About the Task Force

Charge

To develop and support the capacity for UC Merced faculty to conduct community engaged scholarship (CES).

The chancellor appointed this task force in Spring 2009 to encourage, support and highlight community-engaged scholarship at UC Merced. Connecting our research with the community is one way our university can bring value to our communities and to the society in which we live.

Goals

- Define CES for UC Merced, including threats and opportunities
- Identify who is engaged in CES at UC Merced as well as other UC campuses
- Establish an ongoing network of faculty engaged in CES
- Establish opportunities for learning about CES for UC Merced faculty and the community
- Disseminate knowledge about CES to UC Merced faculty
- Organize an initial conference to focus attention on CES
- Establish a liaison for interactions between community and faculty to develop research opportunities
- Identify funding opportunities to support CES
- Establish a framework for evaluating faculty CES
- Develop a Community Advisory Board that can facilitate CES at UC Merced
- Convene a National Advisory Board for the CES task force