

UNIVERSITIES ALLIED FOR ESSENTIAL MEDICINES AT UCSD

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Organization Name

The name of this organization, as deemed by its members, shall be Universities Allied for Essential Medicines at the University of California, San Diego, hereafter referred to in this constitution as UAEM at UCSD.

Article II – Organization’s Purpose

The purpose of UAEM at UCSD is to educate the UCSD community about global health issues. Furthermore, we would like to persuade UCSD and other universities to

1. Adopt policies which help ensure that medicines and medical technologies which are developed using university research are made more accessible in low- and middle-income countries and
2. Increase the amount of research conducted on neglected diseases, or those diseases predominantly affecting people who are too poor to constitute a market attractive to private-sector R&D investment.

Article III – Membership

Registered UCSD students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and staff may join the organization. Only active members may vote or hold office. Membership will be granted to those who show an interest in joining the organization and who attend at least one meeting. There will be no restrictions placed on membership other than those listed above.

Article IV – Officers/Elections

UAEM at UCSD shall be governed by consensus of all active group members. However, for logistical convenience, UAEM at UCSD shall have several officer positions:

1. The President shall conduct meetings.
2. The Vice President shall take the place of the President if the President is unable to perform his or her duties.
3. The Secretary will be responsible for meeting minutes and communicating them to members.
4. The Treasurer will be responsible for club finances.

All officers should have a good understanding of global health issues and UAEM's proposals. They should be willing and able to present these to the UCSD community, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, faculty and staff, and members of the technology transfer office.

Not all officer positions must be filled at any particular time. Additional officer positions may be created or eliminated by a two-thirds vote of active voting members at any time. Officers may be elected by a majority of active voting members. An officer may be removed or replaced by a two-thirds vote of active voting members.

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Article V – Meetings

There will be at least one meeting held for all members each quarter and additional meetings whenever the need arises. All decisions shall be made by consensus of active members, or by vote of the majority. Group decisions and initiatives will attempt, whenever possible, to adhere to national policies, goals, and practices. Meeting notices and group announcements will be distributed by email.

Article VI – Constitutional Amendments

The constitution is subject to change. In order to make a change, the proposed amendment will be discussed at the quarterly meetings and subsequently voted on. A majority vote of two-thirds is needed to pass an amendment. All amendments, additions or deletions must be filed with the SOLO office, which is located on the third floor of Price Center.

Article VII – Dissolution

Dissolution of UAEM at UCSD may occur by two-thirds vote of active members.
All unspent ASUC funds shall remain the property of ASUC, all Graduate Assembly funds shall remain the property of the Graduate Assembly. Remaining privately-obtained funds may be donated to another nonprofit organization with prior approval of the ASUC Senate Finance Committee.