

THE CONSTITUTION
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS
ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

TO FURTHER THESE COMMON PURPOSES, the Members agree to organize under this constitution of association.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND NATURE OF ASSOCIATION.

The official name of the association shall be the “CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION” (herein "Association"). The Association is a nonprofit organization and is not organized for the private gain of any person. The Association is organized exclusively for public and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law) ("the Code"). Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Association, and the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Code; or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

The Association is recognized by the President of California State University Channel Islands as the single campus wide alumni organization and with the privileges of such a status. The Association shall operate consistent with, Title 5 (Education), Division 5 (Board of Trustees of the California State Universities), Chapter 1 (California State University), subchapter 5 (Administration), Article 15 (Alumni Associations) of the California Code of Regulations and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University (herein “MOU”).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose of the Association is to:

- A. Promote the interests of the California State University Channel Islands (herein “University”);
- B. To encourage interaction between the University and its students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends;

- C. To encourage understanding and support of the University's programs through the establishment of alumni clubs, constituent associations, and additional meaningful activities;
- D. To preserve and promote the spirit of and loyalty to the University in its Membership, as defined in Article IV;
- E. To encourage participation in alumni activities and in University events or programs; and
- F. To raise funds for the University

This association is organized and operated exclusively for the above stated purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The “Mission” of the Association is to connect, engage, and celebrate alumni, students, and friends of CSUCI while building lifelong relationships that support the future of our University.

ARTICLE III: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the association shall be at One University Drive, California State University Channel Islands, City of Camarillo, County of Ventura, State of California. The association may have other offices and local chapters as may from time to time be designated by its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

The Regular Members of the Association shall be those who have applied for such membership and paid their membership fees. Regular Members shall be voting members of the Association. The regular membership shall consist of the following classifications:

- (A) **ALUMNI.** This classification of membership shall consist of all former students who have attended the University. This includes all students who attended the University from California State University Northridge and California State University Long Beach.
- (B) **FRIENDS.** This classification of membership shall consist of faculty, administrative personnel and other persons who through their personal efforts, have expressed interest in joining the Association.
- (C) **CURRENT STUDENTS.** This classification of membership shall consist of students who are attending the University.

HONORARY MEMBERS. There also is a nonvoting classification of membership consisting of persons who have performed distinguished service to the University and who have been elected to hold Honorary Membership by the Board of Directors of the Association, who may hold such membership without application for or registration and without payment of membership fees or dues.

In no event shall any membership be granted or denied based on age, disability, gender (or sex), Genetic Information, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion or religious creed, sexual orientation, and Veteran or Military Status ([Executive Order 1097](#)).

ARTICLE V: THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS; THE APPOINTMENT, ELECTION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

The powers of the association shall be exercised, and its activities and property, controlled by a Board of Directors comprised of up to 25 Directors, who shall be, and during their term shall remain, Regular Members of the Association. The term for a Board Director member shall be for 4 years, except faculty members who shall serve a two-year term, and student members who shall serve a one-year term, both with the option for reappointment. Directors shall serve without compensation. Except for the initial board, a term for a Director shall start on July 1.

The initial 21 Board Directors shall be appointed by the President of the University to serve staggered terms, 11 of which shall be for a four year term and 10 of which shall be for a two year term. The determination of the two and four year terms shall be made by the drawing of lots.

Thereafter, (1) the President shall appoint 5 Directors consisting of two current students and at least one Director who shall be a member of the University faculty and at least one who is a member of the University staff; and (2) the remaining 20 Directors shall be nominated by the Nominations Committee of the Board of Directors and elected by a majority vote of the Regular Members attending an annual Member's meeting. There shall be at least four board members from the Alumni classification and two board members from each other classification of regular membership. The other qualifications, the time and manner of nomination, voting, duties and the manner of filling vacancies shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Board of Directors (herein "Bylaws"). A copy of the MOU between the Association and the University as defined in and pursuant to Article 15 of subchapter 5, Chapter 1, Division 5, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations shall be given to each Director.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and CSU Alumni Council Representative, who shall be on the Board of Directors. The following will make up the Executive Committee of the Association with such powers and duties as set forth in the Bylaws;

- (A) PRESIDENT shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board or of the Members, and sign all resolutions, or other documents where a signature of the Association is required, and perform such other duties as set forth in the Bylaws. :
- (B) VICE PRESIDENT shall, in the absence of the President, be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board or of the Members, and sign all resolutions, or other documents where a signature of the Association is required and perform such other duties as set forth in the Bylaws.
- (C) SECRETARY shall perform such duties as set forth in the Bylaws.
- (D) TREASURER shall perform such duties as set forth in the Bylaws.
- (E) IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT shall perform such duties as set forth in the Bylaws.
- (F) CSU ALUMNI COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE shall perform such duties as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The Association and Board of Directors shall have a Standing Committee of the Executive Committee and such other standing or *ad hoc* committees as set forth in the Bylaws or established by a resolution of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Members of the Association at the time and location as specified in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall conduct and hold regular meetings of the Board of Directors as set forth in the Bylaws, and may hold special Board meetings as it determines necessary upon any notice as required by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: BYLAWS

The conducting of the affairs of the Association and its Board of Directors shall also be governed by a set of Bylaws, which shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution. Such Bylaws shall be prepared and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be amended from time to time as the Board determines necessary.

ARTICLE X: CHARTERING OF LOCAL CHAPTERS

As set out in the Association's Bylaws, the Board of Directors of the Association may grant, conditionally grant and may revoke charters for local chapters of the California State University, Channel Islands Alumni & Friends Association.

ARTICLE XI: FINANCES

The Association functions on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. The Association's budget, fees, dues, revenues, expenditures, and other fiscal matters shall be adopted and handled consistent with the Agreement between the Association and the University as required under Article 15 of subchapter 5, Chapter 1, Division 5, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations shall be given to each Director.

ARTICLE XII: SPECIFIC USE OF PROPERTY

All Association property is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth in Article 2. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any of its directors, trustees, officers, or members, or to any individual.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS/CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended pursuant to a resolution of recommendation of the Board of Directors that is adopted by the majority of Regular Members at any Regular or Special Meeting of the members.

ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION

The Association shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up upon a 2/3rds vote to dissolve made by all of its Regular Members; or upon the 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors in the event the President of the University decides not to renew or cancels the Association's Agreement with the University wherein the Association was designated as the single campus wide alumni organization, as specified in Article I.

ARTICLE XV: DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, all property of the association shall be distributed to the University or to the Foundation for California State University Channel Island.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, this Constitution of the Association is adopted on March 14, 2005, at One University Drive, City of Camarillo, County of Ventura, State of California by the below founding members.

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[Founding Member's Signatures]