

# Constitution of the Seventh College Student Council

Seventh College  
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## Article I: General Provisions

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- I. The undergraduate government's name shall be the Seventh College Student Council, hereinafter referred to as 7CSC.
- II. This constitution and its contents intend to align itself with the values of Seventh College and the University of California, San Diego, to empower students with the interdisciplinary education and experience necessary to approach and impact our changing planet. This will be done through the Seventh College Student Council's power of developing policies and procedures to enrich and improve all aspects of college life for the Seventh College Student Body per those in practice at the University of California, San Diego.
- III. The UC San Diego community holds great respect for the land and the original people of the area where our campus is located. The university is built on the unceded territory of the Kumeyaay Nation. Today, the Kumeyaay people continue to maintain their political sovereignty and cultural traditions as vital members of the San Diego community. We acknowledge their tremendous contributions to our region and thank them for their stewardship (adapted from the Intertribal Resource Center).

## Article II: Membership

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- I. Eligibility
  - A. All members during their term of office must:
    1. Be a registered Seventh College student.
    2. Maintain a 2.0 GPA and be in good academic standing with the college and university.
    3. Have no disciplinary action prohibiting them from activities and/or residential areas.
  - B. May not hold more than one position or office on the 7CSC.
- II. Membership
  - A. The council shall consist of the following members:
    1. Elected
      - a) Elected Spring Quarter by simple majority vote of the Seventh College student body:
        - (1) President
        - (2) Vice President - Internal
        - (3) Vice President - External
        - (4) Treasurer
        - (5) Secretary
        - (6) Director of Events
        - (7) Student at Large
      - b) b. Elected Spring Quarter by Single Transferable Vote (STV) of the Seventh College student body:
        - (1) 2 Associated Student Senators
    2. Appointed Positions
      - a) Academic Affairs Representative
      - b) Basic Needs Representative
      - c) Civic Engagement Office Representative
      - d) Commuter Representative

- e) Director of Spirit
- f) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate
- g) Environmental Justice Advocate
- h) First Year Representative
- i) Fourth Year Representative
- j) Housing, Dining, and Hospitality Representative
- k) International Student Representative
- l) Judicial Board Chair
- m) Out-of-State Representative
- n) Parliamentarian
- o) Recreation Facilities Representative
- p) Resident Assistant Liaison
- q) Second Year Representative
- r) Student Fee Advisory Committee Representative
- s) Student Fee Advisory Committee Shadow
- t) Student Health and Well-Being Representative
- u) Student Organization Representative
- v) Sustainability Advocate
- w) Synthesis Program Representative
- x) Third Year Representative
- y) Transfer Representative
- z) Board Membership Positions
  - (1) Events Board
  - (2) Spirit Board
  - (3) Judicial Board

3. Committees

- a) Appointments Committee
- b) Elections Committee
- c) Executive Committee
- d) External Committee
- e) Finance Committee
- f) Internal Committee
- g) Rules Committee

III. Voting

A. Voting members of the 7CSC shall consist of the following positions:

- 1. President
  - a) Shall be a voting member of Council but vote only when their vote will affect the outcome or in any private ballot vote.
- 2. Vice President Internal
- 3. Vice President External
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Secretary
- 6. Director of Events
- 7. Student at Large
- 8. Associated Student Senators
- 9. Director of Spirit
- 10. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate
- 11. First Year Representative
- 12. Transfer Representative

B. Non Voting Membership of the 7CSC shall consist of the following positions:

1. Academic Affairs Representative
2. Basic Needs Representative
3. Civic Engagement Office Representative
4. Commuter Representative
5. Environmental Justice Advocate
6. Fourth Year Representative
7. Housing, Dining, and Hospitality Representative
8. International Student Representative
9. Judicial Board Chair
10. Out-of-State Representative
11. Parliamentarian
12. Recreation Facilities Representative
13. Resident Assistant Liaison
14. Second Year Representative
15. Student Fee Advisory Committee Representative
16. Student Fee Advisory Committee Shadow
17. Student Organization Representative
18. Sustainability Advocate
19. Synthesis Program Representative
20. Third Year Representative
21. University Centers Advisory Board Representative
22. All other current and future External Representatives to campus committees.

IV. Oath of Office

- A. All members shall take the following oath upon entering office:
  1. As a member of the Seventh College Student Council, I solemnly promise to faithfully execute my office's duties, uphold the values of equity, justice, and sustainability, hold to the Seventh College Student Council Constitution and Bylaws, preserve the interests of Seventh College and UCSD students.
  2. Any officer found in violation of the Oath of Office will be investigated before a possible impeachment.

### **Article III: Terms of Office**

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I. Elected Office

- A. The terms of office for all elected positions shall begin at noon on Friday of the fifth week of Spring Quarter and end at noon on Friday of the fifth week of Spring Quarter the following academic year.
- B. If any elected position is not filled, it shall be considered vacant and filled in a manner described in the Bylaws (Title VI.1.b) for the remainder of the term of office.

II. Unelected Office

- A. If any elected position is not filled, it shall be considered vacant and filled in a manner described in the Bylaws (Title VI.1.b) for the remainder of the term of office.
- B. Any unelected position that has a vacancy shall be filled by the fourth week of the following quarter.
- C. The term of office shall be determined at the time of appointment

1. The term of office shall not exceed one academic year.
- III. Appointed Office
- A. 7CSC shall conduct Spring and Fall Appointments
    1. The terms of office for Spring appointed positions shall begin at noon on Friday of the eighth week of Spring Quarter and end at noon on Friday of the eighth week of Spring Quarter the following academic year.
    2. b. The terms of office for Fall appointed positions shall begin at noon on Friday of the third week of Fall Quarter and end at noon on Friday of the eighth week of Spring Quarter of the same academic year.
  - B. If any appointed position is not filled, it shall be considered vacant and filled in a manner described in the Bylaws (Title VI.1.b) for the remainder of the term of office.

### **Article IV: Advisors**

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- I. Shall be the Dean of Student Affairs or their designee(s).
- II. Shall be considered ex-officio member(s) of 7CSC, entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership except that of voting.
- III. The primary responsibility of the advisor(s) shall be to provide the Council with information relating to University Policies and Procedures.

### **Article V: Resignations**

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- I. The holder of any office in the Seventh College Student Body except the President may terminate their membership before the expiration of the term of office by submitting a "Letter of Resignation" to the President. The President shall then present the letter to 7CSC at the next regular meeting at which point the resignation shall become effective immediately and the position declared vacant.
  - A. Associated Students Senators may terminate their membership before the expiration of the term of office by submitting a "Letter of Resignation" to the 7CSC President. The President shall then present the letter to 7CSC at the next regular meeting at which point the resignation shall become effective immediately and the position declared vacant. The President will also submit a notice of resignation to the Director of Associated Students prior to their next scheduled meeting.
- II. The President may terminate their membership before the expiration of the term of office by submitting a "Letter of Resignation" to the Vice-President Internal. The Vice-President Internal shall then present the letter to 7CSC at the next regular meeting at which point the resignation shall become effective immediately and the office of President declared vacant.
- III. Vacancies due to resignation shall be filled in a manner described in the Bylaws (Title VI.1.b) for the remainder of the term of office.

## **Article VI: Elections**

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- I. This constitution shall follow the guidelines laid out in the Seventh College Election Code.

## **Article VII: Powers**

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- I. All legislative and administrative authorities of the 7CSC shall be exercised according to the university's guidelines. These powers will be utilized in alignment with and promote the philosophy of Seventh College. The 7CSC will:
  - A. The 7CSC shall have the power to control student fee generated funds as they see fit.
  - B. Develop, review, and approve the annual budget of 7CSC.
    1. The 7CSC shall review the budget quarterly and adjust it as necessary.
  - C. Determine 7CSC policy.
  - D. Appoint Seventh College Representatives to campus-wide committees and fill 7CSC vacancies.
  - E. Create new boards and committees as necessary.
  - F. Serve as a liaison between the Seventh College Student Body and the administration.
- II. Members of the Seventh College Student Body may overturn a decision by the 7CSC to pass or fail a piece of legislation through the procedure of petition and College vote.
  - A. Should a petition gain fifteen percent of the Seventh College student body signatures, a special election will be held.
  - B. This special election will be a referendum style vote and will be organized by the Elections Committee.
  - C. If a simple majority of the Seventh College Student Body votes in favor of overturning the decision made by the 7CSC, the decision will be overturned.
- III. Members of the Seventh College Student Body may file a formal complaint against the 7CSC or the Seventh College Organizations in writing to the Judicial Board Chair.
- IV. Any member of the Seventh College Student Body may submit legislation to the Vice President Internal. All legislation must be put in writing.
  - A. This legislation can be an introduction of a new policy or an amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Code, provided that they are either:
    1. Sponsored by a member of the 7CSC.
    2. Have a signed petition totaling no fewer than five percent of the Seventh College Student Body, which is then presented to the Vice President Internal.
  - B. Rules Committee shall review the legislation no more than 7 academic days after the legislation was submitted.
  - C. An amendment to these bylaws shall become a working part of the document by a two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum, present or otherwise.

## **Article VIII: Meetings**

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- I. Regular meetings shall be held during weeks 1-10 of the academic quarters and only when University business is permitted.
  - A. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, except as otherwise stated by the Constitution or Bylaws.
  - B. The first regular Council meeting shall be held in the fifth week of spring quarter.
- II. The 7CSC shall hold regular meetings. Special Meetings may be called at any time, including summer session, by the President, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, or a petition signed by no less than one-third of the Council.
  - A. Those who request a Special Meeting must present a petition to the Dean of Student Affairs no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.
  - B. Only the subject or subjects stated in the aforesaid petition may be considered during the given Special Meeting.
- III. Elected officials will take office at the conclusion of 7CSC meeting the fifth week of the Spring Academic Quarter, and appointed positions will take office before the third week of the Fall Academic Quarter unless extenuating circumstances arise.

## **Article IX: Seventh College Judicial Board**

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- I. Purpose and Structure
  - A. The Seventh College Judicial Board will uphold the Seventh College Student Body's interests by safeguarding the 7CSC Constitution's integrity and bylaws and UCSD general policies.
  - B. The Seventh College Judicial Board will hold hearings on student misconduct, including removal from office.
  - C. The Seventh College Judicial Board shall hear appeals of Elections grievances.
  - D. Members include the Judicial Board Chair and three to five members appointed from the Seventh College Student Body.
    1. The 7CSC may appoint additional members as needed through a special appointment process.
- II. Removal from Office
  - A. Should an infraction occur, either a member of the 7CSC may bring forth a motion to impeach, or a student can bring forth a grievance either backed by a member of the 7CSC or with a petition with signatures from five percent of Seventh College.
  - B. An impeachable offense includes, but is not limited to:
    1. A violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, or Election Code.
    2. A violation of the University financial or administrative policies.
    3. Excessive unexcused absences.
    4. A misuse of funds.
    5. Continued failure to perform duties and responsibilities.
    6. Improper or unethical use of authority.
    7. Ineligibility to hold office.

- C. The Judicial board Chair, in consultation with the Advisor, shall review any grievances or petitions to determine if offenses are in violation of 7CSC Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. An impeachment trial will be held no more than three weeks from the formal introduction of the grievance. The Judicial Board will conduct the trial.
- E. If a member of the 7CSC is unable to perform their duties, a replacement will be appointed until they are once again fit to serve. If they cannot continue their position, a special election or an appointment will be made as necessary, as deemed appropriate by the 7CSC.

## **Article X: Amendments**

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- I. 7CSC may, by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of 7CSC, amend any part of the Constitution, except that the requirements for ratification or dissolution of the Constitution shall not be amendable.
- II. The Rules Committee may take the liberty to modify the Constitution so long as it only pertains to formatting.
  - A. All formatting decisions to be implemented shall be approved by the Rules Committee.
  - B. All formatting decisions implemented shall be introduced at the next 7CSC meeting, and may be overturned by majority vote of the entire membership of 7CSC.