

YALLA, LET'S TALK AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

ARTICLE I. YALLA, LET'S TALK!

The organization shall be named Yalla, Let's Talk! At UC San Diego

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose and goal of this organization is to provide a space for MENA (Middle Eastern North African) students and those who are interested in learning various dialects in the Arabic language. The organization will be promoting the unity that languages should bring instead of the isolation of communities and culture. Organization members will be able to practice and strengthen their use of the Arabic language. They will also be joining a much larger supportive community in learning the various dialects in the language and be exposed to MENA cultures through food and drink tasting, music, dancing, etc.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Yalla, Let's Talk at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are no dues or fees required for membership. The entire student body is eligible for membership and there are no restrictions. We will not be discriminatory towards any person of any race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious background. To become a member there will be a sign up opportunities through Instagram, fliers, tabling, and a link provided during the first general body meeting.

SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION

Yalla, Lets Talk 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

The organization will meet twice a month this excludes any events that occur during the month. The required number of meetings each quarter will be 6 meetings. Minutes will be recorded for official meetings by an assigned secretary. This is done to provide information for those who can not attend a general body meeting.

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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. There will be a total of 6 officers. The officers for this organization will consist of co-presidents, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a creative administrator. Co-presidents will be conducting meetings and handling administrative duties. Vice presidents will be organizing events and supporting co-presidents in managing the organization. The secretary will record minutes and keep track of planned courses of events that occur during the general body meetings. The treasurer will do budgeting, keep track of money during fundraisers, and collaborate with organizations who are funding the club. There will not consist of an executive committee for this organization. Those who are interested in any of the positions will go through a campaigning process. This means they will have to campaign for themselves and prove their ability to take on the position. The current presidents will elect the officers based on their campaign and qualifications. This election will happen yearly during the spring quarter. The term consists of a year which will begin the fall quarter after the election. Anyone member of this organization is eligible for a position in office. Officers will be removed/replaced from office if they do not fulfill their duties or if they do something in the name of the club that violates UC San Diego policies. General members are also expected to follow UC San Diego policies or will be removed from the organization.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS

Our organization's removal process for a member or officer of the club is the same. Before the decision to remove a member or officer is made we will ensure that there was due process for the removal by contacting student legal services and complying with the university's non-discrimination policies. Once due process is made we will be providing a written notice to the member or officer on why they are being removed from the club and when their hearing will occur. During the hearing the individual being potentially removed from the club will have the opportunity to share their side of the story. This will be the time for them to defend themselves with counter evidence. After their defense the other officers will hold a vote on whether or not the individual should be removed. Finally, a written notice will be provided to the individual on their fate as a member or officer of the club.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Yalla, Let's Talk at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. Yalla, Let's Talk at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization. There are no risks associated with our organization's activities.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our organization will be funded through A.S. and personal fundraisers set up by the organization. Any money that is earned through the fundraisers will be put into a bank account provided through the University Credit Union. Our organization will be submitting a budget to the A.S. finance committee quarterly.

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