**ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called “Neurosciences Graduate Program Student Council**”** at UC San Diego.

**ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Neurosciences Graduate Program (NGP) Student Council is a student-led group that represents the interests and concerns of graduate students within the Neuroscience Graduate Program. This council will strive to improve the overall quality of the NGP by promoting a sense of community within the NGP student body; by facilitating communication between students and faculty; and by providing social, academic, and professional programming for NGP students.

**ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

Neurosciences Graduate Program Student Council at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

**ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Any NGP student can join or be elected to the council.

**ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

Student council meetings will be held quarterly.

**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 for the selection of the organization’s officers.

Any student in the NGP may hold office. Officers will be selected/replaced annually based on popular vote by the entire NGP student body.

NGP students can be elected as chair/co-chairs for the following committees:

* Admissions
* Career Development
* Computational Neuroscience
* Curriculum
* Diversity
* Executive
* Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
* History & Recordkeeping
* Interview Week
* Peer Advising
* Retreat
* Seminar Dining
* Seminar Series
* Social
* Social Media
* Sports & Recreation

New committees can be proposed to the Executive Committee prior to Student Elections. The proposal should include:

* A mission statement for the proposed committee.
* A list of duties for committee members.
* A list of goals for the upcoming academic year.
* A suggestion for the number of people necessary to enact the committee goals along with potential positions (e.g. chair) and restrictions if applicable (e.g. third-year and above).
* A description of how the mission and goals do not fall within the purview of any current student committees.

The formation of new committees will be voted upon during Student Elections. If more than 75% of students agree to the formation of the new committee, it will be formed, and new members will be invited to join.

**ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Neurosciences Graduate Program Student Council at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Neurosciences Graduate Program Student Council at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

**ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNITY ADVISOR**

The NGP administration—including the director of graduate affairs, the student affairs coordinator, and the program affairs coordinators—will serve as the community advisors. The role of these individuals in the organization is to assist in event planning and financial management (see below).

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Our organization’s activities are fully funded by the Neuroscience Graduate Program. The student council does not directly handle any money; instead, council members pay for approved events out-of-pocket and are reimbursed by the program.