

UCR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Chicano Latino Alumni

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Organization

Section 1. Name

The name of this Organization shall be **CHICANO LATINO ALUMNI** (Hereinafter referred to as CLA), a chapter of the UCR Alumni Association (Alumni Association).

Section 2. Purpose

The mission of the CLA is to build a community that advocates and creates opportunities for the academic excellence, professional growth, and advancement of Chicano Latino students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community at large. All activities of CLA will be consistent with the Bylaws of the UCR Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II

Chapter Membership

Section 1. Membership

Membership in CLA is available to any currently paid member of the UCR Alumni Association who supports the purpose of the CLA, as stated under Article I, Section 2, and who participates in CLA activities. Alumni who are non-members shall be encouraged to become members however will not be deterred from participating. The Office of Alumni & Constituent Relations shall keep membership records.

Section 2. Dues

The Board of Directors of CLA will encourage participants to become current paid members of the UCR Alumni Association to contribute to the Alumni Association's mission.

Section 3. Voting

Any member of CLA, as determined by Section 1 of this article, shall have the right to vote on any issue brought before the membership. Membership will approve the annual budget, Board of Directors, any expansion of Chapter sites, and other pertinent business vital to the advancement of the CLA.

ARTICLE III
Membership Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

At least one (1) meeting of the membership of the Chapter shall be held each year at a convenient location as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be held at any time and may be called by the CLA Board of Directors or by petition by at least ten percent (10%) of the voting membership of the Chapter. Notice of such meetings must be sent to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors

The activities of CLA shall be carried out by a Board of Directors elected by the entire membership consisting of **eleven (11)** members: the Director of Chicano Student Programs, **eight (8)** members, **one (1)** undergraduate student, and **one (1)** graduate/professional school student.

Section 2. Dues

All board members shall be current dues paying UCR Alumni Association members. Student representatives are exempt from being paid members. If the Director of Chicano Student Programs is not a UCR alumni, they will be an Associate Alumni paid member.

Section 3. Powers

The Board of Directors shall act on behalf of the membership in all matters concerning the operation of the Chapter. Any matter submitted to a vote of the membership shall be binding upon the Board of Directors.

A matter may be submitted to the membership by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, or by petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the Chapter. Upon submission of the petition, the Board of Directors may adopt the matter submitted in the petition.

Section 4. Nomination and Election

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least **three (3)** members, which will present a slate of at least **one (1)** candidate for each vacancy on the Board. Nominations to the Board of Directors may also be made by petition of at least **ten (10)** members of the Chapter. Nominations must be made prior to April 1 of each year, and elections must be held by June 1 of each year at a regularly scheduled meeting of the general

membership. When only one person is nominated for an office, the Board of Directors may cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of the members of the Chapter for such a nominee, who shall be so elected.

Section 5. Terms of Office

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to two-year (2), staggered terms, approximately one half (1/2) the membership of the Board of Directors being elected in any given year. Any member of the Chapter is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Student positions will be for one (1) year. The Director of Chicano Student Programs shall be a standing Board of Directors member.

Section 6. Removal

Any member of the Board of Directors deemed by the Board of Directors to have failed to carry out the duties of his or her office, or who misses two (2) or more consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without prior excused notification to the Board of Directors, may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors.

Section 7. Vacancies

When vacancies on the Board of Directors occur, the position shall be filled at the next regular election of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may fill the vacancy on an interim basis by appointment until the next election.

Section 8. Compensation and Reimbursement

The members of the Board of Directors shall serve in their positions without compensation. Upon prior approval of the Board of Directors, the Alumni Association, or its designee, reimbursement for expenses shall be made.

Section 9. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet as often as deemed necessary but at least three (3) times each year at intervals of no more than four (4) months. One of these meetings shall serve as an Annual Meeting where regular business may be conducted.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chair of the Board of Directors, or in his or her absence by the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of each of these persons, by the majority of the Directors present at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Directors; provided however, that in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 10. Quorum

A quorum for Board of Directors meetings shall be a simple majority of the sitting membership of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V
Officers

The officers of CLA shall be elected by the Board of Directors from its own membership and shall consist of a **Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer** and such other officers as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Each member elected is expected to possess the motivation, commitment and dedication to make the alumni chapter a success. Duties for each officer are defined in Appendix A.

ARTICLE VI
Committees of the Board

The Board of Directors may create standing or special committees, or advisory committees, for any purpose and delegate to such committees any of the powers and authorities of the Board of Directors. These committees shall have the power to act only in intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors and shall at times be subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may establish written policies or job descriptions for any and all committees established. The Chair of these committees shall be selected by the Board of Directors and may also be removed by majority vote of the Directors in office. Standing committees shall consist of the Membership Committee, the Fund Development Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. All actions of the committees require approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
Procedures

Unless otherwise specified, the meetings and other activities of CLA shall be governed by those procedures found in Robert's Rules of Order, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII
Amendment

The provisions of these Bylaws can be modified at any time by either petition of at least ten percent (10%) of CLA members or by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the CLA Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those voting on a ballot submitted to the CLA membership. All proposed amendments shall require approval by the UCR Alumni Association Board of Directors before taking effect.

ARTICLE IX
Miscellaneous

Section 1. Conflicting Bylaws

In a case of conflict between these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the UCR Alumni Association, the latter shall supersede.

Section 2. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of CLA, any funds will revert to the UCR Alumni Association.

Section 3. Obligations

No member of CLA acting in any capacity may obligate or incur any expense in the name of Chicano Latino Alumni without prior express written approval of the CLA Board of Directors or its designee for that purpose.

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