

Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego

Constitution 2025-26

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called the Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) at the University of California, San Diego is an organization that provides a community for Taiwanese Americans and those interested in Taiwanese culture. The organization creates a culture of unity within San Diego and extends across universities. We promote cultural awareness by building a community of motivated, dedicated, and curious students through our social and cultural activities that take place throughout the year.

The Taiwanese-American identity is one that is very diverse and at times, divisive. Despite this, individuals ranging from those who barely identify themselves as Taiwanese, to those who feel passionately about Taiwanese culture, are all still unified under a common background. Thus, those with the Taiwanese-American identity have the potential to develop into a tight-knit community as strong leaders with a unified voice in this nation and college community.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

The Taiwanese American Student Association at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. All registered UC San Diego students are eligible to join the organization.
2. Membership is not required for those who wish to attend meetings and/or events hosted by the organization.
3. Membership entails an annual fee of \$15 and receipt of a membership card. No additional dues are required.
4. Membership is valid for 12 consecutive months starting and ending on the first day of the academic calendar.
5. Upon receipt of said membership card, the name of the cardholder shall be recorded by organization officers for membership purposes only.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION

Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members and does not condone hazing. Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the organization in compliance with state and federal law, Regents' policies and University regulations. Participation in hazing or any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, including current, former, or prospective students, regardless of the willingness of such other

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person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of a preinitiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an official or unofficial student organization or other student group that i. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including personal degradation or disgrace, and/or ii. the person knew or should have known was likely to cause serious bodily injury. As an organization, we understand that failure to abide by hazing policies and laws will result in referral to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) for an organizational violation and/or individual violation(s).

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

General body meetings shall occur 2-3 times per quarter and will discuss other upcoming club events and topics related to Taiwanese culture. Meeting minutes will be made available for members to review after the meeting takes place.

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.

1. Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization.
2. All registered UC San Diego students are eligible for consideration for officer positions.
3. Applicants must be TASA members at the time of application for eligibility.
4. Officers will assume their position immediately after the last TASA event of the academic year.
5. An officer's term will automatically terminate at the end of the academic year unless the officer is holding office the following year.
6. Officer Selection Process
 - a. There will be two separate rounds for officer selection, including a written application, interview, and executive review. Both rounds will commence during Spring Quarter.
 - b. The singular collective group of standing officers will constitute the "executive committee" or "cabinet."
 - c. The first round will include all applicants for the Co-President position. The existing Co-Presidents and active standing advisors will solely handle the applications, interviews, and executive review.
 - i. The existing Co-Presidents will make the final decision prior to the second round of applications. First round applicants will be informed of the decision. This decision will be confidential to the general member base, including second-round applicants.
 - d. The second round will include applicants for all other positions. A panel of the subsequent President(s) and/or Vice President will be responsible for handling applications, interviews, and executive reviews.
 - e. The number of officers, duties, and application selection is up to the discretion of the newly-elected Co-Presidents.

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*****ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS**

7. Any officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Endorsement for removal by the President(s)
 - b. A vote including and limited to the standing executive committee or cabinet. A 75% majority is required for the removal of any officer.
 - c. Receiving 3 strikes for misconduct and/or failure to adhere to responsibilities as stated in the officer contract.
8. If an officer is at risk for being removed from office, they will be given written and verbal notice from the Co-Presidents, including the reasoning for potential removal. A meeting between the Co-Presidents, advisors, and the individual at risk shall be held, allowing all parties to share their perspectives. A vote among the Co-Presidents and advisors shall be held for the final decision.
9. If a final decision is reached to remove an individual from office, written notice will be provided to that individual.
10. Any reasoning supporting an individual's removal from office related to student misconduct will be escalated to the Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OPHD), or to Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE)

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.