

Constitution of Cross-Med Outreach at UC San Diego

2024-2025 Academic Year

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called **Cross-Med Outreach at UC San Diego**.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego is a multidisciplinary student organization committed to advancing healthcare accessibility, promoting medical education, and fostering humanitarian outreach across diverse communities, particularly in the United States and Mexico. Our mission includes:

- Providing hands-on medical volunteer opportunities for students interested in healthcare and humanitarian aid.
- Strengthening public health initiatives through community-driven education, outreach, and advocacy.
- Collaborating with healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers to address global health challenges.
- Supporting leadership development through mentorship, networking, and skill-building workshops.
- Encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration among students in medicine, public health, engineering, social sciences, and other fields.
- Advocating for equitable healthcare solutions and fostering long-term relationships with underserved communities.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all UC San Diego students, regardless of academic discipline, who are passionate about healthcare, medicine, public health, or humanitarian service.
2. Members must participate actively in meetings, outreach programs, professional development activities, and fundraising initiatives.

3. CrossMed Outreach embraces **diversity, equity, and inclusion**, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background, feel welcomed and valued.
4. Membership fees will be required, the amount will be \$15 per quarter. Members can waive this fee if they complete a waiver application and provide proof of financial assistance. .
5. Members must uphold ethical standards and organizational guidelines during service activities.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

1. General membership meetings shall be held at least **biweekly** to discuss ongoing initiatives, training, and event planning.
2. Leadership meetings shall be held as needed to ensure smooth organizational management.
3. Task forces and subcommittees may convene independently to manage specialized projects.
4. Meeting minutes will be recorded and shared with members who are unable to attend.

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.

ARTICLE VI. GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP, AND STRUCTURE

Section 1: Executive Board

CrossMed Outreach shall be governed by an **Executive Board**, responsible for strategic oversight, member engagement, and operational management. Each board member will hold their positions for up to a year, but may be removed for violation of guidelines. Board positions include:

- **President** – Leads the organization, fosters partnerships, and sets long-term goals.
- **Vice President** – Assists the President in managing operations, initiatives, and leadership development.- Lilly
- **Secretary** – Maintains official records, internal communications, and documentation.
- **Treasurer** – Oversees financial planning, fundraising strategies, and resource allocation.- Oscar
- **Events Director** – Organizes volunteer trips, medical training, and community outreach programs.
- **Public Relations Officer** – Manages branding, social media presence, and membership recruitment efforts. - Xiomara
- **Diversity and Inclusion Chair** – Ensures accessibility, cultural sensitivity, and equitable representation within activities. - Kevin
- **Research and Advocacy Chair** – Oversees public health research initiatives, policy discussions, and advocacy projects.

Section 2: Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually, with the exception of the organization's founder, Marioni Ponce.
2. The executive board and general membership will have the opportunity to participate in the voting process to select the most qualified candidate for each position.
3. Candidates seeking election to a leadership position within the organization must meet the following criteria: Be an active member in good standing. Demonstrate a strong commitment to the organization's mission and values. Exhibit leadership qualities, teamwork skills, and a willingness to fulfill the responsibilities of the role. Participate in the nomination and election process as determined by the executive board and general members.

Section 3: Committees and Specialized Task Forces

1. Standing committees may include **Volunteer Coordination, Fundraising, Education & Training, Community Engagement, and Research & Advocacy**.
2. Specialized task forces may be created to focus on emerging health crises, new partnerships, or leadership training programs.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In the event that CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will operate under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). Students may not offer any medical assistance without the presence of a licensed professional.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 2. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by student organizations due to associated risks. Members engaging in international volunteer work must follow **U.S. State Department Travel Advisories, CDC Health Guidelines**, and secure **proper travel insurance**.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego strictly prohibits hazing in any form. Members will receive education on how to identify and report hazing. Violations will be referred to the **Center for Student Accountability, Growth, & Education**.

ARTICLE IX. COMMUNITY MENTOR PROGRAM

CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego shall seek **Community Mentors**, including faculty advisors, healthcare professionals, and humanitarian leaders to provide **guidance, career mentorship, and strategic insight** on service initiatives.

ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

1. Funding shall be sourced through **grants, sponsorships, membership dues, fundraising events, and university funding opportunities**.
2. Financial records shall be maintained and disclosed semi-annually for transparency.
3. Funds will support outreach programs, volunteer initiatives, research, and organizational operations.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

1. CrossMed Outreach at UC San Diego may collaborate with **universities, research institutions, NGOs, healthcare providers, and advocacy groups** to maximize impact.
2. Ethical, sustainable partnerships shall be prioritized for long-term engagement.
3. The organization shall seek **national and international affiliations** with humanitarian healthcare initiatives that align with its mission.

ARTICLE XII. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

1. CrossMed Outreach shall provide **mentorship programs**, pairing students with professionals in medicine, global health, and related fields.
2. Leadership training workshops shall enhance project management, policy research, and advocacy skills.
3. Mentors will be offering their guidance for up to four years.

ARTICLE XIII. RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND POLICY ADVOCACY

1. The organization shall promote **public health research initiatives** addressing critical healthcare disparities.
 2. Members will participate in **healthcare education efforts**, including first aid workshops, preventative care discussions, and awareness campaigns.
 3. Advocacy projects will focus on healthcare equity, access to medical resources, and global health policy.
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