

**The Constitution
of the
University of California, Merced Alumni Association
Of Washington, DC Chapter**

Article I - Name & Mission

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the UC Merced Alumni Association of Washington, DC Chapter.

Section 2. Mission. The UC Merced Alumni Association of Washington, DC Chapter serves to:

- A. Foster and maintain strong relationships between the Chapter's Members and the University of California Merced;
- B. Promote Leadership and a spirit of citizenship amongst all UC Merced Alumni;
- C. Act as the main conduit for exchange of information and ideas between the University and Washington DC Alumni;
- D. Aid in the advancement of the University; and
- E. Serve as a network that works towards the building of a strong foundation for the students of the University

Section 3. Status. The Washington, DC Chapter is a constituent of the UC Merced Alumni Association, whose Constitution and Bylaws (and action taken under their authority) control and supersede this Constitution and any action taken under its authority. This Constitution incorporates the UC Merced Alumni Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Article II - 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 two (2) semesters are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership.

Section 2. Rights of Members. Members of the Washington, DC Chapter shall have the right to vote at all meetings of the Chapter on matters properly brought before each meeting, and shall have the right to nominate and elect officers. Members shall also receive all publications and notices under the auspices of the Chapter.

Article III - Governance

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Chapter shall be governed by the Executive Committee, and supported by the UC Merced Alumni Association as well as supported by the Department of Alumni Affairs through University Relations. The Executive Committee shall manage the property, business, and affairs of the Chapter.

Section 2. Composition. Any Member of the Chapter may be nominated for a position as an Officer of the Executive Committee and shall be subject to the qualifications established in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 3. Term of Office. The term of office for each officer shall be one (1) year measured from the date of the meeting at which he or she was elected.

Section 4. Conflict of Interest. Officers shall avoid conflicts of interest, and if the appearance of any such conflict should arise, it is incumbent upon the Officer to fully disclose said conflict to the entire Executive Committee.

Section 5. Officer Positions. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee may establish additional positions as they become necessary through a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The responsibilities of all Officer Positions shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. Monthly Meetings. Monthly Meetings of the Chapter shall be held at least once a month at a time and location determined by the Executive Committee. A notice of the time and location must be provided to each Member.

Article V - Bylaws

Section 1. Authority. The Chapter has the authority and responsibility to create and maintain bylaws governing the business, administration, and responsibilities of the Chapter in accordance with its mission.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws. Any changes to the Bylaws must be approved by a majority (50% + 1) of the Executive Committee. An updated version of the Bylaws must be made available to all Members no more than ten (10) business days after any amendment has been made.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution. This Constitution may be amended by the Executive Committee with a two thirds (2/3) vote of the entire committee and subject to approval from the UCMAA Board of Directors. An updated Constitution must be made available to all Members no more than ten (10) business days after any amendment has been made.

Article VII - Effective Date

This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by the Membership of the UC Merced Alumni Association of Washington, DC Chapter.