

Mixed Student Union at UCSD

Constitution

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Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Mixed Student Union (MSU) at UCSD

Article II. Statement of Purposes

The Mixed Student Union at UCSD will have the purpose to increase and highlight cultural exchange amongst members and campus at large, as well as create a welcoming and inclusive community for people of multicultural identities.

The mission of MSU will be to

- Share the mixed student experience
- Advocate for those of mixed racial/ethnic identities
- Create an inviting space for individuals of various and broad cultural backgrounds
- Create a community for those students who may not feel they fit in traditional cultural spaces
- Create community for those who want to broaden their cultural experience
- Focus on inclusion and integration of each individual into the larger community
- Celebrate cultural exchange amongst individuals and throughout campus
- Create a space to discuss issues of social justice in relation to race and ethnicity - Provide peer support for academic and professional endeavors

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Mixed Student Union at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

- A. Mixed Student Union general body membership is open to all current UCSD students regardless of sex, gender, race, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic level, ability, or class standings.
- B. There will be three types of members: board members, interns, and general members.
 - Executive board members and interns will be commitment to a decided number of meetings per week and attendance at events that MSU board members deem mandatory
 - All members will be required to fill out an application that includes a survey that helps the organization understand its missions specifically in the context of current members of the organization. This application will need to be filled out within the first half of the quarter of entrance to establish membership.
 - Students will be deemed official general members once the application is completed and will then be able to apply to intern positions, executive board positions, and the MSU mentorship programs.

- All students are welcome to participate in MSU GBM's and various events regardless of membership status. Membership status will only be necessary for participation in mentorship and internship programs.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

- MSU general body meetings will be once a month during the academic year. In addition to general body meetings, there will also be executive board meetings and intern meetings at times decided upon by MSU board members.
- Minutes will be taken at executive board meetings.
- Minutes will be taken at intern meetings at the discretion of the board member who is running the meeting.

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers*

Members must be a general member to apply for an executive board member position and will be required to fill out a general application for acquisition of an executive board member position. They may be required to attend an interview. They will then be appointed or elected into their position in the 2nd week of spring quarter at which time there will be a transition period where both current and new members will be held responsible for officer duties. This transition period will last a period of time at the discretion of the current board member, and once this transition period is declared over, the new board member will assume full responsibility of officer duties.

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.

The members of the executive board will be undergraduate students with a passion for the MSU missions. They will represent the MSU community on campus and will strive to educate themselves on topics relevant to the MSU community. Board members will serve as role models to other members. They are focused on fostering community while also carrying out their part of MSU's mission and goals. All board members will be responsible for the education and integration of general members.

Article VII. Structure of the Executive Board

ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT

- Delegate Responsibilities
- Set Timelines
- Ensure Programs & Events Align with the MSU Mission
- Assist Officers with Duties When Needed
- Represent MSU with Associated Organizations
- Coordinate Officer Elections, Interviews, and Appointments
- Run Board Meetings
- Assist in the creation of a safe space for a collaborative board
- Coordinate Possible Retreats

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

- Fundraise for Organization Events
- Budget for Organization Events
- Acquire Funding
- Oversee Transactions at all Organization Events

PUBLIC RELATIONS

VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Plan and Execute Programs of cultural exchange for campus at large
- Plan and Execute Programs that share & highlight the mixed student experience
- Ensure MSU remains inclusive for incoming members
- Coordinate the recruitment of new MSU members
- Ensure a Cohesive and Clear Image of MSU
- Handle Relations with Other Student Organizations and Organization Associations

MEDIA CHAIR

- Create a Cohesive and Clear Image of MSU
- Manage Social Media
- Manage Community Announcements
- Assist in coordinating the Recruitment of New Members

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

VICE PRESIDENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- Research and Present Topics for GBM's
- Coordinate Cultural Events for the Community and Campus
- Encourage Cultural Exchange amongst Members
- Educate Members on Various Cultural Elements

CULTURAL REPRESENTATION COORDINATOR

- Ensure Community Members Feel Heard and Represented
- Educate Members on topics relating to Race and Ethnicity
- Create a Safe Space for Individuals of All Backgrounds
- Assist in Research for GMB's
- Maintain all programs are a true and accurate representation of our community goals and needs

INTERNAL

VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Assume responsibility for the Integration of New Community Members
- Plan and Execute Socials
- Assist in Coordination of Mentorship and Internship Programs
- Support Board Member needs
- Assist in the creation of a safe space for a collaborative board

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

- Coordinate Mentorship and Internship Program

- Assist in the Recruitment of New Members
- Appoint New Members to General Member Status
- Record New Member Information
- Ensure All Members Maintain High Academic Standards
- Support Members in Educational and Professional Pursuits

Article VIII. Risk Management

Mixed Student Union at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself. MSU at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.