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Charge for the UC Merced Student Retention Committee

The UC Merced Student Retention Committee is dedicated to developing and implementing strategies that support and enhance student persistence and success within the university.

The committee will focus on identifying and addressing barriers to student retention, especially within our diverse student body, and will work to create a supportive, inclusive campus environment that fosters academic achievement and personal growth.

Key Responsibilities
The key responsibilities for the committee include:

1. Analyzing retention data at UC Merced to identify at-risk populations, including first-generation, underrepresented, and transfer students.
    a. List of barriers for students generated from campus partners
    b. Quantitative data to understand gaps
2. Conducting an audit of existing retention initiatives across campus.
3. Developing and promoting programs and initiatives that enhance student engagement, academic support, and community involvement.
4. Collaborating with faculty, staff, student organizations, and campus resources to create a comprehensive support network for UC Merced students.
5. Assessing the effectiveness of retention efforts and making data-driven recommendations to improve student success and satisfaction.

The committee's work is essential to ensuring that every UC Merced student has the resources, guidance, and encouragement needed to succeed both academically and personally, and to strengthen our community as a whole. The committee will also endeavor to meet the retention goals outlined in UC Merced's MOU with UCOP.

Deliverables
In the 2025-26 academic year, the UC Merced Student Retention Committee will produce the following:

1. Retention goals for the next three academic years
2. A plan for reaching these retention goals
3. An expanded charge for the Retention Committee and its ongoing role in student retention at UC Merced