



UC MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

UPDATED: APRIL 17, 2020

... 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 UC 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 conferred degree of any type from UC Merced and any former enrolled students who completed at least two (2) regular semesters of enrollment shall be 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 Association Meetings 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 Relations within the External Relations arm of the Office of the Chancellor.

SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION

Any member of the Association may be nominated for the position of Director, subject to qualifications for all Directors as provided in the Association's Bylaws, to include all other criteria as may be established under oversight of the Nomination Committee and by the Board of Directors. The total number of elected Directors shall be set within the Bylaws.

SECTION 3 — TERMS OF OFFICE

The terms of office of all Board of Directors of the Association shall be three years, measured from the beginning of the fiscal year at which they are appointed. The terms of the Board of Directors shall be staggered so that one-third (1/3) of the members are elected annually.

SECTION 4 — VOTING

Voting at both Association Meetings and Board Meetings shall be completed by simple majority of all members or Directors present, respectively.

SECTION 5 — CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Directors shall consciously avoid all direct and indirect instances of conflict of interest. If the appearance of any such conflict may arise, the Director shall fully disclose said conflict to the entire Board prior to all discussions, deliberations, and voting.



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... ARTICLE V — MEETINGS

SECTION 1 — ASSOCIATION MEETINGS. The Association shall have at least one (1) meeting a year. All members shall be notified of the date and time of each meeting no less than twenty-eight days (28) prior to the actual date of the meeting.

SECTION 2 — BOARD MEETINGS. The Board of Directors shall have at least two (2) meetings a year, including the weekends of Homecoming and Bobcat Day. Additional meetings may be arranged by the department of Alumni Relations with general consensus of the Board of Directors.

... ARTICLE VI — BYLAWS

SECTION 1 — AUTHORITY. The Association has the authority and responsibility to create and maintain Bylaws governing the business, administration, and responsibilities of the Association, in accordance with its mission, as stated in Article II of the Constitution, which are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 — BYLAW CHANGES. Any changes to, or delegations of, existing Bylaws, or creation of new Bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

... ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any Board Meeting with two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, or at any Association Meeting with two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present. An updated Constitution and approved amendments shall be made available for public viewing no more than ten (10) business days after any amendment has been made.

... ARTICLE VIII — EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall become effective on the date, as it has been ratified by the membership of the Association.