

# Constitution

## Taiwanese Graduate Student Association

University of California, San Diego

### Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UCSD, hereafter referred to as TGSA at UCSD.

### Article II. Statement of Purpose

Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UCSD is a social-oriented organization, but also culturally and academically based. The purpose of TGSA is to build up and strengthen social networks, to encourage academic merits of its members, and to promote Taiwanese and Asian culture.

### Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

### Article IV. Requirement of Membership

TGSA membership is open to all current graduate students of UCSD without regards of race, religion, gender, disability, age, citizenship, marital status, or sexual orientation. Anyone who pays interests in being involved in Taiwanese culture and the organization is honored with membership. There is no fee for membership, but members might be charged for attending activities. Prices vary with activities from social-oriented to academic-related.

All members are required to join [TGSA at UCSD Facebook group](#) to receive all official announcements and information. Members can post articles or information without pre-authorized by officers. However, officers have final right to remove or edit any commercial advertisements or controversial posts.

### Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

General meetings shall be held at least half a year and when necessary. Meeting time will be declared at least a week ahead of time. Over 1/2 of the members shall be in attendance. Over 2/3 of the officers shall be in attendance.

Officers meetings shall be held at least once a month and when necessary. Meeting time will be declared at least a week ahead of time and over 2/3 of the officers shall be in attendance. The meeting minutes of officer meetings should be taken for future reference and for members who are absent.

### 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.

#### Section 1. Officers

1. President
  - A. Represents TGSA in all official functions.
  - B. Responsible for the organization maintenance of TGSA.

- C. Hosts and presides over all meetings, manages and supervises all activities.
- D. Serves as spokesperson and ambassador for TGSA both on and off campus.
- E. Has the power to call for emergency meetings.
- F. Has the right to designate the substitute for meetings when unable to attend a meeting or an activity.
- G. Has the right to designate or impeach other officers.
- H. At most 2 people serve as President.
- 2. Vice Presidents
  - A. Serve as chief advisor and reporter to the President.
  - B. Aids the President in all events and meetings.
  - C. Substitute leader when the President is absent.
  - D. Have all powers of the President in emergency situations.
  - E. At most 3 people serve as Vice Presidents.
- 3. Secretary
  - A. Responsible for taking all meeting minutes.
  - B. Maintains all official documents and reference materials.
  - C. Conducts funding applications.
  - D. At most 1 person serve as Secretary.
- 4. Treasurer
  - A. Records all financial events including donation, activities charge, etc.
  - B. Responsible for recording all transactions, funds and assets.
  - C. Makes annual financial reports for all members to examine.
  - D. At most 1 people serve as Treasurer.
- 5. Activity Committee Chair
  - A. Responsible for planning and preparing for all kinds of activities, including social activities, academic forums, etc.
  - B. Has the power to organize volunteers for events.
  - C. At most 10 people serve as Activity Committee Chair.
- 6. Network Management Chair
  - A. Responsible for all website management and update.
  - B. Has the right to remove inappropriate posts in Facebook official group.
  - C. Runs the TGSA official Email account.
  - D. At most 2 people serve as Network Management Chair.

## *Section 2. Voting and Elections*

All members are eligible to be elected as officers for the TGSA. All members who have been a graduate student at UCSD for at least one quarter have the right to vote in electing officers for the TGSA. Each member shall have one vote.

Candidates for President and officers must be current members. Officers can be nominated by any TGSA member and must be approved by President, or designated by President.

Election shall be held once a year. The exact date and voting methods are decided in officer meetings. Candidate with simple majority wins.

Terms of Office shall be for one year. Terms of Office for all positions shall commence after the entire new officers has been elected.

## **Article VII. Risk Management**

Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UCSD understands that the University does

not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.