



UC MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHARLES NIES
AUGUST 3, 2024

Commending Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Charles T. Nies's Leadership, Service, and Dedication to UC Merced

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this resolution is to commend Dr. Charles T. Nies for his leadership, service, and dedication to UC Merced during his tenures as Associate Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

- Whereas, Dr. Charles T. Nies has served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs from 2006 to 2014 and then as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs from 2014 to 2024—a nearly eighteen-year tenure;
- Whereas, Vice Chancellor Nies tirelessly developed and evolved a Student Affairs culture that continues to be responsive and adaptive in meeting students diverse needs and aspirations that yields informed and activated alumni;
- Whereas, Vice Chancellor Nies has worked with students to develop their leadership abilities while supporting a thriving and diverse campus community;
- Whereas, Vice Chancellor Nies has always been accessible and available to students to effectively advocate for their academic needs and aspirations for UC Merced;
- Whereas, Vice Chancellor Nies has been very supportive of students as they transition to alumni, and has been supportive of UCMAA and our growth and development;
- Whereas, almost all of our nearly 20,000 UC Merced Alumni have been stewarded and guided by Charles Nies's leadership, leaving a lasting legacy within our alumni community to be shared through the example we set and the stories we impart to future generations of alumni;
- Whereas, Vice Chancellor Nies has grown a thriving Student Affairs Division under a leadership style and vision for UC Merced Students that sets a high bar for future division leaders to follow;

Be it resolved, that the UCMAA commends Dr. Charles T Nies's leadership, service, and dedication to UC Merced during his tenure as Associate Vice Chancellor and then as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and we wish him well in his new role as the Chancellor for the University of Minnesota Duluth and beyond;

Be it further resolved, that the UCMAA hereby grants Dr. Charles T. Nies honorary membership and all the rights and privileges thereof, in recognition of his leadership, service, and dedication to UC Merced students, faculty, staff, and alumni — Let the Journey Continue;

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 Board President.