Department of Urban Planning
Alumni Council Bylaws

Article I – Mission Statement

The purpose of the Urban Planning Alumni Council is to provide advice, guidance, support and advocacy for the Department of Urban Planning at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs in the continuing development of its graduate and post-graduate programs and alumni.

Article II – Objectives

The objectives of the Urban Planning Alumni Council shall include the following:

A. Increase alumni awareness and interest in the programs and activities of the Department of Urban Planning.

B. Assist in advancement efforts to support the programs of the Department of Urban Planning and the professional development of its faculty, students, and alumni.

C. Supplement the existing career counseling and placement services in assisting graduate students find internships and job opportunities. Serve as a liaison with business, industry, and government agencies and acquaint students with challenges and opportunities.

D. Support the Department by assisting in the assessment and preparation of its graduates for the job market and helping faculty stay in tune with trends in industry and the economy.

E. Support curriculum enhancement and development by providing information on current practices and developments in Urban Planning education and the profession; this may include giving guest lectures in courses.

F. Suggest and participate in alumni and student networking programs, including increasing faculty and student involvement in the APA.

G. Suggest ways in which the Department can be responsive to the needs of the community, state, and region.

H. Assist in the outreach and recruitment of prospective students.

I. Assist and support the Department in acquiring the resources necessary to advance its mission of excellence in teaching and research, especially by taking
an active role in private fund-raising efforts and by advocating for increased state support.

Article III – Membership

The Urban Planning Alumni Council is a coalition of active and engaged alumni who participate in department activities as their time and interests allow. Membership in the Alumni Council requires:

1. That the person be an Alumnus/a of Urban Planning at UCLA.
2. That the person comport his/herself in a professional and ethical manner.
3. That the person attends at least one Alumni Council meeting in a year.
4. That the person contributes to at least one other Urban Planning department-related activities per year. Activities include, but are not limited to, assisting with student recruiting, attending Council meetings, attending Department events, visiting/lecturing in a class, mentoring or supervising a current student, or contributing financially to the UCLA Urban Planning program.

Council members will assist in the ongoing recruitment of a circle of UCLA Urban Planning alumni friends and volunteers who will participate as needed/desired in various conferences, events, networking sessions, department/student programs, etc.

Article IV – Meetings

The Alumni Council will meet at least two times each academic year. The Department Chair will preside over the meetings. Most meetings will take place on the UCLA campus. Occasional meetings may be conducted through teleconferencing or held at other locations.

Article V – Amending Bylaws

Any proposed amendments to the bylaws must be approved by the Department Chair before bringing them before the full Council for a majority vote at an announced regular meeting of the Council.