

## **Civil Discourse Club Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Civil Discourse Club at UCSD.

### **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Civil Discourse Club strives to provide a space for genuine political and philosophical inquiry, through the promotion of free speech, civil discussion, and open criticism of all ideas and thoughts. All are welcome to take the opportunity to share and build their ideas in a diverse community of thought. Civil Discourse Club is inspired to push goals in our community, state and nation to promote diverse thought and understanding. With the founding principle that there is “No Person Below Dignity, No Ideas Above Criticism.”

### **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

Civil Discourse Club at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

### **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Active members have no formal requirements, but all members are required to follow a Code of Etiquette:

1. Separate your ideas from your person;
2. No censorship of ideas;
3. No personal attacks;
4. No explicit/implicit threats of violence, harm, or harassment;
5. No acts of violence, harm, or harassment;

Voting members are members that have attended at least two previous meetings.

### **ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

This organization will meet once a week on a weekday that will be announced before the beginning of every quarter by club leadership.

### **ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS**

Section 1. Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization’s officers.

Section 2. Elections will commence every Spring Quarter in either during Week 5 or 6 of the academic calendar. Appointments will occur at the discretion of the President, if any member of Leadership is removed, or resigns their position. All incumbents must re-run for their position in a general body election. Voting members will have their votes counted by an anonymous ballot.

1. President

- Reserves rooms for meetings
  - Schedule meeting times and locations
  - Give orientation to new members
  - Reach out to other student organizations when needed
2. Vice President
    - Any tasks delegated by President
    - Take pictures during meetings
    - Manage social media accounts
  3. Secretary
    - Take meeting minutes for general body meetings and principal board meetings
    - Manage the official club email
    - Keeps track of attendance to meetings
    - Coordinates with cooperating organizations
    - Helps supervise joint events with other organizations
  4. Treasurer
    - Keeps track of money held by organization and money given to organization by club members
    - Responsible for creating and keeping financial documents
    - Reports club financial information to principal board
    - When the Treasurer position is not filled, the Outreach Officer or Vice President will fulfill the role.

Section 3. The Vice President, if joined by the Treasurer or the Secretary, may bring a vote of no confidence in the President. The motion will first appear within an Executive Board meeting, requiring that the motion be added to the agenda for the following General Body meeting sent by email.

Section 4. The Executive Board is responsible for setting up at least one Political Forum/Debate per academic year, the Political Forum/Debate must serve to facilitate conversation and education about differing political parties and groups. The Executive Board may hold an additional event such as a Panel or Philosophical Forum, but to maintain the responsibility of civil discussion the club must aid in the development of Political dialogue for our nation.

Section 5. Any member may propose amendments to the Executive Board to be compiled for proposal in a formal voting general meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Civil Discourse Club at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. Civil Discourse Club at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

1. Discussion of possibly sensitive and offensive ideologies

## **ARTICLE IX. Financial Management**

Section 1. The Treasurer is responsible for submitting the club expenses to the Executive Board at the end of every quarter, as well as an annual expense report.

Section 2. The organization will develop an off-campus bank account that will be managed and audited by the Treasurer, The bank account will require:

1. Two signatures on checks, valid signers are the President, Vice President, and Treasure.
2. Checking of the central mailbox brought into every other executive board meeting, or communicated with the President.

Section 3. Members and nonmembers may request access and reviewal of the clubs quarterly and annual expense reports upon request.

Section 4. Embezzlement, or the misappropriation of club funds, will be punished by the office immediately being placed on probation allowing the club to find out the extent of their actions. Pending the confirmation of the violation the officer will rejoin the general body barred from running for re-election, depending on the extent of which the misappropriation occurs the general body will hold a public reveal of incident and may ask them to be suspended for up to a year.