



UC MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

COMMENDING CHANCELLOR DOROTHY LELAND'S LEADERSHIP AND MERCED 2020 PROJECT VISION
JANUARY 28, 2017

PURPOSE: TO COMMEND DR. DOROTHY LELAND'S LEADERSHIP AND MERCED 2020 PROJECT VISION

Whereas, due to economic recession and slow-down, the State of California has been unable to sustain the demand for increased UC Merced Campus growth;

Whereas, in her first year as Chancellor, Dr. Leland invited the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to do a comprehensive study of UC Merced's facilities and proposed effective space utilization to meet the requirements of UC Merced campus expansion and development;

Whereas, the three key ULI recommendations were:

- Consolidation of off-campus administrative units to a single facility or facilities grouped together
- To increase construction on the current 104 acre "golf course footprint" through developing multiuse buildings
- The creation of a public-private partnership to better facilitate development at a more rapid rate while strengthening the economic connection to the region;

Whereas, Chancellor Leland has made strides implementing the ULI recommendations through the creation of Downtown Center and Merced 2020 Project;

Whereas, the Merced 2020 Project is a unique public-private partnership that uses a Design Build Finance Operate Maintain model to more than double UC Merced facilities in an aggressive 5-year timeline in order to accommodate 10,000 students;

Whereas, Chancellor Leland and her leadership team have used open communication and collaboration to shape the vision for the Merced 2020 Project;

Whereas, in the 2013 UCMAA Resolution supporting the ULI recommendations and Long-Range Development Plan Amendments, UCMAA requested public-private partnerships be evaluated by:

- Positive ties to the local Merced and San Joaquin Valley economies & communities
- Commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Commitment to higher education and research excellence
- Social responsibility with respect to their workforce and communities in which they enter and do business
- Responsiveness to adverse issues and meaningful corrective actions to resolve such issues
- These and additional criteria were used in the Merced 2020 Project Proposal evaluation.

Whereas, multipurpose facilities and public-private partnerships hold true to UC Merced's principles of innovative collaboration, mutual cooperation, and sustainability; also, multipurpose facilities leverage spaces effectively by reducing artificial barriers and serve as more inclusive spaces achieving innovation;

Whereas, UC Merced has had a positive economic and social impact on the San Joaquin Valley with job creation, art and community restoration, and novel research in sustainable science and technology;

Whereas, new innovative ways to support UC Merced's growth are required for the institution to continue to achieve its mission based on diminishing state funding support, increasing population, and increasing student applicants;

Be it resolved, that the UCMAA commends and supports Chancellor Dorothy Leland's leadership and vision for our alma mater. Chancellor Leland is the right leader at the right time for UC Merced, and she will lead us in to 2020 and beyond;

Be it further resolved, that the UCMAA views multiuse facilities and spaces as truly inclusive as they effectively embrace our diversity through fostering innovative thinking by minimizing artificial barriers; all campus spaces are designated as multicultural—the entire campus is a living learning laboratory for all disciplines and shines light on all.

Be it finally resolved, that UCMAA shall transmit this resolution to the UC Merced Chancellor, UC Office of the President, UC Board of Regents, and any other persons or organizations deemed appropriate by the UCMAA President.