



# UC MERCED ALUMNI REGENT BYLAW

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## ... ARTICLE VI — SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALUMNI REGENT

The University and UCMAA Board of Directors shall periodically seek highly qualified candidates to serve as the Alumni Regent on the University of California Board of Regents and concurrently as an Officer of the Alumni Association of the University of California (henceforth AAUC). Per the enumerated responsibility within Article IX, Section 9 of the California State Constitution, as upheld by the UC Board of Regents and AAUC within and beyond the respective Bylaws, the UCMAA Board shall steward the facilitation and confirmation of an Alumni Regent-designate. The UC Merced Alumni Regent-designate shall uphold the role and responsibilities within the one-year designate term and shall uphold the role and responsibilities within the one-year seated term required, as an integral proponent for the campus within this space.

For the purpose of this enumerated protocol, it shall be observed that as each designation cycle approaches, the currently seated Board Secretary shall put forward a technical amendment to update the specifically enumerated dates of the upcoming cycle with sufficient notice to the UCMAA Board, as denoted henceforth.

For the purposes of navigation through unforeseen circumstances, the UCMAA Executive Committee may modify the staging of the timeline below, under guidance of the administration and with announcement to the UCMAA Board of Directors and membership at-large.

### SECTION 1 — AAUC PROTOCOL AND TIMELINE

The AAUC maintains a protocol for the designation of Alumni Regents within the UC Board of Regents on a cycling schedule. The UCMAA Board of Directors shall fulfill the designation of a UC Merced Alumni Regent for the term of **July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024**. The UC Merced Alumni Regent shall concurrently serve as non-voting **Regent-designate** and as **AAUC Treasurer** from **July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**. The UC Merced Alumni Regent shall concurrently serve as voting seated **Regent** and as **AAUC Vice President** from **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**. UC Merced shall reoccur in the designation cycling in 2028, as scheduled.

### SECTION 2 — EXPECTATIONS, DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS

UC Merced Alumni Regent candidates shall be graduates of UC Merced; have a complete understanding and appreciation of the mission of the UC Regents and UCMAA; and may not be a current UC employee. Preference shall be given to individuals who have a noteworthy history of active participation in the UCMAA and in UC Merced activities and programs.

The UCMAA Board of Directors and UC Merced at-large maintain that the Alumni Regent shall:

- Represent UC Merced alumni interests and UC alumni interests at-large on issues before the UC Board of Regents;
- Serve on special University-wide committees, Regents' task forces, or on Standing Committees of the Regents;
- Provide Regents meeting briefings at the quarterly AAUC and UCMAA meetings;
- Promote awareness of systemwide issues and concerns among AAUC member organizations by meeting with campus alumni associations and other campus boards;
- Represent the AAUC at Regents' functions, such as the annual Regents' Dinner to honor alumni leadership, and all official AAUC functions;
- Assume leadership role(s) as a member of the AAUC executive committee, in assisting staff to implement existing AAUC programs, develop agenda items for AAUC meetings, and develop new system-wide alumni initiatives.
- Play a key role in the biannual UC Day advocacy event in Sacramento; and
- Serve as a standing representative of the UCMAA Board of Directors, and as a limited voting ex-officio member of the UCMAA Board of Directors, participating in Board meetings and activities.

The UC Merced Alumni Regent shall recognize that the time commitment of this responsibility shall be strict and expansive. Alumni Regents shall be expected to attend all required and designated meetings of the Regents and AAUC, to include meetings of the UCMAA Board and/or Executive Committee upon request. Extensive preparation for each meeting shall be expected prior to each meeting. Candidates shall seriously consider the allotment of dedicated time to devote to this role, outside of other personal or professional obligations. Time commitments shall include but are not limited to:

- Six Regents Meetings, of three-day duration for each;
- Review of Regent Board paperwork, which may often be 500-1000 pages long;
- Meeting with campus alumni association boards, of generally one-day duration per visit, with one or two occasions annually;
- Meetings/events at the request of the Regents;
- Quarterly AAUC Meetings and Dinners, of one-day duration each, with up to four occasions annually;
- Monthly AAUC Officers' Conference Calls, of one-hour duration each;
- Yearly AAUC summer planning and orientation meetings, of one-day duration each;



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- UC Day advocacy events in Sacramento, of two days in frequency every year;
- Quarterly meetings of the UCMAA Board of Directors, and meetings of the UCMAA Executive Committee upon request; and
- Major events sponsored by the UCMAA;

For contextual insight, the University of California is governed by the Board of Regents, a 26-member board that includes four Alumni Regent positions. Two of these positions are appointed each year, according to a rotation schedule approved by the AAUC, for two-year terms. Each appointee serves one year as a non-voting Regent Designate, and then one year as a voting Regent. The selected UC Merced Alumni Regent of a given cycle shall serve as:

- Alumni Regent-designate, and as AAUC Treasurer or Secretary, during the first year
- Alumni Regent, and as AAUC Vice President or President, during the second year

For contextual insight, the AAUC is comprised of alumni leaders from each UC campus. The four Alumni Regents serve as officers of the AAUC (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The AAUC members include the four officers, and the following from each of the UC campuses: Alumni Association Presidents (voting), Alumni Association Executive Directors (non-voting), one staff representative (non-voting), and Executive Director of AAUC from the UCOP Alumni Relations staff (non-voting). The AAUC serves the purposes:

- To create an organization of representatives from all alumni of the University of California;
- To promote the welfare of the University of California;
- To provide for the selection of a Secretary and a Treasurer invited to attend meetings of the Board of Regents pursuant to its Bylaws and commonly referred to as "Regents-Designate;"
- To provide for the selection of a President and a Vice President to serve as the ex officio members of the Board of Regents of the University of California to represent the alumni of the University as provided in the State Constitution;
- To provide for the selection of an alumnus of the University to serve on the Governor's Advisory Committee on the selection of Regents as provided in the State Constitution;
- To facilitate an exchange of ideas, experiences, and resources among constituent members; and
- To promote and conduct activities of mutual benefit to the constituent members of the University of California.

For contextual insight, each Officer role of the Alumni Regent on the AAUC leadership shall lead where:

- The President and Vice President preside jointly at all AAUC meetings of the members. Special meetings of member associations may be called and held at such time and place as the President, with the approval of the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, may from time to time specify in writing.
- The President and the Vice President shall hold the ex officio seats upon the Board of Regents of the University of California. The Secretary and Treasurer shall attend meetings of the Board of Regents as Regent-designate.
- During the fiscal year following their terms of office, the Immediate Past President or Immediate Past Vice President, as determined by a majority vote of the representatives of the member associations, shall serve a one-year term on the Governor's Advisory Committee on the selection of Regents.

## SECTION 3 — SELECTION TIMELINE

For all future Alumni Regent selection processes, the UCMAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors shall uphold a set selection timeline and protocol, recognized as follows:

- May 2021 – August 2021
  - Identify and confirm alumni for Selection Oversight Committee
  - Finalize remaining Committee Members & meeting schedule
  - Finalize meeting logistics (Webform, Communications/Marketing, etc.)
  - Discuss, draft, and approve Alumni Regent Application
  - Launch and collect Alumni Regent Applications (Minimum 1 Month)
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- Fall 2021
  - Review Applicants in Rounds
    - ◆ September: Coordination + completion of Round 1 Application Review
    - ◆ October: Coordination + completion of Round 2 Vetting (with potential extension)
  - Remainder of semester: Coordination + completion of Round 3 Review
- Winter 2022
  - UCMAA Board Votes on UC Merced Alumni Regent Candidate (Jan/Feb)
  - Inform Candidate of Selection
- April 2022
  - Announce Alumni Regent



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- May 2022
  - Alumni Regent-Designate will be asked to attend the Board or Regents meeting
- July 2022
  - Alumni Regent-Designate begins their 2-year term
  - Will serve as AAUC Treasurer

The Alumni Regent Application shall be discussed and drafted by the UCMAA Executive Committee with direct advising by the Division of External Relations and UC Merced administration. Upon completion of the application draft, the UCMAA Board of Directors shall conduct an approval vote, where affirmation by simple majority shall be required for application launch.

## SECTION 4 — SELECTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Selection Oversight Committee shall consist of the following ten (10) members:

- UC Merced Vice Chancellor of External Relations, or chosen designate;
- UC Alumni Regent (Chair), with preference of former UC Merced Alumni Regent;
- UC Merced Director of Alumni Relations (Chair);
- UCMAA Board President (Chair);
- Two (2) Current UCMAA Board Members designated by the UCMAA Executive Committee;
- One (1) UCMAA member at large designated by the UCMAA Executive Committee; and
- Three (3) Current Student Representatives, with one (1) from each: ASUCM, SAA, GSA, or chosen designate(s)

The UCMAA Board President, Director of Alumni Relations and UC Alumni Regent shall preside as tri-chairs of this Selection Oversight Committee and shall be tasked with convening and engaging members of the Selection Oversight Committee in the Candidate Review Protocol, as outlined below:

- **Round 1:** Selection Oversight Committee shall review applications and select Top 5
  - Top 5 shall be interviewed by the Selection Oversight Committee
  - Top 3 shall be brought forward to Round 2
- **Round 2:** Top 3 candidates shall be presented to Leadership cabinet and other constituent groups (i.e. Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly), where each group may provide their recommendation(s) to the Selection Oversight Committee
- **Round 3:** Selection Oversight Committee shall review submitted recommendations for final candidate selection and presentation to the UCMAA Board for confirmation vote of selected candidate

The Selection Oversight Committee shall conduct a candidate finalization vote to move a singular candidate forward for confirmation by the UCMAA Board of Directors. In the event that a simple majority result is not reached by vote of the Selection Oversight Committee for this singular candidate, the tri-chairs shall conduct a final executive vote for candidate finalization.

## SECTION 5 — CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The UCMAA Board of Directors shall conduct a confirmation vote of the selected candidate by the Selection Oversight Committee no later than the final UCMAA Board of Directors meeting prior to the established designation deadline. The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to hold deliberation prior to this vote and may be inclined to open a space for public comment on or with the selected candidate prior to confirmation. An affirmative vote resulting in confirmation by simple majority shall be required for the selected candidate to be confirmed.

In the event that an affirmative confirmation vote is not reached, the UCMAA Board of Directors shall compile and report justification(s) for review of the Selection Oversight Committee. The UCMAA Board of Directors shall entrust upon the Selection Oversight Committee to re-review the Top 3 Candidates inclusive of the justification(s) within this report. The UCMAA Board of Directors shall entrust upon the Selection Oversight Committee to finalize confirmation upon re-review by affirmative vote by simple majority. The UCMAA Board of Directors shall acknowledge that the finalized candidate may remain the same.

## SECTION 6 — ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ALUMNI REGENT

In completion of confirmation and submission to the AAUC and UC Board of Regents, the UCMAA Board of Directors shall formally announce the Alumni Regent to the Association and UC Merced administration at the final Board of Directors meeting prior to the start of the Alumni Regent term.

## SECTION 7 — REGENT VACANCY

In the event of vacancy or inability to complete the current Alumni Regent term, the UCMAA Board of Directors shall facilitate and complete the aforementioned selection protocol, as necessarily and rightfully truncated, prior to the subsequent Board of Regents meeting, within professional reason. In the event that the UCMAA Board of Directors does not select an Alumni Regent or a vacancy occurs, the UCMAA President shall serve as the Alumni Regent in interim until the selection process is completed.