

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD Constitution - 2021-2022 Academic Year

Ascension Constitution

Article I. Name of the Student Organization

The organization shall be called Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

Ascension is a non-profit organization that strives to create and maintain an environment that allows for members, and others interested, to learn and participate in dance related activities. Ascension is, first and foremost, a recreational club. Although social events may result from this, they are not the priority.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

All members of the team must be students at UCSD. There are no other requirements except that they should have a valid student ID and should currently be an enrolled student. Members will be selected through dance auditions.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

All meetings will occur on a weekly basis, or other regular basis, at a time selected by the Ascension officers and will follow the procedures and agenda set forth by the directors, captains, or representatives appointed thereby.

Article VI. Qualification 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. The organization will have at a minimum five officers and the qualifications for officers are as follow:

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1. The **Director(s)** shall (jointly) preside over all organizational matters, no matter how small or large. They hold the image of Ascension, and therefore must be carefully selected.
2. The **Captain(s)** shall (jointly) preside over all dance-related matters when the Director(s) is/are unable to preside. The Captain(s) role on the team is to help manage and maintain the quality of dance that is taught and choreographed by Ascension.
3. The **Committee Chair(s)** shall (jointly) preside over all internal and external affairs. The Committee Chair(s) role on the team is to maintain a positive and nurturing environment for all team members, advocate creativity and innovation, and ensure that Ascension is involved in the community.

Election Process

- All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the officers from the previous year.
- Those officers meeting all requirements of active membership will be eligible to vote.
- All elections will be held on an annual basis at the end of Spring Quarter.
- All voting shall be done by open ballot and be tabulated by the entire officer team from previous years.

Recall of Officers

- An officer may be considered for removal if petitioned for by at least 3/4 of the current active officers.
- A vote is then done by all current members, excluding the officer in question, must then occur in the two weeks following the request.
- If at least 3/4 of the current members vote against the officer, the officer is removed from his/her position.

Article VII. Risk Management

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD may encounter possible risks such as athletic injuries (i.e. bruises, sprains, e.t.c.)

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD will proactively mitigate these risks by practicing proper bodily care techniques (i.e. water hydration,

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stretching regimens, warm-ups, breaks, e.t.c.)

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Article IX. Financial Management

Ascension Competitive Dance Team at UCSD will finance most expenses using an off-campus bank account. The designated signer or otherwise contact for the bank account will be a pre-existing officer agreed upon by current officers or a new officer may be elected with the title **Financial Chair** in order to deal with all financial responsibilities. *Typically between years the signer will transfer from Financial Chair to Financial Chair.

- The Financial Chair will be in charge of:
 - Overseeing the bank account- making sure it is upkept and in accordance with bank regulations.
 - Bookkeeping for Ascension to ensure proper tracking of cash flow and to eliminate cases of fraud.
 - Any other financial tasks that occur.

The Financial Chair is required to keep the bookkeeping and other records in a folder or otherwise organized place for the rest of the officers to view.

Funds for Ascension will be raised by fundraisers, fees from members, or in cases of school-related expenses, budgets submitted to A.S.

Expenses of Ascension may include but are not limited to:

- Competition fees
- Costumes
- Video Production