

MERGER BYLAWS (Draft) 4/4/22

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization is UCSC Campus & Community Circle (proposed name), an unincorporated University support group and a merger of UCSC Women's Club and The UCSC Affiliates.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of the Organization shall be to provide all interested people on the campus and in the greater Santa Cruz community the opportunity to share common interests, to work toward building a cultural and academic bridge between the university and community, to promote understanding and support for the purpose and functions of the University, and to raise money for scholarships in two student populations: re-entry students and local students pursuing degrees at UCSC.

Section 3. Place of Business: The principal place of business shall be on the University campus, in Santa Cruz County and virtually when appropriate for General and Board meetings.

Section 4. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall align with the University business year, from July 1st of each year through June 30th of the following year.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS AND DUES

Section 1. Membership: The membership will be open to anyone interested in supporting the purpose and goals of the Organization.

Section 2. Dues: Dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership.

Section 3. Active and Honorary Members: Members who have paid their dues for the current fiscal year or those with life memberships will be considered active members for that year. An honorary member shall be any person so designated by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Executive Board: The Executive Board shall be familiar with and abide by the current UCSC administrative policies and procedures for unincorporated University support groups.

The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected officers: president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. Quorum: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of at least 51% of the members of the Executive Board. The exact number of people on the Executive Board for the new academic year shall be determined by the outgoing Board and Nominating Committee chair.

Section 3. Role: The Executive Board shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Organization and to make financial decisions for the Organization. Business shall be conducted in person or virtually.

Article III. GOVERNMENT (continued)

Section 4. Board of Directors: In addition to the Executive Board, others may include coordinators whose titles and duties may change at the discretion of the elected officers and members-at-large which may include the immediate past president(s), Chancellor's representative, and Chancellor's Associate. Duties shall support the activities, goals and purpose of the Organization.

Section 5. Resignations: In the event of a Board of Directors member's resignation, the president shall appoint a replacement with the approval of the Board. If the president of the Executive Board resigns, the order of succession will be as follows until the position of president is filled: first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and immediate past president.

Section 6. Nomination of Executive Board: The president shall appoint a chairperson of a nominating committee. The nomination committee first shall report their nominations to the Board, and then on the Organization's website prior to spring meeting.

Section 7. Election of Executive Board: At the spring meeting, the reported nominees plus any additional nominations by members (in person or virtually) will be added. These nominees will be voted into office by a majority of members present (or virtually present) at the spring meeting.

Section 8. Terms of Office: A Board member shall hold the same office for no more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms, except as deemed necessary by a majority of the elected officers for the efficient operation of the Organization's business.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. General Meetings: The Organization shall hold general meetings of the membership during the academic year including a Fall Gathering and a spring meeting. These meetings shall be held either in person or virtually. The spring meeting shall be designated a business meeting and will include election and installation of officers and annual treasurer's report. When a vote of the membership is required, i.e., change of dues or election of Executive Board, majority rule prevails (51% of present active members).

Section 2. Board Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet six times per year either in person or virtually during the academic year. The president may call additional meetings if needed. Assigned committees and sub-committees may ask to be added to the agenda for Board meetings.

Section 3. Quorum of the Board of Directors: A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of at least 51% of the members of the Board.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendments to the bylaws shall be proposed by the Executive Board, in writing, to the general membership at least one month prior to the next general meeting. Amendments will require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present at the general meeting.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

Section 1. Membership dues are collected for the Organization's operating expenses. Scholarships are funded by designation to either scholarships or endowments.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of dissolution, any assets of this organization will be turned over to the UCSC Foundation for the purpose of providing scholarships as stipulated by the individual endowments.