UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

CAMPUS BUDGET COMMITTEE
Principles for the Allocation of Funds

The principles established for the 2008-09 process:

1. Provide funding for the lead Deans to meet priority staffing needs in order to serve increased numbers of faculty and students. Enhance support for student academic services; foster specialized support services required by the enhanced graduate student enrollments, and expand academic personnel and curriculum support.

2. Invest in support functions that provide important services for faculty, as well as support for the shared governance process. Support the faculty in their efforts to secure extramural funding in order to build on the remarkable success to date in research activities. Provide for services that enable and allow faculty to focus on research and teaching.

3. Provide funding to advance the efforts of the campus to achieve 'Initial Accreditation' from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The process requires that the campus give attention and adherence to the WASC accreditation standards specifically related to undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

4. Invest in the success of a diverse student body, faculty, and staff; provide enhanced support and mentoring services that will ensure academic success for UCM students and career success for our faculty and staff. Support strategic enrollment management efforts in order to meet the target goals as outlined in the Long Range Enrollment Plan.

5. Provide funding to foster and enhance the internationalizing of the campus. By their very nature UC campuses are international. They attract students and scholars from throughout the world, and they provide the vehicle whereby our students can achieve significant enhancements of their education in another country. The continued growth of international students and faculty requires the development of an Office of International Students and Scholars that can provide the services for students and faculty. The development of an Education Abroad Program for students at UC Merced will broaden the academic possibilities for students and provide significant enhancements to their education.

6. Fund mandatory and contractual cost increases to maintain or improve the quality of services and facilities for the entire campus community. Invest in efforts that will maximize campus resources with the possibility of a substantial return on investment, such as for purchased utilities via successful sustainability efforts.

7. Strengthen the internal economy of the campus with the aggressive pursuit of any new stream of funding available, and by fostering exemplary fiscal stewardship. This can be done with a series of successful resource management strategies based on key milestones and accountability. Promote an open and transparent budget process on campus in order to build a broadly consultative process.

8. Provide funding for critical campus planning and permitting efforts in order to meet the challenges of full-scale development of the Phase II plans. The next Phase of the campus' development must ensure that the expanding infrastructure will guarantee that UC Merced will be a leading research university of the 21st century.

9. Invest in the development of key systems and tools, such as a Campus Data Warehouse and COEUS, in order to provide sophistication and efficiencies in data retrieval and management which in turn positively impacts the campus-at-large. The ability to identify and track patterns of enrollments and majors and to provide relevant historical information effectively feeds all campus planning efforts, from curriculum development to space planning. The ability to support extramural proposal development and effectively manage faculty grants post-award, benefits the reputation of the campus, as well as provides directed research funding that in turn enhances graduate student education.