

Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego, with the shortened version being The Thomistic Institute.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

Our goal as the Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego is to promote academic discussion of the Catholic church's intellectual tradition, placing particular emphasis on the thought of the 13th-century philosopher and theologian, Thomas Aquinas.

The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego will invite scholars from other academic institutions to UC San Diego's campus for lectures on philosophical and theological topics. The audience for these lectures includes any UC San Diego student or faculty with an interest in the above.

The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego may also organize other academic events pursuant to its mission such as reading groups.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

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

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

Members are not required to pay dues. Any student who attends events will be considered a member.

Members who are currently enrolled at UC San Diego will be eligible for leadership positions within the organization and will be able to participate in the selection process for the speakers which will be invited to campus throughout the year.

Non-UCSD students are permitted to attend events, which are also open to the wider community.

Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego will not discriminate due to race, gender, ethnicity, age, nationality, citizenship, disability, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.

Article V. Frequency of organization meetings

The Thomistic Institute at the University of California, San Diego, shall convene as follows:

1. Weekly for reading groups, with specific times designated according to the academic quarter.
2. Two to three times per quarter for lectures featuring guest speakers.
3. Leadership shall conduct two meetings per quarter: one prior to the commencement of classes and another following the conclusion of the quarter.

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Removing 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.

Executive officers include President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Below are brief descriptions of the duties of each officer.

1. President. *Organization figurehead. Delegates tasks and leads meetings. Heads correspondence with The Thomistic Institute headquarters. Handles communications, including event advertisement.*
2. Vice President. *Aids the President in their duties. Acts as President in the absence of the President. Assists in planning and executing reading groups.*
3. Treasurer. *Handles organization assets and finances. Assists in planning and executing speaker events.*

Removal of Executive Officers

1. Any executive officer may be removed from their position due to conduct which does not reflect the values of the Thomistic Institute.
2. Should a member or officer notice poor behavior from a current officer, a formal report should be made to the acting president. The president will then approach the individual in question to issue a warning.
3. Should the poor behavior continue, with the approval of the two other officers, the president may remove the officer in question from their position.
4. If the president is the officer in question, the report may be filed with the acting vice president. The president's removal requires the approval of the other officers.

Removal of Members

1. Should a general body member conduct themselves not in accordance with the values of the Thomistic Institute, they may be removed from the organization.
2. Should an executive officer notice poor behavior, a general body member may be removed with the approval of the entire executive board.

3. General body members may file reports about poor member behavior with the acting president.

Article VII. Risk Management

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

The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Article VIII. Affiliation with Other Groups

The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego will be an official chapter of the Thomistic Institute, which is an academic institute of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC.

ARTICLE IX: Events and Meetings

1. The Thomistic Institute at UC San Diego holds the right to address any member or attendee of an event who may be disruptive or conducting themselves inappropriately and remove said person from a meeting or speaking event.

ARTICLE X: Amendment of the Constitution

1. To amend the Constitution a written proposal must be given to the executive board. The proposal will then be presented to active members for a vote. The amendment's passage requires a simple majority.

ARTICLE XI: Dissolution of the Chapter

1. Dissolution of the chapter requires a unanimous decision of the executive board and a simple majority of acting general body members. The president shall then contact student activities staff, notifying them of the chapter's dissolution.
2. All assets and debts of the organization will be handled by the acting treasurer at the time of dissolution.