

**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES OF THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES**

The University of California, Merced, fully supports and endorses the purposes of regional accreditation. The senior campus administration affirms that UC Merced will abide by all WASC policies and procedures, including those pertaining to substantive change and distance/technology-mediated instruction. UC Merced welcomes the opportunity to engage openly and candidly in the multi-step process that will ultimately lead to Initial Accreditation, as a means to assure that we meet the standards for higher education institutions, established by our peers in the Western Region.

Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, Chancellor

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