

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego

Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is established for the expressed purpose of: our mission is to harness the therapeutic potential of art to enhance the lives of individuals affected by dementia and other neurodegenerative diseases. We are dedicated to fostering creativity, connection, and emotional well-being through engaging artistic experiences that promote a sense of joy and mitigate the various symptoms of these conditions. By providing a safe and inclusive space, we aim to empower both participants and their caregivers, promoting self-expression and shared understanding. With a strong focus on collaboration, we strive to create a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of those living with dementia and other neurodegenerative diseases.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership at Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is limited to undergraduate students who identify as club members.

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego does not restrict its membership, programs, or activities on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, and family and genetic information.

There are no dues/fees associated with being a member of Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego 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

There will be biweekly visits to both Vi at La Jolla Village and Ivy Park at La Jolla, the memory care facilities that Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is partnering with.

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.

Officers shall be elected annually in the Spring quarter by a majority vote of the membership and shall take office the September after they are elected.

Officers will be replaced with a majority vote of the other current officers, or if the officer can no longer meet the terms of membership. Newly elected officers will begin their role the September after they are elected.

The officers of this organization will be:

President

- Calls and presides over official meetings and visits of the organization
- Plans and hosts visits to the partnered facility
- Acts as the tie-breaking vote in matters of business
- Maintains organization in good standing with UC San Diego via communication with Student Engagement and/or other interested University entities
- Serves as an ex-officio member of any committee that is created through by-law

Vice President

- Shares and supports responsibilities of President

Secretary

- Records minutes of all official meetings of the organization and emails them to everyone after the meeting; if not present – designates another member to take minutes in their place
- Maintains official historical file for the organization (constitution, by-laws, minutes, rosters, financial records, risk management, records, etc.)

Director of Operations

- Confirm all materials are there for visits
- Consistently keeps track of attendance
- Ensure visits go smoothly and help student members out, if needed

Director of Marketing

- Handles social media accounts
- Creates all graphics of the organization
- Oversees any other platforms and advertises organization to students

These officers will form an executive committee. Although each officer has specific responsibilities, officers and members are encouraged to work together to complete tasks so that no single member becomes overwhelmed at any given time. Executive Board members are expected to meet independently of the general body to plan meetings and events.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS

Any officer or member of leadership may be removed or demoted by a vote of the officers and leadership. Before a vote is initiated, reasonable efforts will be made to resolve the issue through alternative means. Removal shall only be considered for serious reasons, including but not limited to: failure to fulfill duties, misuse of club resources, hostile or discriminatory behavior, prolonged inactivity, or violations of university policy.

ARTICLE VII: RISK MANAGEMENT

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance 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 INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR ELDERLY

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu>.

Dementia Art Therapy Alliance at UC San Diego will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

ARTICLE X: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

We do not collect dues. However, in the case that we do receive funding, all funds will be handled by the President and VP. Any funds received will go towards club and activity related matters.

Expenses not covered for materials provided by the Assisted Living Facility necessary for art therapy.