for a vacant Executive Board position, given that the member applying meets the criteria described in Article VI, Section 10.

## **Article VII – Finances**

**Section 1.** For any funds **Sangam SD** receives from *UC San Diego Associated Students*, **Sangam SD** must abide by the rules and regulations set by *UC San Diego Associated Students* regarding requesting funds, raising funds, and funding reimbursements. All monies belonging to **Sangam SD** shall remain under ownership of **Sangam SD** regardless of the UC San Diego academic year.



**Section 2. Sangam SD** must abide by the rules for being a not-for-profit organization under Internal Revenue Service tax code 101.3(a).

## ARTICLE VIII — RISK MANAGEMENT

**Sangam SD at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.**

**Sangam SD at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.**

Possible risks of attending events hosted by Sangam SD include athletic injury and tiring from physical exertion. In the event such risks arise, Sangam SD will expressly state the possibility of such occurrences beforehand to mitigate risk of injury. Sangam SD will also have a first aid kit (compliant with OSHA standards) accessible at all events in the event immediate attention to an injury is required. UC San Diego is not liable for the consequences of aforementioned risks.

**Section 1.** In the event that Sangam SD at UC San Diego 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.

## Article IX- Affiliations

**Section 1.** Sangam SD is a registered cultural student organization at UC San Diego and abides by rules set by the Center for Student Involvement and Associated Students .

**Section 2.** Elena Contreras, part of the *UC San Diego Center for Student Involvement* office, is the present advisor of Sangam SD.

**Section 3.** Sangam SD may be affiliated with outside parties. All affiliations made with outside parties are made only in good faith, and Sangam SD is not liable for the actions or decisions taken by any outside party.

## Article X – Supreme Law

**Section 1.** This Constitution of **Sangam SD** shall be the supreme law of this organization.

**Section 2.** Any questions regarding the **Sangam SD** Constitution shall be addressed to any current **Sangam SD** Executive Board member and/or a trustee of **Sangam SD**. The position of a trustee of **Sangam SD** is explained in Article XI, Section I.

## **Article XI – Amendments**

**Section 1.** This Constitution of **Sangam SD** may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote by the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board.

## **Article XII – Trustees**

**Section 1.** A trustee of **Sangam SD** is a person who holds an official position of high respect, prestige, and trust with **Sangam SD**. **Sangam SD** trustees must be members of the Executive Board of **Sangam SD** since the founding of **Sangam SD** on the Fourteenth Day of October in the year Nineteen-Hundred Eighty-Six, and must have been on **Sangam SD** Executive Board for at least two of the following three UC San Diego academic quarters: Fall quarter, Winter quarter, and Spring quarter. A person shall be inducted as an official trustee of **Sangam SD** due to his or her significant contribution(s) to **Sangam SD** during his or her time with **Sangam SD**.

**Section 2.** With reason, a person must be nominated or self-nominated by a current member of **Sangam SD**, in order to be considered for trusteeship of **Sangam SD**. This nomination and reason for nomination must be communicated to the current President of **Sangam SD**, then communicated from the current President to the rest of the current Executive Board, after which the current Executive Board shall make the decision to induct the nominated person as a trustee based off a simple majority vote of the current Executive Board. A person shall be inducted as a trustee of **Sangam SD** only after a simple majority vote of the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board votes in favor of inducting the respective person as a trustee of **Sangam SD**.

**Section 3.** Once inducted as a trustee, the person inducted shall be an official trustee of **Sangam SD** as long as **Sangam SD** shall exist, unless the inducted trustee wishes to remove himself or herself as a trustee. At any time, a trustee of **Sangam SD** may, by only his or her own will, remove himself or herself from the status as a trustee of **Sangam SD**. An official written statement, signed by only the trustee, must be sent to the current **Sangam SD** Executive Board, to request removal from the status as a trustee of **Sangam SD**. The current **Sangam SD** Executive Board must honor this signed request, and remove that trustee's status as a trustee of **Sangam SD**. No trustee of **Sangam SD** shall have his or her status revoked as a trustee of **Sangam SD** without the individual consent of the respective trustee.

**Section 4.** Being a trustee of **Sangam SD** endows each respective trustee the honorable and official title: *Sangam SD Trustee*. There is no additional mandatory material or monetary benefit associated with being a *Sangam SD Trustee*. The following individuals are all inducted trustees of **Sangam SD**, whom have officially been bestowed the honorable title of *Sangam SD Trustee*:

Reet Goyal

Sharmi Mathur

Nirupama Cemballi

Shivani Patel

Anika Sharma

Shreya Malik

Prutha Mehta

Ipsita Praharaj

Vaibhav Menon

Apurwa Mishra

Yash Rathi

Sanika Moharana

Amey Natsu

Nikhil Bagaria

Vivahni Shastry

Vinay Mavram

Ankit Agarwal

Arun Varma

Avantika Abhyankar

Ekta Tuteja

Aman Joea

Vik Bhasker

Kavita Atwal

Khooshbu Shah

Rucha Bhatt

Visnu Ghosh

Anish Bhayani

Farah Sheikh

Jay Patel

Tuhina Srivastava

Raj Anand

Parth Chokshi

Dev Sarma

Sawsan Mohiuddin

Gaurav Abbi

Harinder Bhasin

Aasha Sachdev

Arsh Mehta

Devon Gaur

Simran Nayyar

Pranav Janjam

Seva Patel

Chhaya Kera

Aayushi Shah

Insiyah Merchant

Natasha Bisarya

Rishi Shah

Abirami Krishnan

Risha Sharma

Khushi Kumra

Mohit Sridhar