

Loma Linda University Vascular Surgery Interest Group Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Vascular Surgery Interest Group of Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1: Aims

The aims of the Vascular Surgery Interest Group are to:

1. Recruit students to the Vascular Surgery Interest Group and encourage them to further pursue a career in the field of vascular surgery.
2. Assist students in developing skills and provide them with help in the pursuit of a career in vascular surgery.
3. Connect students, residents and faculty in order to support students in pursuit of a career in vascular surgery.
4. Facilitate the process in which students communicate with graduates of Loma Linda University School of Medicine already pursuing their careers in vascular surgery.
5. Educate students about what vascular surgery entails and provide additional information about the subspecialties of vascular surgery.

Section 2: Accountability

The Vascular Surgery Interest Group shall operate within the policies of the School of Medicine and Loma Linda University as set forth in the Student Handbook and other statements of policy and procedure adopted by the university.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any regularly enrolled student in good academic standing at Loma Linda University School of Medicine is eligible to becoming a member of the Vascular Surgery Interest Group, and the members shall be given voting and officer-holding privileges.

Section 2: The Vascular Surgery Interest Group shall not charge regular membership dues.

Article IV – Organization

Section 1: Governing Committee

The officers of the Vascular Surgery Interest Group shall be President, Vice President, and Class Representatives. All the Officers are required to attend the Vascular Surgery Interest Group meetings and events.

President – The President is in charge of directing the Vascular Surgery Interest Group, coordinating and leading the meetings, scheduling guest speakers from the various subspecialties of vascular surgery, planning and organizing any special activities and events, and acting as a liaison between the School of Medicine, the Vascular Surgery Department and the Vascular Surgery Interest Group.

Vice President – The Vice President works with the President to resolve issues, informs the school administration and Dean's Office of ideas and plans emanating from the meetings, and manages the Vascular Surgery Interest Group in the absence of the President.

Class Representatives (MS1, MS2, MS3 and MS4) – The Class Representative from each class provides announcements to their class, represents their class at the meetings, and aids in coordinating meetings.

Section 2: Sponsor

1. The Vascular surgery Interest Group shall be sponsored by the Vascular Surgery Department.
2. One or more Faculty Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Department Chair and the Deans' Office.

Article V – Elections

Section 1. Procedures

The term of office for each position shall be one academic year. Vascular Surgery Interest Group elections shall be held during the Spring preceding start of the new academic year. Nominations will be accepted prior to the election meeting via email, and voting will be by secret ballot of the members present. 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. In special cases, with prior approval of the assistant dean for career advisement and/or the faculty advisor, voting may be done on line. Voting for the MS1 Class Representative position shall be done during the summer quarter of the

beginning academic year. The President will announce the availability of this Officer position during this time. Adequate time will be allotted for platforms to be submitted.

Section 2. Notification

Within two weeks after elections, the President shall file an updated list of officers with the Office of the Assistant Dean for Career Advisement.