

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In response to God's love, grace and truth:

The purpose of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is to establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world.

We believe in:

The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—full of love and glory.

The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.

The value and dignity of all people: created in God's image to live in love and holiness but alienated from God and each other because of our sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath.

Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord.

Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

To God be glory forever.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership and participation in this organization is open to all students and faculty members. Any discrimination on the basis of (but not limited to) race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or veteran status in any situation pertaining to the practice of the organization will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship 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 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

Section I. Community-Wide Meetings. Weekly Large Group meetings will be held with musical worship, messages pertaining to the religious pursuit of the group, and community-building activities. Smaller group activities will be held throughout the week at the discretion of student leaders. Meetings will include community gatherings, Bible studies, prayer meetings, etc.

Section II. Leadership Meetings. Organization leaders will participate in weekly team meetings pertaining to matters within the community and leadership development.

Section III. Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purposes of the organization will be held as occasion warrants.

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.

Leadership

Section 1. The leadership of this organization will consist of an executive committee (and/or any officers and others the group desires).

Section 2. The responsibilities of the leadership of this chapter are:

1. To carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of this organization.
2. To call an annual meeting for selection of new leadership and to evaluate the various activities of the year.
3. To be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Selection of Leadership

Section 1. The Selection Committee will consist of the Executive Committee and any other leaders whom the Executive Committee feels would be helpful for the process.

Section 2. The Selection Committee will receive recommendations for new leaders from members of the chapter.

Section 3. Leadership of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UCSD involves significant spiritual commitment. Chapter leaders are expected to indicate their agreement with InterVarsity's Doctrine and Purpose Statements and exemplify Christ-like character, conduct and leadership (c.f. the following relevant passages: 1 Peter 5:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Galatians 5:19-26; and 1 Corinthians 6:7-11).

Section 4. New leaders will be selected on an annual basis by the Selection Committee for a term of one year.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS

In the event that the removal of a member or student leader becomes necessary:

1. There must be proven reasonable grounds for the removal of a member or student leader, in line with the nondiscrimination policy of the organization and of the university. Removal is a last resort that shall only be pursued in cases of immense conflict that cannot be resolved by any other method. Final decision rests with organization officers.
2. An attempt at conflict resolution must occur between the individual in question, a member of the executive team, or an established third-party authority figure designated by the executive team, first requiring clear boundaries for the individual to remain in the organization. Should this fail, a consensus must be reached among officers whether to pursue further attempts at conflict resolution or to remove the member.
3. No removal shall take place without a reasonable effort to connect the individual to the proper resources, whether campus, mental, spiritual, etc.

In the event that the removal of an officer from the executive team becomes necessary:

1. There must be proven reasonable grounds for the removal of an officer, in line with the nondiscrimination policy of the organization and of the university. The removal of an officer is a last resort and will only be pursued when all other methods of conflict resolution have failed.
2. An attempt at conflict resolution must occur between the individual in question, members of the executive team, and an established third-party authority figure designated by the entire executive team.
3. No removal shall take place without a reasonable effort to connect the individual to the proper resources, whether campus, mental, spiritual, etc.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.