

# **Pi Kappa Alpha AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Pi Kappa Alpha at UC San Diego.

## **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The object of the Fraternity shall be to advance the educational interests of its members, to promote leadership development, and to make, maintain and uphold a high standard of life, happiness and integrity for its members by uniting them in closer bonds of friendship and brotherly union.

Pi Kappa Alpha at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

## **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The Fraternity is a fraternal affiliation of Chapters, student members, alumnus members, and such affiliated entities as authorized by the Convention, the Constitution or the Supreme Council. All students and visiting scholars who are enrolled at the University of California, San Diego at which they were initiated into a chapter shall be classified as student members of the Fraternity. Student member transferees from one chapter to another chapter shall also be members provided the Sending Chapter and the Receiving Chapter follow the procedures prescribed in the Chapter Codes. As a nondiscriminatory chapter, members may not be restricted by race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, or any other protected class, except gender. Pi Kappa Alpha is a nationally all male Fraternity, therefore, chapter membership is restricted to the male gender. Requirements for retaining membership require payment of quarterly dues totaling various amounts outlined in the following- \$400 for all in good standing active members, \$200 for all in good standing graduating seniors, \$200 for all NCAA athletes that are currently in their sporting season. These dues are explicitly explained to all potential new members before they commit to sign their bids. In order to become a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, potential new members must participate in a formal rush organized by the Interfraternal Council and be voted in favor by 66% of the student active chapter in order to receive a bid. Members may go on a payment plan as dictated by the chapter treasurer if they are unable to pay dues in full. If a member were to go into financial delinquency, they may be sent to collections or dropped at the discretion of the chapter executive board.

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### **ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

Pi Kappa Alpha will meet with the entire active chapter once a week, in a meeting led by the chapter president and the rest of the executive board. New members in their educational period will have an additional meeting to be educated on chapter history and requirements during their nationally mandated four (4) week new member period. Minutes shall be taken by the chapter secretary and put into records to be accessed by the chapter executive board.

### **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.

In order to maintain a good standing with the Fraternity, a chapter shall have the following officers whose official names shall be given in the chapter bylaws, but who shall be referred to generically in all public records and communications as the Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Secretary, Chapter New Member Educator, Assistant Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Sergeant at Arms, Chapter Historian, Chapter House Manager, Chapter Vice President of Membership Development, Chapter Recruitment Chairman, Chapter Scholarship Chairman, Chapter Alumni Relations Chairman, and Chapter Health and Safety Officer. The Executive Committee consists of the Chapter President, two (2) Chapter Vice Presidents (Internal and External), Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Recruitment Chairman, Chapter Health and Safety Officer, Chapter Sergeant at Arms, Chapter Vice President of Membership Development, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Officer of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Committees may be formed for specific purposes at the discretion of the Chapter President to be led by the appointed executive officer. Officers on the executive committee, excluding the Chapter Recruitment Chairman, who is nationally mandated to be chosen by the Chapter President, are elected by the active chapter in a 66% required vote for a single candidate. All other officers outlined above are appointed by the Chapter President for a full year following the same term calendar as the rest of the executive board. All active members in good standing are eligible for office and assume their positions on 1 January of the year following their elections at the last chapter meeting of the previous year. Officers are replaced on a yearly basis as outlined above. If there were to be a situation where a chapter officer would be required to be removed from his position, the Chapter President would consult with the Chapter Sergeant at Arms and if necessary, bring the matter to the Chapter Judicial Board, to be composed of members of every member class and chosen by the Chapter Sergeant at Arms. They must vote in a 66% majority to remove said officer from their position, at which the Chapter President would then appoint a replacement. The same process is followed for the removal of general members of the Fraternity, except an additional 66% vote in favor of removal from the Chapter Executive Board after the vote by the Chapter Judicial Board.

### **ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Pi Kappa Alpha at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Pi Kappa Alpha at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Being a social Fraternity, the risks associated with holding social events must be addressed. This is the sole responsibility of the Chapter Health and Safety Officer. As an elected member of the Chapter Executive Board, the Chapter Health and Safety Officer, in association with the Chapter President, must take every measure to ensure safety at all Fraternity events. This includes, but is not limited to, sober monitors at all events where alcohol may be available or individuals may be intoxicated. The Chapter President and Chapter Health and Safety Officer must also take every possible action to mitigate threats that may arise against the Fraternity to ensure all members and guests are safe at all times.

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### **ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION**

At the first new member meeting, new members are to be informed in writing and verbally by the Chapter New Member Educator actions that constitute hazing and how to report acts of hazing to the Chapter Executive Board. Once initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha, it is nationally mandated that all members are to be educated on hazing prevention and the dangers associated with the hazing of new members. This alone prevents many acts of hazing, but to ensure hazing has no place in this Fraternity, new member meetings must be attended by the Chapter President, the Chapter Health and Safety Officer, and one of the Chapter Vice Presidents. This ensures that all actions of education are monitored and strictly educational based on National Fraternity Standards. The Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity takes acts of hazing seriously, and any accusations from active or new members are investigated independently of the Fraternity Chapter and to the fullest extent. It is the policy of the International Fraternity that hazing is strictly forbidden and against the law. As listed in Fraternity Standards, "True Pikes don't haze."

### **ARTICLE IX. COMMUNITY MENTOR**

The Chapter Advisor is appointed by the International Fraternity and serves as an advisor to the Chapter regarding financial and procedural matters.

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### **ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The chapter will finance its activities through the collection of dues from the active members. All funds and Chapter bank accounts are to be managed by the Chapter Treasurer, the Chapter Finance Committee, and the Chapter Alumni Finance Advisor. The accessors of the Fraternity bank accounts are to be managed through the International Fraternity.