Preamble
The Associated Students of UCSD sponsors and supports the Alliance Program to the UCSD community. The mission of the Alliance Program is to train Allies to be supporters and advocates of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. Trained Alliance members will provide a welcoming environment for LGBT students, faculty and staff. Alliance members welcome individuals to be open and honest about their sexual orientation and/or gender identity without fear of repercussions and endeavor to make UCSD free of sexual bias, heterosexism and homophobia. The goal of the Alliance Program is to build a visible network of advocacy at UCSD.

Article I. Goals
A. Education – To facilitate the training and ongoing continued development of the potential and active Alliance members.
B. Committed Involvement – To inspire Alliance members to uphold the ideals of inclusion and appreciation in all interactions.
C. Resources – To empower people through information and support.
D. Presence – To be a visible force for LGBT appreciation through identifiable symbols, spaces and people.

Article II. Membership
A. Steering Committee
   1. All Steering Committee members must be members of the Alliance in good standing.
   2. Up to 6 students, serving for terms of one year, with no term limits
   3. Up to 2 faculty, serving for terms of 2 years, with no term limits
   4. Up to 2 staff, serving for terms of 2 years, with no term limits
   5. Ex Officio AS Commissioner of Diversity (non voting)
   6. Ex Officio Representative of the LGBT Resource Office (non voting)
B. Leadership
   1. Open applications from within the Alliance membership for the Alliance Steering Committee are accepted by the current steering committee through the Friday at 5pm of the fifth week of the spring quarter.
   2. Leadership is determined by the Steering Committee on the fifth week of the Fall Quarter.
      a. Two Co-Chairs
         1. 1 staff or faculty Alliance member
         2. 1 student Alliance member
C. General membership
   1. Requirements
      a. Signed contract following a three-hour training
      b. Commitment to ongoing training as demonstrated by attendance at one or more Alliance activities per academic year
D. Trainers
   1. Requirements
      a. Must be member of the Alliance
      b. Attendance at training of trainers meetings to determine readiness
      c. Observation of at least one training session
      d. Ongoing commitment to training new Alliance Members
E. Removal from Alliance and/or Alliance Steering Committee
   1. Three Alliance members must bring forward the concern, in writing, to the Steering Committee
   2. A simple majority vote of the Steering Committee (excluding the member in concern) will determine decision regarding removal or any conditions of continued membership

Article III. Funding
A. Annual funding of the Alliance program will be allocated in the AS Council’s Executive Budget.
B. Additional funding may be requested from the A.S. and/or other organizations throughout the year.

Article IV. Self-Determination
A. The Alliance has the right to self-determination and will vote on its own platform, issues and agenda.
B. The Alliance reserves the right to affiliate with organizations that further the Alliance mission, goals, endeavors, principles and platforms.

C. The Alliance shall not officially endorse any slate, candidate, or party for Associated Students, local, state or national elections.

**Article V. Amendments**

A. Amendments to the charter can be made by a majority recommendation of the Alliance Steering Committee and a majority vote of the AS Council.

**Article VI. Ratification**

A. Ratification of the Alliance Charter shall be by a two-thirds vote of both the AS Council and the Alliance Steering Committee.

Passed by consensus October 2, 2002