

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WUSHU CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Article I – Entity

Section 1 – Name

The formal name of this organization is “Wushu Club at the University of California, San Diego”. It will also be referred to as “Wushu Club at UCSD” or “Wushu Club” for short.

Section 2 – Purpose

The primary purpose of Wushu Club is to provide individuals with the opportunity to learn wushu in a friendly and safe environment. The secondary purpose of the club is to prepare dedicated members for intercollegiate competitions such as UC Berkeley’s annual Chinese Martial Arts Tournament. The Wushu Club at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

Section 3 – Activity

Members of the Wushu Club at UCSD will meet at predetermined times for practicing modern wushu. Modern wushu is a performance art that involves non-combative, choreographed routines that are strictly performance-oriented. It does not involve any freestyle sparring or combat.

Club practices may include the following:

- Warm up exercises – running, stretching, etc.
- Practice of basic techniques – individual execution and repetition of wushu movements.
- Forms – choreographed performance routines that include patterns and combinations of wushu movements.
 - Props – routines may involve props such as waxwood sticks and prop swords, as used in Chinese opera stage performances. Prop swords must be non-rigid (easily bent by hand) and must not have sharpened edges or points. Props will be used only in a controlled, performance-oriented setting and are never to be used to strike another individual.
- Conditioning – exercises to improve physical athleticism, i.e. squats, sprints, sit-ups, etc.

Club practices will not, under any circumstance, involve the following:

- Any freestyle sparring or combat.
- Any contact between members without mutual consent.
- Any action intended to cause any degree of harm to another individual, with or without mutual consent.

Aside from practices, the Wushu Club at UCSD may perform and hold demonstrations. Demonstrations will follow the same guidelines outlined above.

Article II – Membership

Section 1 – Requirements

Membership for the Wushu Club at UCSD is open to all individuals who have registered for a Rec Class under the UCSD Recreation Department. However, membership will be subject to the approval of the officers of the club cabinet.

Section 2 – Expectations

Each club member is expected to perform all of their required club duties, assigned by the Cabinet. Failure to meet the expectations and/or requirements of the Wushu Club at UCSD may be subject to review by the Cabinet Officers, and may result in expulsion from the Wushu Club at UCSD, as well as rejection of future applications for membership. Each club member must:

- Attend at least 1 club meeting per quarter, unless excused by Cabinet.
- Attend at least 4 club practices per month, unless excused by Cabinet.
- Each instance of participation in demo performance may count towards 2 of the 4 practice requirements listed above.

Section 3 – Expulsion

Membership in the Wushu Club at UCSD is subject to review by the Cabinet Officers. This review includes the possibility of expulsion from the club by the Cabinet. Activities that may prompt expulsion include, among other reasons:

- Activity that may cause harm to other individuals or self, intentional or not.
- Unauthorized use of the Wushu Club's name.

Article III – Government

Section 1 – Officer Positions and Duties

The Cabinet of the Wushu Club at UCSD will include the following positions:

- Co-President (2) (Internal and External)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Demo Coordinator
- Historian
- Webmaster

The shared duties of the Co-Presidents are
to assist all Cabinet Officers in the Wushu Club in their respective duties,
to represent the club at school and community functions, including inter-club meetings,
to oversee all club-related activities, and

to promote the spirit and discipline of the organization.
to call and coordinate all general body meetings.

The Internal President will focus on internal relations such as club practices, social events, and club awareness on campus.

The External President will focus on external relations such as communication with the university, intercollegiate relations, and competitions.

The duties of the Secretary are

- to check the club email and bring important emails to the attention of the Cabinet,
- to facilitate correspondence between benefactors and supporters of the club,
- to maintain up-to-date minutes of meetings, and
- to maintain an accurate roster and record of participation of members of the Wushu Club.

The duties of the Treasurer are

- to act as a liaison between the school and the Wushu Club regarding matters of finances,
- to collect any dues, donations, etc.,
- to record all financial transactions,
- to organize fundraisers as necessary,
- to manage the ordering and distribution of club paraphernalia such as t-shirts, and
- to request and distribute reimbursements for club activities and competitions

The duties of the Demo Coordinator are

- to oversee demo planning including recruiting performers, demo scheduling, coordinating practices, and
- to communicate with the client, or to oversee such responsibilities if delegated to other demo leaders.

The duties of the Historian are

- to record performances, activities, mementos, and events within the club.

The duties of the Webmaster are

- to maintain and update the club website, and
- to maintain and moderate the club forum.

Section 2 – Election

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be nominated by the former Cabinet and elected by majority vote by the general body.

The Historian and Demo Coordinator will be nominated by either the former Cabinet or the general body and elected by majority vote by the general body.

The Webmaster will be appointed by the current Cabinet with a two thirds consensus.

All elections are subject to approval by the residing Cabinet.

Voting will be by secret ballot and will occur during the last quarter of the previous academic year, or when called unanimously by the Principal Members. The date of election is to be selected by the residing Cabinet.

Section 3 – Term

All officers will be re-elected annually.

Section 4 – Eligibility

All elected officers must have at least one year of training and experience with the Wushu Club. Presidential Positions may only be held by those who have been on Cabinet for at least one year.

Should an elected club position become vacant before the expiration of the term, the remaining Cabinet Officers are empowered to nominate and elect a new officer.

Any Cabinet Officer may be removed from office by a two thirds majority vote by the other Cabinet Officers.

Section 5 – Sharing of Powers

All duties assigned in the club may be shared among Cabinet Officers with consent of the majority Cabinet Officers of the club.

Section 6 – Checks

Decisions and actions of the Secretary, Treasurer, Demo Coordinator, Historian, or Webmaster may be vetoed by a joint decision by the Co-Presidents.

Conversely, decisions and actions of the Co-Presidents may be vetoed by a unanimous decision by the rest of the cabinet.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1 – Foundation

Officer meetings may be called by any officer. General body meetings may be called only by either one of the Co-Presidents. Meetings can be called for any purpose that is conducive to the club functioning smoothly and efficiently.

Section 2 – Frequency

The Wushu Club at UCSD will meet as often as the Cabinet deems necessary. There will be at least one general body meeting per quarter.

Officers will attend biweekly meetings to address new developments in the club.

Article V – Finance

Section 1 – Expenditures

The Wushu Club's expenditures may consist of club t-shirts, equipment, club advertisements (newspaper, flyers), and club projects or trips. All spending must be for the benefit of the club and its members, and never for individual expenses.

Section 2 – Revenue

The main source of revenue is expected to come from performances, donations, and fundraisers. All proceeds will be used for club expenditures.

Section 3 – Management

The Wushu Club's Treasurer will record every transaction and use of club funds, and report such activity to the rest of the Cabinet.

Article VI - Amendment

The Cabinet will propose Amendments to this Constitution, which must be approved by an unanimous vote by the Cabinet Officers before being added to the Constitution.