

**The
Constitution
of the
University of California, Merced
Alumni Association**

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the UC Merced Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Article II – Mission

The UC Merced Alumni Association serves to

- A. Foster and maintain links between the Association’s members and the University of California, Merced
- B. Promote leadership and a spirit of citizenship amongst alumni
- C. Act as the main conduit for the exchange of information and ideas between the University and the alumni
- D. Aid in the advancement of the University
- E. Act as a network towards building strong foundations for the students of the University

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Members

Any individual having received a degree, at any level from the University of California, Merced and former students who were regularly enrolled for at least 2 semesters are entitled to all rights, privileges, and obligations of membership.

Section 2 – Rights of Members

Members of the Association shall have the right to vote at all meetings of the Association and shall receive all publications and notices under the auspices of the Association.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Governance

The Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors, and supported by the department of Alumni Affairs through University Relations.

Section 2 – Composition

Any member of the Association may be nominated for the office of Board of Director, subject to the qualifications for all Board of Directors as provided in the Association’s By Laws and such other criteria as may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The actual number of elected members of the board shall be set by the Bylaws.

Section 3 – Terms of Office

The terms of office of all Board of Directors of the Association shall be two years, measured from the end of the meeting at which he or she is elected. The terms of the Board of Directors shall be staggered so that one half (1/2) of the members are elected annually.

Section 4 – Voting

Voting will be completed by simple majority of those present.

Section 5 – Conflict of Interest

Directors shall avoid conflicts of interest and if the appearance of any such conflict may arise, it is incumbent upon the director to fully disclose said conflict to the entire Board.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – Association Meeting

The Association shall have at least two (2) meetings a year. One of those meetings shall occur during the weekend of Homecoming.

All members shall be notified of the date and time of each meeting no less than twenty-eight days (28) prior to the actual date of the meeting

Section 2 – Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice (2) a year during the weekends of Homecoming and Bobcat Day.

Additional meetings may be arranged by the University's Alumni Affairs Office and general consensus of the Board of Directors.

Article VI – By-Laws

Section 1 – Authority

The Association has the authority and responsibility to create and maintain bylaws governing the business, administration, and responsibilities of the Association in accordance with its mission as stated in Article II of the Constitution, which are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – By-Law Changes

Any changes to, or deletions of, existing bylaws, or creation of new bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any Directors Meeting with two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, or at any Association meeting with (2/3) vote of those members present. An updated constitution and approved amendments shall be made available for public viewing no more than ten (10) business days after any amendment has been made.

Article IX – Effective Date

This Constitution shall become effective as it has been ratified by the membership of the Alumni Association.

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