

# **Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD Constitution**

## **2021-2022 Academic Year**

### **Article I. Name of Student Organization**

The organization shall be called Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD.

### **Article II. Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD is to provide a means for dancers to continue and cultivate their passion for dance while pursuing higher education. The organization will emphasize both classical and contemporary ballet in a recreational manner. The organization is geared toward intermediate-advanced level dancers.

Members of the organization will foster dance and team-building skills through weekly rehearsals and potential performances.

### **Article III. Nonprofit Statement**

Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

### **Article IV. Requirements for Membership**

Eligible members are undergraduate students who have ample dance experience in the styles of ballet and/or contemporary. Members are selected through an annual audition in Fall Quarter in which potential members should demonstrate proficiency in execution of choreography, technique, and musicality. New members will be selected by vote of the officers of the organization.

Members of Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD are required to pay a quarterly due of \$20. If a member fails to pay dues, they will not be able to participate in activities of the organization until the dues are paid. If a member demonstrates a significant financial burden that would prevent them from paying dues, the fee may be waived or decreased on a case-by-case basis.

Members must adhere to a three-strikes policy pertaining to their conduct as a part of the organization. "Strikes" may be received for issues including, but not limited to, excessive absences (see Article V), poor attitude during rehearsals, or failing to uphold the values of the organization. Prior to an official strike, a member may be given a warning by the officers. With each strike received, a member will be notified and will need to discuss the issue with the officers. Once three strikes are reached, the member may face expulsion from the organization.

## **Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings**

The organization will meet twice a week for approximately two (2) hours per rehearsal. All rehearsals are mandatory for all members, and attendance will be taken. Additional meetings may be organized to prepare for events or upcoming performances.

Members are allowed three (3) excused absences per quarter. If a member exceeds three absences, the subsequent absences are considered unexcused (Excessive absences will be considered as excused only if they are due to prolonged illness, family emergency, religious reasons, or other unpreventable situations). If a member accumulates unexcused absences, the member faces the risk of prohibition from organization activities or, in extreme circumstances, expulsion from the organization by the discretion of the officers of the organization.

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

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.

There shall be five (6) officers of the organization:

1. President: Conducts administrative duties, facilitates rehearsals, facilitates collaboration and teamwork among members, manages room reservations, plan events and performances
2. Vice President: Assists the President with administrative duties, takes on any necessary duties if the President is absent, is distinctly involved in planning events and performances
3. Treasurer: Maintains records of monetary transactions, requests funding for the organization when necessary, collects any dues for the organization, works closely with the President and Vice President to organize fundraising events, creates budgets for events
4. Secretary: Takes attendance at rehearsals, takes notes at meetings, sends emails to members, maintains organization documents/forms, uploads rehearsal/choreography videos for reference
5. Publicity Chair: Creates flyers to promote the organization and its events, takes photos and videos for and manages the organization's social media pages, promotes events on social media
6. Event Coordinator: Books spaces for rehearsals and other events, coordinates around academic deadlines, assists other officers in their roles

New officers shall be selected for the subsequent academic year should there be vacant officer positions. Any member of the organization is eligible to apply for an officer position. To be considered, applicants must complete an officer internship in the Spring Quarter of the current academic year. New officers shall be installed upon a majority vote of the current officers. New officers shall be chosen near the end of Spring Quarter of the current academic year.

Removal of officers may occur if the officer fails to carry out the responsibilities of that office. Removal of an officer shall be decided upon by the other officers, and input from other organization members will be considered.

## **Article VII. Risk Management**

Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Possible risks associated with the organization may include, but are not limited to: bruises, pulled muscles, sprains, and other athletic injuries.

To prevent injury, the organization will begin rehearsals with a warm-up and stretch period. The organization will also teach and maintain dance technique to mitigate the risk of injury.

## **Article VIII. Financial Management**

Financial responsibilities shall be managed by the Treasurer.

Any activities or events that the Aequora Ballet Company at UCSD will participate in will be funded by profits from fundraisers and fees from members. Fees from members may include annual membership dues and any extra fees that may be solicited based on necessity.