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California State University, Chico

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ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Foundation") shall be "The University Foundation, California State University, Chico."

ARTICLE II
OFFICES

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this Foundation ("principal business office") is located at California State University, Chico, Butte County, California 95929. The Governors may change the principal business office from one location to another. Any change of this location shall be noted by the Vice President for University Advancement/Chief Executive Officer on these bylaws opposite this Section, or this Section may be amended to state the new location.

SECTION 2. OTHER OFFICES

The Board of Governors may at any time establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the Foundation is qualified to do business.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The objectives of this Foundation shall be:

1. That it is a corporation which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the Governors thereof;

2. To promote and assist the educational services of California State University, Chico, or such institution as shall succeed to the properties and functions of said University, and to apply the funds and properties coming into its hands toward furthering the educational services carried on or approved by the administrative officers of California State University, Chico;
3. To enter into, make and perform contracts and agreements; to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, lease, encumber, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, exchange or otherwise dispose of any securities, evidence of debt or other property in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person might or could do;

4. To take gifts of both real and personal property; to sue and defend; to borrow money and give promissory notes or bonds therefor and secure payment thereof by mortgage or deed of trust; to loan money upon or without security;

5. To receive bequests and devises by will or upon trusts to the same extent as a natural person;

6. To serve as trustee of any trust in which this Foundation is a named beneficiary;

7. To do whatever may be necessary or convenient in the conduct of its business to accomplish the purposes of said Foundation;

8. To perform all other acts within or without the State of California to the same extent as a natural person could do.

ARTICLE IV
NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

This Foundation has been formed under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for the public purposes described above, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. No substantial part of the activities of the Foundation shall consist of the publication or dissemination of materials with the purpose of attempting to influence legislation, and the Foundation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote.

The Foundation shall not, except in an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described above.

ARTICLE V
DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The properties and assets of this nonprofit corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this Foundation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or
any Governor of this Foundation. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to an organization(s) dedicated to the same or similar charitable purposes, provided that the organization(s) is dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE VI
MEMBERS

The Foundation is not a membership organization and is not required to have members in order to qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization.

ARTICLE VII
GOVERNORS

SECTION 1. POWERS

1. General Corporate Powers. Subject to the provisions of the laws governing auxiliary organizations of the California State University and by the California Nonprofit Corporation Law and any limitations in the articles of incorporation and these bylaws, the business activities and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised, by or under the direction of the Board of Governors.

2. Specific Powers. Without prejudice to these general powers, and subject to the same limitations, the Governors shall have the power to:

   i. Select and remove all officers, agents, and employees of the Foundation; prescribe any powers and duties for them that are consistent with law, with the articles of incorporation, and with these bylaws; and fix their compensation.

   ii. Change the principal business office in the State of California from one location to another; cause the Foundation to be qualified to do business in any other state, territory, dependency, foreign country and conduct business within or outside the State of California.

   iii. Adopt, make, and use a corporate seal and alter the form of the seal and certificate.

   iv. Borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the Foundation and cause to be executed and delivered for the Foundation's purposes, in the Foundation's name,
promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, and other evidences of debt and securities.

v. Establish grant-making procedures.

vi. Contract with other related or unrelated nonprofit corporations for the use of employees, agents, or services.

SECTION 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall consist of at least seven (7) but not more than thirty-five (35) Governors, unless changed by amendment to these bylaws. The exact number of Governors shall be fixed, within these limits, by resolution of the Board of Governors. Governors need not be residents of the State of California. Of the Governors, up to seven (7) shall serve as a result of position held with the California State University, Chico (the “University”); those being:

i. University President

ii. Vice President for University Advancement

iii. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

iv. Vice President for Business and Finance

v. Faculty member appointed by the University President

vi. Immediate Past Chair of the University Foundation

vii. Currently enrolled student appointed by the University President

All other Governors shall be community members.

At such time as the Board of Governors, following consultation with the University President, approves an increase in the number of Governors, and at the direction of the Board, the Governance Committee shall meet and present to the Board nominees for the authorized Board positions.

Restriction on Interested Governors. Not more than forty-nine (49) percent of the persons serving on the Board of Governors at any time may be interested persons. An interested person is (i) any person currently being compensated by the Foundation for services rendered to it within the previous twelve months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation
paid to a Governor as Governor and (ii) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or domestic partner of any such person. However, any violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any transaction entered into by the Foundation.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE

i. Except as specified herein, Governors' terms of office shall be from July 1 following their date of election by the Board, and such term shall be for three (3) years. A Governor may serve for three (3) terms, in addition to a short term resulting from an appointment prior to a full term to fill a vacancy or due to the increase in the number of Governors. Governors of the initial Board of the Foundation who are not serving as a result of position, and any Governor appointed to fill a vacancy created by an increase in the authorized number of Governors, shall serve for an initial one, two or three year term as determined by the Chief Executive Officer (Foundation CEO), in consultation with the University President and the Chair of the Board, so that the re-election of such Governors is staggered in thirds.

ii. Other than the faculty Governor and the student Governor, a Governor serving as a result of position shall serve as Governor as long as he or she holds the position.

iii. The faculty Governor and the student Governor shall each serve as Governor for a term of one year from July 1 following their appointment.

iv. The Immediate Past Chair of the Foundation may serve as Governor for the one year term immediately following his or her service as Chair of the Foundation, regardless of whether that year would otherwise exceed the maximum number of terms that a Governor may serve.

v. Any Governor who serves as a result of position shall cease to qualify and serve as Governor if he or she ceases to hold the position that qualifies him or her as Governor.

SECTION 4. ELECTION

1. **Time of Election.** Governors not serving by virtue of their position as indicated in Section 2 of Article VII whose terms are expiring shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the fiscal year. Election to new Governor positions authorized by the Board shall take place at the direction of the Board. If the last scheduled meeting is not held or the Governors are not elected at the last scheduled meeting, they may be elected at any special meeting held for that purpose. Each Governor, including a Governor elected to fill a vacancy or elected at a special meeting, shall hold office until expiration of the term for which elected and until a successor has been elected and qualified.
2. **Nomination.** The Governance Committee will prepare a single slate of nominees equaling the number of expiring terms and vacancies due to other causes. The Governance Committee report listing nominees shall accompany the meeting agenda, and the election will be held during the regular business of the meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be called for. Should there be more than one (1) nominee for a vacancy, a vote of the Governors shall be taken and the nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

3. **Publications.** Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the Foundation now or hereafter publishes, owns, or controls a magazine, newsletter, or other publication, and publishes material in the publication soliciting votes for any nominee for Governor, it shall make available to all other nominees, in the same issue of the publication, an equal amount of space, with equal prominence, to be used by the nominee for a purpose reasonably related to the election.

4. **Use of Corporate Funds to Support Nominee.** Without authorization of the Board, no corporate funds may be expended to support a nominee for Governor if there are more people nominated for Governor than can be elected.

**SECTION 5. VACANCIES**

1. **Events Causing Vacancy.** A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Governors shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the following: (i) the death, resignation, or removal of any Governor; (ii) the declaration of resolution of the Board of Governors of a vacancy of the office of a Governor who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or convicted of a felony or has been found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty generally under Part Two of Chapter Two, and specifically under section 5230 et seq. (relating to Standards of Conduct) of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, or (iii) the increase of the authorized number of Governors.

2. **Resignations.** Except as provided in this paragraph, any Governor may resign, which resignation shall be effective on giving written notice to the Chair of the Board, the president, the Foundation CEO, or the Board of Governors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. If the resignation of a Governor is effective at a future time, the Board of Governors may elect a successor to take office as of the date when resignation becomes effective. Except upon notice to the Attorney General, no Governor may resign where the Foundation would then be left without a duly elected Governor or Governors in charge of its affairs.

3. **Removal.** Subject to the rights, if any, of a Governor under any contract of employment, any Governor may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Governors, at
any regular or special meeting of the Board, or by an officer on whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board of Governors.

4. **No Vacancy on Reduction of Number of Governors.** No reduction of the authorized number of Governors shall have the effect of removing any Governor before that Governor’s term of office expires.

5. **Filling of Vacancies.** Vacancies on the Board may be filled by approval of the Board or, if the number of Governors then in office is less than a quorum, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Governors then in office at a meeting held pursuant to notice complying with this Article.

**SECTION 6. PLACE OF MEETINGS; MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE**

There shall be no more than four (4) regular meeting per fiscal year. Written notice of regular meetings shall be provided to the Board at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Governors may be held at any place within or outside the State of California that has been designated from time to time by the bylaws or by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such designation, regular meetings shall be held on the campus of California State University, Chico. Special meetings of the Board shall be held at any place within the State of California that has been designated in the notice of the meeting or, if not stated in the notice, at the principal business office of the Foundation. Notwithstanding the above provisions of this Section 6, a regular or special meeting of the Board of Governors may be held at any place consented to in writing by all the Board members, either before or after the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all Governors participating in the meeting can hear one another, and all such Governors shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

**SECTION 7. SPECIAL MEETINGS**

1. **Authority to Call.** Special meetings of the Board of Governors for any purpose may be called at any time by the Chair of the Board, the University President, the Foundation CEO, or by any committee Chair.

2. **Notice**
   
   i. **Manner of Giving.** Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Governor by one of the following methods: (i) by personal delivery of written notice; (ii) by first-class mail, postage paid; (iii) by telephone communication, either directly to the Governor or to a person at the
Governor's office who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Governor; (iv) by email message; or (v) by overnight service. All such notices shall be given or sent to a Governor's mailing address, email address, or telephone, as shown on the records of the Foundation.

ii. **Time Requirements.** Notices sent by first-class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least seven (7) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, overnight service, telephone, or email shall be delivered or telephoned at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time set for the meeting.

iii. **Notice Contents.** The notice shall state the time and place for the meeting. However, it need not specify the purpose of meeting, or the place of the meeting, if it is to be held at the principal business office of the Foundation.

iv. **Other Notice Requirements.** If any more stringent requirements regarding the time, place, contents, or delivery of notice apply to the Foundation by reason of any laws applicable to the Foundation or any policies of the University, then the Foundation shall comply with those additional notice requirements.

**SECTION 8. QUORUM**

A majority of the currently acting number of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 10 of this Article VII. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Governors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Governors, subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, especially those provisions relating to (i) approval of contracts or transactions in which a Governor has a direct or indirect material financial interest, (ii) appointment of committees, and (iii) indemnification of Governors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Governors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

**SECTION 9. WAIVER OF NOTICE**

The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Governors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (i) a quorum is present, and (ii) either before or after the meeting, each of the Governors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting,
or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any Governor who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

SECTION 10. ADJOURNMENT

A majority of the Governors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

SECTION 11. NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, in which case personal notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting to the Governors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

SECTION 12. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Governors may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board consent in writing to that action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

SECTION 13. FEES AND COMPENSATION OF GOVERNORS

Governors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services, and such reimbursement of expenses, as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Governors to be just and reasonable.

SECTION 14. DUTIES OF GOVERNORS

A Governor shall perform the duties of a Governor in a manner such Governor believes to be in the best interest of the Foundation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.
SECTION 15. AGENDAS

All agenda items for consideration by the Board of Governors are to be submitted in writing and follow a prescribed format. Items submitted for the agenda are to be sent to Foundation CEO three (3) weeks prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. Board agendas and all background material will be made available to Governors ten (10) days in advance of meetings. Items submitted for Board consideration too late for distribution with the agenda may be introduced by Governors at meetings, but will not be discussed or acted upon until the next Board meeting, unless an exception is made by majority vote of all the members of the Board in attendance.

SECTION 16. EMERITUS MEMBERS

Retired community members of the Board of Governors who have devoted years of service as well as resources to the Foundation and the University may by resolution be granted the status of Governor Emeritus. The distinction of Governor Emeritus may be bestowed for exemplary service. This distinction merits an individually tailored relationship. The Governance Committee, in consultation with the President of the University, will nominate candidates for Governor Emeritus.

Criteria for selection will include active participation at the board and committee level; board service of three (3) consecutive terms and service as a corporate officer or committee chair; a personal relationship with the organization and a commitment to the mission of the Foundation.

Governor Emeritus status is an honorary position entitling the Governor Emeritus to attend meetings of the Board and certain other recognitions and privileges, as determined by the Board, but does not entitle the Governor Emeritus to a vote on the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

The Board of Governors may, by resolution duly adopted by the Governors, designate one (1) or more committees, each consisting of two (2) or more Governors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Any committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board, or in the bylaws, shall have all the authority of the Board, except that no committee, regardless of Board resolution, may:
1. Take any final action on matters which under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of California, also requires approval of the Board of Governors;

2. Fill vacancies on the Board of Governors or in any committee which has the authority of the Board;

3. Fix compensation of the Governors for serving on the Board or on any committee;

4. Amend the Articles of Incorporation;

5. Amend or repeal bylaws or adopt new bylaws;

6. Adopt the annual budget for the Foundation, any Foundation policies, and any long-term plans;

7. Amend or repeal any resolution of the Board of Governors which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;

8. Appoint any other committees of the Board of Governors or the members of these committees;

9. Expend corporate funds to support a nominee for Governor after there are more people nominated for Governor than can be elected;

10. Approve any transaction (i) to which the Foundation is a party and one or more Governors have a material financial interest, or (ii) between the Foundation and one or more of its Governors or between the Foundation or any person in which one or more of its Governors have a material financial interest.
SECTION 2. SELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The Foundation shall have or cause to be had the following committees: Executive Committee, Finance and Investment Committee, Audit Committee, Development Committee, Governance Committee; and such other committees as are from time to time deemed necessary.

SECTION 3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The President of California State University, Chico, and Foundation CEO shall serve as ex-officio members of all Foundation committees except the Audit Committee. The Chair of the Board of Governors shall serve as ex-officio member of all Foundation committees except the Governance Committee. Members of the committees will be nominated by the Chair of the Board of Governors who shall similarly nominate one of those members to serve as committee Chair and such nominees shall be subject to approval by the Board of Governors, except where the committee is specified in the bylaws. All voting members of all committees shall be Governors, but all committees may include other individuals serving in a non-voting advisory capacity. Chairs of the Finance and Investment Committee, Audit Committee, Development Committee, and Governance Committee must be Governors.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

1. **Executive Committee.** The Board of Governors shall have an Executive Committee to execute matters of policy and operations. The Executive Committee shall represent and act for the Board between meetings on any matter of policy or procedure with such action to be subsequently reported to the Board; receive progress reports and advise on matters relative to the CSU, Chico development program. The Executive Committee may make recommendation to the University President on matters pertaining to the CSU, Chico development program, including budget, personnel, campaigns, etc. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the University President, the Foundation CEO, the Treasurer/CFO, and two other Governors appointed by the Chair. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

2. **Finance and Investment Committee.** The Foundation Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance and Investment Committee. The Finance and Investment Committee shall develop the annual corporate budget and submit it for Board approval; review Foundation financial statements and budget reports; review requests and issues of a financial nature or having a financial impact on the Foundation; and make recommendations to the Board.
The Finance and Investment Committee, subject to the ultimate direction of the Board, shall:

i. Manage the investment properties of the Foundation

ii. Authorize the purchase, sale, or lease of real property held or acquired for investment purposes

iii. Authorize the construction and repair of buildings to be held or acquired for investment purposes

iv. Loan funds of the Foundation related to investment of funds under the Committee's jurisdiction, however, no loan from Foundation, for other purposes, shall be effective, until confirmed by the Executive Committee

v. Purchase, sell, transfer, or exchange bonds, stocks, and other securities

vi. Transfer investments among specific funds of the Foundation when such transfers are not in conflict with the terms of any affected endowments

vii. Maintain, by appropriate resolution, an in-force system of custodianship for all securities

viii. Report quarterly to the Board concerning the investment operations of the Foundation

3. Audit Committee. Members of the Finance and Investment Committee may serve on the Audit Committee; however, the chairperson of the Audit Committee may not be a member of the Finance and Investment Committee and members of the Finance and Investment Committee shall constitute less than one-half of the membership of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall not include officers or staff of the Foundation. Members of the Audit Committee shall not have a material financial interest in any entity doing business with the Foundation. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Governors, the Audit Committee shall:

i. Recommend to the Board of Governors the retention and/or termination of the independent auditor which shall audit the financial statements of the Foundation on an annual basis in accordance with standard system-wide procedures and applicable California Code of Regulations. The independent auditor shall furnish said audits to the Chancellor and to the Department of Finance and publish the audited financial statements.

ii. Negotiate the independent auditor’s compensation, on behalf of the Board of Governors
iii. Confer with the auditor to satisfy its members that the financial affairs of the Foundation are in order

iv. Review and determine whether to accept the audit

v. Assure that any non-audit services performed by the auditing firm conform with the Yellow Book standards for auditor independence

vi. Approve performance of non-audit services by the auditing firm

4. Development Committee. The Development Committee will promote an understanding of the University’s needs, encourage full participation by Foundation Board members, work with the University to identify opportunities for private support, and participate selectively in the major gift development processes. The Development Committee shall advance and foster knowledge and relationships among allied professionals, alumni, parents, and friends of the University on the subject of charitable giving; advise and assist campus development staff and other appropriate University members in the planning and acquisition of major and planned gifts; and assist with educational and promotional experiences regarding the various methods of giving and gift planning.

The Committee will provide information to the University Foundation’s Board of Governors on issues concerning development and gift policies and procedures; apprise the Board of Governors of relevant proposed and ongoing campus and community fundraising campaigns and special projects; review and evaluate the progress of ongoing fundraising and special projects; make certain best professional practices are followed by the campus development program; review and advise the Board and development staff on administrative services provided by the University Foundation.

5. Governance Committee: The Governance Committee will ensure that the Foundation has policies and procedures in place to foster effective corporate governance and appropriate composition of the Board of Governors. In general, the Governance Committee performs this charge by developing, reviewing, and modifying corporate governance and membership policies, procedures, practices and organizational documents in an effort to enhance the board’s overall performance and governing function. The Committee also reviews the organization’s compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Governance Committee is organized as an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and, accordingly, all actions taken by the Governance Committee are subject to approval by the Board of Governors.

The Governance Committee shall have the responsibility for presenting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors as they may occur. In all cases they shall submit one name only for each vacancy and recommend the expiration date for the term of
office. Further, they shall submit a single slate for the officers at the last meeting of the fiscal year.

The Governance Committee shall select qualified candidates for election to the Board of Governors at least ninety (90) days before the date of any election of Governors. The Governance Committee shall make its report to the Board of Governors at least thirty (30) days before the date of the election.

SECTION 5. TERM OF COMMITTEE SERVICE

The Committees' term of service shall be one year and shall coincide with the Foundation's fiscal year.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES

Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of Article VII of these bylaws, concerning meetings of Governors, with such changes in the context of those bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Governors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be determined either by resolution of the Board of Governors or by resolution of the committee. Special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the Board of Governors. Notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any and all alternate members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Board of Governors may adopt rules for the government of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The officers of the Foundation shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, the Foundation CEO, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board shall from time to time deem necessary. The Foundation CEO shall serve as the Secretary of the Foundation.

Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the Foundation CEO nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the Chair of the Board.
The University’s Vice President for University Advancement shall serve as the Foundation CEO, and the University’s Vice President for Business and Finance shall serve as the Foundation Treasurer.

SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair, Vice Chair, and other officers of the Foundation, with the exception of the Foundation CEO and the Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Board of Governors at the last meeting of the fiscal year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a single slate of nominees for the offices and their report, listing nominees shall accompany the meeting agenda. The election will be held during the regular business of that meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be called for and, should there be more than one nominee for a vacancy, a vote of the Governors shall be taken and the nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment, any officer except those who serve as officers by virtue of a University position may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Governors, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

SECTION 4. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Foundation. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of that notice or at any later time specified in that notice; and, unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Foundation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES IN OFFICES

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled only in the manner prescribed in these bylaws for regular appointments to that office.
SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

1. Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board shall preside at meetings of the Board of Governors and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to the Chair by the Board of Governors or prescribed by the bylaws. The Chair shall preside at all meetings, shall call and preside at Executive Committee meetings, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Foundation except the Governance Committee. The Chair shall nominate such committees to the Board, and their Chairs, as are authorized by these bylaws, and shall exercise such powers as may be necessary for the efficient and proper performance of said duties.

2. Vice Chair. In the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the Chair. The Vice Chair shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Governors or the Chair of the Board.

3. Foundation CEO. The Foundation CEO shall, subject to the control of the Board of Governors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the Foundation. The Foundation CEO shall give notice and record and keep, or cause to be recorded and kept, the minutes of all meetings of the Board and its committees. The Foundation CEO shall be the custodian of all official records of the Foundation and shall keep in custody the corporate seal. The Foundation CEO shall cause to be disbursed Foundation funds as the Governors order. The Foundation CEO shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors or the bylaws.

If required by the Board of Governors, the Foundation CEO shall give the Foundation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the Board for faithful performance of the duties of that office and for restoration to the Foundation of all its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in the Foundation CEO’s possession or under the Foundation CEO’s control on the Foundation CEO’s death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office.

4. Treasurer. The Vice President for Business and Finance of the University shall serve as the Treasurer of the Foundation. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Foundation, and will work with the Foundation CEO to administer the financial affairs of the Foundation and shall disburse Foundation funds, keep, or cause to be kept, and maintain, or cause to be maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Foundation and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the
Foundation in such depositories as may be designated by the Governors and shall render to the Executive Committee and the Governors periodically and upon request, an account of the financial condition of the Foundation. The Treasurer will insure appropriate coordination with the University and other University related organizations.

If required by the Board of Governors, the Treasurer shall give the Foundation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the Board for faithful performance of the duties of that office and for restoration to the Foundation of all its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in the Treasurer’s possession or under the Treasurer’s control on the Treasurer’s death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office.

SECTION 7. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for each elected officer shall be one (1) year and officers may be re-elected for subsequent terms with the exception of the Chair, who may be re-elected to serve no more than two one-year terms. Officers’ terms coincide with the Foundation’s fiscal year.

ARTICLE X
INDEMNIFICATION OF GOVERNORS, OFFICERS,
EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER AGENTS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Article,

1. "Agent" means any person who is or was a Governor, officer, employee, or other agent of this Foundation, or is or was serving at the request of this Foundation as a Governor, officer, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was a Governor, officer, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation that was a predecessor corporation of this Foundation or of another enterprise at the request of the predecessor corporation;

2. "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative; and
3. "Expenses" includes, without limitation, all attorneys' fees, costs, and any other expenses incurred in the defense of any claims or proceedings against an agent by reason of his or her position or relationship as agent and all attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses incurred in establishing a right to indemnification under this Article.

SECTION 2. SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE BY AGENT

To the extent that an agent of this Foundation has been successful on the merits in the defense of any proceeding referred to in this Article, or in the defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection with the claim. If an agent either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment rendered against him or her, then the provisions of Sections 3 through 5 shall determine whether the agent is entitled to indemnification.

SECTION 3. ACTIONS BROUGHT BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THE FOUNDATION

Subject to the required findings to be made pursuant to Section 5 below, this Foundation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any proceeding (other than an action brought by, or on behalf of, this Foundation, or by an officer, Governor, or person granted relator status by the Attorney General, or by the Attorney General on the ground that the defendant Governor was or is engaging in self-dealing within the meaning of California Corporations Code Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law), or by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of this Foundation, for all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amount actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding.

SECTION 4. ACTION BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION

1. Claims Settled out of Court. If any agent settles or otherwise disposes of a threatened or pending action brought by or on behalf of this Foundation, with or without court approval, the agent shall receive no indemnification for either amounts paid pursuant to the terms of the settlement or other disposition or for any expenses incurred in defending against the proceeding, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.

2. Claims and Suits Awarded Against Agent. This Foundation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending,
or completed action brought by or on behalf of this Foundation by reason of the fact that the person is or was an agent of this Foundation, for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of that action, provided that both of the following are met:

i. The determination of good faith conduct required by Section 5, below, must be made in the manner provided for in that Section; and

ii. Upon application, the court in which the action was brought must determine that, in view of all of the circumstances of the case, the agent should be entitled to indemnity for the expenses incurred. If the agent is found to be so entitled, the court shall determine the appropriate amount of expenses to be reimbursed.

SECTION 5. DETERMINATION OF AGENT’S GOOD FAITH CONDUCT

The indemnification granted to an agent in Sections 3 and 4 above is conditioned on the following:

1. Required Standard of Conduct. The agent seeking reimbursement must be found, in the manner provided below, to have acted in good faith, in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interest of this Foundation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use in similar circumstances. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interest of this Foundation or that such person had reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of such person was unlawful. In the case of a criminal proceeding, the person must have had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of such person was unlawful.

2. Manner of Determination of Good Faith Conduct. The determination that the agent did act in a manner complying with Paragraph (a) above shall be made by:

i. The Board of Governors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Governors who are not parties to the proceeding; or

ii. The court in which the proceeding is or was pending. Such determination may be made on application brought by this Foundation or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering a defense to the agent, whether or not the application by the agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by this Foundation.
SECTION 6. LIMITATIONS

No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article, except as provided in Sections 2 or 5(2)(ii), in any circumstance when it appears:

1. That the indemnification or advance would be inconsistent with a provision of the articles, bylaws, a resolution of the Governors or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or

2. That the indemnification would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

SECTION 7. ADVANCE OF EXPENSES

Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by this Foundation before the final disposition of the proceeding on receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay the amount of the advance unless it is determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article.

SECTION 8. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OF NONGOVERNORS AND NONOFFICERS

Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than Governors and officers of this Foundation, or any subsidiary hereof, may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

SECTION 9. INSURANCE

The Board of Governors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any Governor, officer or agent of the Foundation against any liability other than for violating provisions against self-dealing asserted against or incurred by such person in such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not this Foundation would have the power to indemnify the agent against that liability under the provisions of this Section.
ARTICLE XI
RECORDS AND REPORTS

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

The Foundation shall keep:

1. Adequate and correct books and records of account;

2. Minutes in written form of the proceedings of its Board, and committees of the Board; and

3. The original or a copy of its articles and bylaws as amended to date.

All such records shall be kept at the Foundation's principal business office, or if its principal business office is not in the State of California, at its principal business office in this state.

SECTION 2. INSPECTION BY GOVERNORS

Every Governor shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the Foundation and each of its subsidiary corporations. This inspection by a Governor may be made in person or by an agent or attorney, and the right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts of documents.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL REPORT

1. No later than 120 days after the close of the Foundation's fiscal year, the Board shall cause an annual report to be prepared. Such report shall contain the following information in reasonable detail:

   i. The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Foundation as of the end of the fiscal year.

   ii. The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year.

   iii. The revenue or receipts of the Foundation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year.

   iv. The expenses or disbursements of the Foundation, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year.
v. Any information required by Section 4 of this Article.

vi. The report required by this Section shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants, or, if there is no such report, by the certificate of an authorized officer of the Foundation that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the Foundation.

SECTION 4. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

No later than the time the Foundation gives its annual report, and in any event no later than 120 days after the close of the Foundation's fiscal year, the Foundation shall prepare a statement of the amount and circumstances of any transaction or indemnification of the following kind:

1. Any transaction(s) in which the Foundation, its parent or its subsidiary was a party, and in which any Governor, officer or agent of the Foundation, its parent or subsidiary (a mere common directorship shall not be considered such an interest); or

2. Any indemnifications or advances aggregating more than $10,000 paid during the fiscal year to any officer or Governor of the Foundation pursuant to Article X hereof.

ARTICLE XII
CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Unless the context requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the above, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural, the plural number includes the singular, and the term "person" includes the Foundation, any other entity, or a natural person.
ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

1. The Board of Governors may adopt, amend, or repeal any bylaw provision.

2. If any provision of these bylaws requires the vote of a larger proportion of the Governors than otherwise required by law, such provision may not be altered, amended, or repealed except by vote of such larger number of Governors.
CORPORATE CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently acting Chief Executive Officer of The University Foundation, California State University, Chico, a California nonprofit corporation, and the above bylaws, consisting of twenty-four (24) pages, are the bylaws of this Foundation as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 4, 1997 and amended at meetings of the Board of Governors on March 6, 2002, April 17, 2003, August 28, 2003, December 15, 2004, March 29, 2005, June 29, 2006, April 3, 2007, and March 26, 2015.

Dated: ____________________

Peter N. Smits, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

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March 26, 2015
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