

Loma Linda University Obesity Medicine Interest Group (OMIG)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Obesity Medicine Interest Group (OMIG) OMIG shall be a sub group of the Preventive and Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group (PLMIG).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purposes of OMIG are:

1. To educate medical students regarding the field of obesity medicine, the unique clinical implications involving patients with obesity, the impact of obesity on patients' quality of life, and the basic effective preventative measures to decrease obesity.
2. To support and connect students across the University with interests in obesity medicine and provide a platform to connect with faculty to pursue research and clinical experiences in this field.
3. To provide an interactive space in which medical students can learn, explore the field of obesity, and enjoy fellowship and community with one another.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership is open to all medical students enrolled at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

The OMIG does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, selecting and removing of officers, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

SECTION 1. Governance

OMIG reserves the right of self-governance. As a SOM student organization, OMIG will abide by all policies of LLU and the School of Medicine. Sponsorship will be under the department of Preventive and Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group (PLMIG).

All positions of the OMIG excluding President and Vice-President, shall be open to co-running candidates that shall equally divide the responsibilities for the position between themselves to carry out the duties assigned to the position.

SECTION 2. Qualification for Office

Officers must be a registered LLUSM student of good academic standing.

SECTION 3 Offices and Duties

1. **President:** The President will oversee and direct the general business of the OMIG, represent the club or delegate members concerning the interests of the club, provide strategic planning and vision for the organization, and assume responsibility for all communication with sponsors, advisors, and contacts of OMIG
2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-president shall assume the role of President in the event of absence, direct elections of the club, oversee the function of all committees, and deal with matters of public relations. While any OMIG officer may represent OMIG to the School of Medicine senate, the Vice-President shall ultimately be responsible for ensuring that adequate communication exists between OMIG and the School of Medicine senate.
3. **Secretary:** The secretary shall keep the minutes of all OMIG meetings, maintain all minutes, resources, and records, distribute minutes to the other officers, and keep track of attendance at OMIG-sponsored educational activities. The secretary shall be in charge of all sign-up sheets for OMIG-sponsored educational activities, creating Zoom calls, and shall keep a record of attendance of all OMIG-sponsored educational activities.
4. **Social Events Coordinator:** The social events coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating events to foster fellowship and camaraderie within the interest group members. The social events coordinator will collaborate with the other officers and

lead the planning process to coordinate timely, meaningful, and enjoyable social events for the group members and potential members.

5. **Promotions Officer:** The promotions officer shall oversee spreading awareness of OMIG and OMIG-sponsored activities, seek opportunities to enhance OMIG reputation, coordinate meetings and oversee all promotional material created.

ARTICLE V

Advisors

The advisor(s) shall mentor and guide the functions of the OMIG. The advisor(s) shall be selected by the officers of the OMIG in association with the Dean of Student Affairs. The advisor(s) shall be a member of the School of Medicine faculty. Officers will work closely with the Dean of Student Affairs and advisor(s) and keep them informed [and to have prior approval for] of all activities such as off campus travel and bringing in outside speakers.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

OMIG officer meetings will be held as needed, and no less than twice per year. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Faculty Advisors shall have the authority to call a meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

The terms of office shall be one academic year. OMIG elections for the following academic year shall be held in the final quarter of the school year prior to graduation. Nominations will be accepted prior to the election date, which will be determined by the current officers. Voting will be by secret ballot of the OMIG members if there are multiple candidates for a single position. A simple majority of votes cast will determine the winner of each position. Vacant officer posts shall be filled at the discretion of the President and Vice-president.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Constitutional Amendments may be made by recommendation or request of the organization's officers and by approval by the Preventative Medicine Department sponsor and the SM Associate Dean for Student Affairs.