CHAPTER CHARTER

ARTICLE I - NAME & MISSION

Section 1: Name
The name of this organization shall be the UC Merced Alumni Association Fresno Chapter.

Section 2: Mission
The UC Merced Alumni Association of Fresno 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 Fresno 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 Fresno Chapter is a constituent of the UC Merced Alumni Association, who’s Charter and Bylaws (and action taken under their authority) control and supersede this Charter and any action taken under its authority. This Charter incorporates the UC Merced Alumni Association’s Constitutions 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. Friends of the University, current students and members of other chapters have the privileges of membership.

Section 2: Rights of Members
Members of the Fresno 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 Office of Alumni Relations of Development and Alumni 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 with option to include a Secretary. 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. All officers must be UC Merced alumni.
ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings
Meetings of the Chapter shall be held at least four times per year 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 Charter 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 - DISSOLUTION | DE-CHARTER

A Chapter can decide at any time to dissolve and terminate their relationship with the UCMAA. The UCMAA reserve the right to de-charter a Chapter at their discretion. Chapters that do not complete the required annual program plan in June will be de-chartered.

ARTICLE VIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Charter shall become effective upon ratification by the Membership of the UC Merced Alumni Association Fresno Chapter. Official Chapter status is pending the approval of the UC Merced Alumni Association Board which will review this charter on October 18, 2014.
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• ATTENDING FRESNO CHAPTER MEMBERS:

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• FOUNDING FRESNO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

_________________________________________________________ _________________ CHAIR
_________________________________________________________ _________________ VICE CHAIR
_________________________________________________________ _________________ TREASURER
_________________________________________________________ _________________ SECRETARY

• OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:

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• UCMAA BOARD APPROVAL:

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