

Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego Constitution
2024-2025 Academic Year

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego. This name will be used in all official communications, documents, and promotional materials. The organization acknowledges that it is not a formal part of the University of California system but operates within the guidelines and policies set forth by UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego is an Asian Interest organization committed to promoting the interests, culture, and contributions of Asian communities on campus. The organization was formed in response to the declining presence of Asia Interest organizations at UCSD, with the goal of celebrating, educating, and fostering a deeper understanding of the diverse cultural and social customs within the Asian community. The organization aims to provide a supportive space for students of all backgrounds to learn about and participate in Asian cultural traditions. Members of Pi Nu Gamma will benefit from opportunities to engage in meaningful cultural exchange, leadership development, and community building. By participating in councils, committees, and other campus programs, we seek to contribute to the broader cultural awareness at UCSD and build positive relationships with other student organizations.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization. All funds raised by the organization will be used solely to support its mission, activities, and operations. The organization is committed to transparency and accountability in managing its finances.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego is open to all UC San Diego students who have an interest in promoting and supporting Asian culture, heritage, and community engagement. There are no restrictions based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation, as the organization upholds a policy of inclusivity and nondiscrimination. Prospective members may join by attending meetings or events and registering as a member with the club secretary. Active membership will require participation in at least 50% of the organization's activities each academic quarter, and attendance at general body meetings will be recorded to ensure engagement. The specific dues for each quarter will be announced by the Executive Board at the beginning of the quarter. Members who do not pay dues by the designated deadline will be considered inactive and will lose their voting rights and access to member only events and activities until dues are paid. The organization reserves the right to remove members who violate the club's code of conduct or fail to uphold its values.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

General body meetings for Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego will be held biweekly (every two weeks) during the academic year, unless otherwise noted by the Executive Board. Additional special meetings may be called as needed, especially for planning events, voting on important decisions, or responding to urgent matters. A minimum of five meetings per academic quarter will be held. Minutes will be taken at each official meeting by the Secretary and will be distributed to all members via email within 48 hours of the meeting. Minutes serve to inform members who were unable to attend and document the organization's decisions and activities.

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.

The organization will have the following officer positions:

President: Oversees the organization, ensures meetings are held, and represents the organization in official capacities.

Vice President: Assists the President in their duties and takes over in the President's absence.

Secretary: Maintains records of meetings, membership lists, and handles all correspondence.

Treasurer: Manages the finances, including budgeting, fundraising, and financial reporting.

Elections for officers will take place during the Spring Quarter, and officers will serve for a term of one academic year. Elections will be held via secret ballot, and candidates must be nominated by at least one other member. A simple majority vote of active members is required to win an election. Officers are expected to uphold the values of the organization and perform their duties diligently. If an officer is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, they may resign, and a special election will be held. Officers may also be removed by a two thirds majority vote of the general membership if they fail to fulfill their duties.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

To mitigate risks, all events hosted by the organization will be planned and executed with the safety of members and participants as a priority. This includes ensuring that activities comply with campus policies, that proper permissions are obtained for events, and that no activities

present unreasonable physical, financial, or legal risks. If the organization engages in activities involving physical exertion (such as outdoor events or sports), waivers may be required from participants to ensure their understanding of any potential risks. The organization will also avoid any activities that could be considered harmful or discriminatory.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION

Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego maintains a zero tolerance policy regarding hazing. All forms of hazing, whether physical, emotional, or psychological, are strictly prohibited, in accordance with UC San Diego policy and California State Law. Members will be educated on the definition of hazing and how to identify and report it. Any member found to be involved in hazing activities will face disciplinary action, which may include removal from the organization and referral to campus authorities. The organization will create a safe and welcoming environment where all members are treated with respect and dignity.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The financial affairs of Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego¹ will be overseen by the Treasurer, with support from the Executive Board. The Treasurer will be responsible for creating an annual budget, managing expenses, and keeping accurate financial records. All club funds will be deposited into an official account unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board. All financial decisions, including the allocation of funds for events and activities, will require the approval of the Executive Board. If the organization needs additional funding, it will apply for funding from A.S. Council or engage in fundraising activities. The Treasurer will present a financial report to the general membership at the end of each quarter, and the organization's finances will be audited annually to ensure accountability.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Pi Nu Gamma at UC San Diego is not formally affiliated with any external organizations at this time. However, the organization may collaborate with other student organizations on campus, particularly those with a cultural, educational, or social focus, to host joint events, workshops, and community service projects. Such collaborations will be approved by the Executive Board. Any future affiliation with local, state, or national organizations will be considered by the general membership and must be approved by a majority vote.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of the active membership. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board, which will then present the proposal at the next general body meeting. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed amendment before voting. Amendments will take effect immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified.