



**The Faculty Club
University of California
Berkeley**

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

(Revised November 2017)

ARTICLE I: NAME and FUNCTION

This organization shall be a Club to be known as The Faculty Club of the University of California at Berkeley. Its object shall be to further collegial relationships and interchange among faculty and other members of the campus academic community by providing dining, conference, and other kinds of leisure facilities that will promote shared activities and exchange of views between the disciplines.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. There shall be three classes of members: Active, Associate and *Emeritus*.
- Section 2. **Active Members** Officers of instruction, researchers, administrators and career staff of the University of California on any of its campuses, or people retired from those categories, are eligible for Active membership. At the discretion of the Board, this class of membership is also extended to current or retired officers of instruction in other academic institutions that have cooperative programs with UC Berkeley.
- Section 3. **Associate Members** Alumni of the University of California and other persons whose activities and interests make them members of the campus community are eligible for Associate membership.
- Section 4. **Emeritus Members** Those who are in retired status and have been Active members in good standing for at least ten years are automatically eligible for Emeritus membership. *Emeritus* members have all the privileges of Active members and, at the discretion of the Board, may be assessed lesser dues.
- Section 5. **Election to Membership** Individuals may be elected to Active or Associate membership only by the Board of Directors of the Club, following nomination by two Active and / or *Emeritus* members of the Club in good standing.
- Section 6. **Surviving Spouses** Surviving spouses of club members are important persons in the Club fellowship. The Board of Directors is authorized at its discretion to extend appropriate privileges to surviving spouses.
- Section 7. **Member Voting Rights** Only Active and *Emeritus* members may vote or hold office.

Section 8. **Expulsion and Suspension** Members may be suspended or expelled from the Club by the Board of Directors (or, pending action by the Board in exceptional cases, by the President) for good cause, abuse of privileges, or areas in payment of dues or other charges.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNMENT

Section 1. **Board of Directors** The Government of the Club shall be in the hands of seven directors, elected by the Active and *Emeritus* members from among their number.

Section 2. **Terms of Office** The term of office of each director shall be three years; two directors, two directors, and three directors respectively being elected in successive years. No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms of office, but may stand for election after a hiatus of two years.

Section 3. **Vacancies** The directors shall have authority to fill vacancies occurring on the Board by appointment from among the Active and *Emeritus* members. Directors so appointed shall complete the term of office held by the directors whom they replace, sustaining the normal cycle of Board elections.

Section 4. **Nomination of Directors: Regular Tickets** At least 75 days prior to each annual meeting, the Board shall appoint a committee of at least three from among the Active and *Emeritus* members to act as a nominating committee to prepare and submit to the membership a list of the names of Active and *Emeritus* members nominated to run for election as directors at the next ensuing annual election. The number of nominees shall be at least one more than the number of vacancies to be filled, and may include retiring incumbent directors. In elections in which an additional ticket or tickets have been nominated (see Section 5), the nominating committee may, at its discretion, nominate fewer than the number of vacancies to be filled plus one, but not fewer than the number of vacancies. The list of the nominating committee's choices, as adopted, shall be arranged by lot, shall be designated the Regular Ticket, and shall be posted on the bulletin board at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

Section 5. **Nomination of Directors: Additional Tickets** Independently and in advance of the official nominating procedure, nominees from among the Active and *Emeritus* membership may be proposed by not less than ten Active and/ or *Emeritus* members. The names presented in such fashion shall not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, and shall be in the hands of the Secretary not less than 60 days before the annual meeting. Such additional ticket or tickets must be in writing and signed by the proposers. The Secretary shall post all additional tickets on the bulletin board, and shall include them with the regular ticket mailed to each member (but the various tickets shall not be merged, the proposers of additional ticket not identified, and incumbents, if any, not so designated).

- Section 6. **Judges and Tellers** For each annual election, the Board shall appoint as judges three Active or *Emeritus* members, who shall also act as tellers in the conduct of the election. The committee of judges shall tabulate and certify the election returns to the Board, and to the annual meeting of the Club, and shall report the names and terms of service of all persons declared elected.
- Section 7. **The Ballot** At least 15 days before each annual meeting of the Club, the Secretary shall send by mail to each member a list of all nominees for election, distinguishing between the regular ticket and any additional ticket or tickets, but not otherwise, and indicating the maximum number of votes to be cast, which shall not exceed the number of vacancies. All Active and *Emeritus* members nominated in the manner prescribed in Section 4 and 5 above shall be eligible for election, and not others, and electors may vote for candidates from any or all tickets. The election shall be by postal ballot and shall close at 6 p.m. of the day preceding the annual meeting.
- Section 8. **Election** Those candidates, equal in number to the vacancies, who receive the largest plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected (the judges having authority to decide any tie vote or votes by lot). In the event that one or more of the vacancies is for an unexpired term, the successful candidate or candidates receiving the smallest plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected for the incomplete term or terms.
- Section 9. **Officers** Promptly following the annual meeting of the Club, the seven directors shall organize by electing from their number a President, Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

- Section 1. **Annual Meeting** A General meeting of the Club membership shall be called at least once each academic year at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors and noticed to the membership by mail at least 75 days prior.
- Section 2. **Business Meetings** The Board of Directors shall hold regular business meetings to direct the affairs of the Club. These business meetings shall usually be called once per month.
- Section 3. **Other General Meetings** Additional general meetings of the Club shall be called by the Board following receipt of a written request signed by at least ten Active and / or *Emeritus* members. The Secretary shall send a written notice of such action to each member at least one week before the date specified for the meeting. The Board may also call a general meeting of the Club on its own initiative if it so deems necessary.
- Section 4. **Quorum** A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual or other general meeting shall be 30 Active and / or *Emeritus* members.

ARTICLE V: OTHER

- Section 1. **Amendments** Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted at a general meeting of the Club after 30 days written notice to the membership by mail. They may be proposed by the Board: (a) on is own initiative, or (b) following receipt of a written proposal for change signed by at least ten Active and / or *Emeritus* members.
- Section 2. **Club Dues and Initiation Fees** The Board shall have authority to assess membership dues and initiation fees according to a schedule of its choosing for the classes of membership and academic or administrative ranks. The Board shall have authority to waive dues and initiation fees for persons who have made exceptional contributions or service to the Club.
- Section 3. **Group Accounts** Departments and other campus groups may, at the discretion of the Board, have accounts at the Club to be used only for group functions and group business and not by individuals. Fees may be assessed for such accounts.