10.00  **Preamble**

In carrying out its teaching, research and public service mission, the University has an obligation to maintain conditions under which the work of its members — the faculty, students and staff — can go forward freely, in accordance with the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity and freedom of expression, and with full recognition by all concerned of the rights and privileges, and responsibilities of those who compose the University community. These campus regulations address the rights and responsibilities of primarily undergraduate and graduate student members of the University community as well as others while on University property. These regulations also address the responsibilities of students as defined herein and provide campus-wide standards as a means of sustaining this community.

Each member of the UC Merced campus shares in the responsibility for maintaining this unique community so that the University's mission of teaching, research and public service can be achieved. These policies and regulations are designed to protect and promote the rights and members of the University, prevent interference with University functions or activities, and assure compliance with all pertinent laws and other applicable University policies.