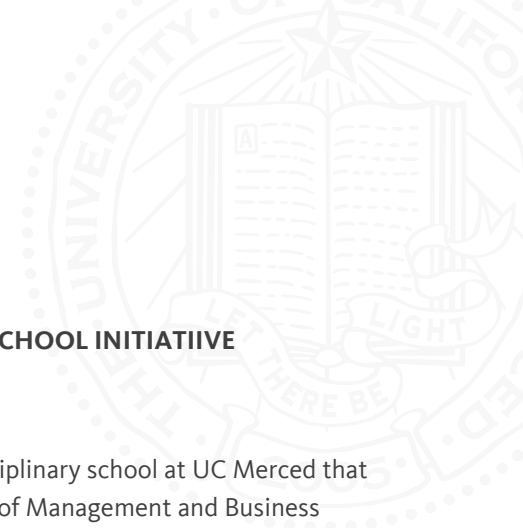




# GALLO SCHOOL RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE GALLO SCHOOL INITIATIVE  
FEBRUARY 29, 2020



## PURPOSE: PROCLAMATION OF ALUMNI SUPPORT FOR THE GALLO SCHOOL INITIATIVE

**Whereas**, the Gallo School Initiative, a faculty-led effort to develop a new interdisciplinary school at UC Merced that combines the Department of Cognitive and Information Sciences, the Department of Management and Business Economics, and the Department of Management of Complex Systems (and possibly others) focusing on the complexity of real-world problems and systems;

**Whereas**, the new standalone Gallo school would become the campus's fourth school, joining the schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, and the campus's first named school;

**Whereas**, its mission shall be achieving an interdisciplinary understanding of complex, human behavior and decision-making in individual, interactive, organizational, institutional, technological, and natural settings;

**Whereas**, it shall offer a blended competitive alternative to a traditional Masters in Business Administration and possess greater emphasis on preparation for rapidly evolving real-world systems;

**Whereas**, it shall initially operate with existing campus infrastructure and is funded primarily through a generous endowment from the Ernest & Julio Gallo Family and Winery;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the UC Merced Alumni Association affirms its pledge of support and approval of the Gallo School Initiative.

The officers of the UC Merced Alumni Association Board of Directors hereby sign this resolution reaffirming its authenticity as passed by the Board of Directors on February 29, 2020.