UC MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

**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
- Foster and maintain links between the Association’s members and the University of California, Merced
- Promote leadership and a spirit of citizenship amongst alumni
- Act as the main conduit for the exchange of information and ideas between the University and the alumni
- Aid in the advancement of the University
- 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 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.
This Constitution shall become effective as it has been ratified by the membership of the Alumni Association.

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