TENETS OF THEIR HIGHNESSES’ UNIVERSITY OF AVACAL

Herein lie the Tenets of the University of Avacal, outlying the function and form of the University of Avacal. These Tenets fall under the Will of Their Highnesses of Avacal, in that learning in Avacal be available to all and that knowledge be gained and rewarded. These Tenets are the current Tenets and all others are repealed. Dated: ______________

ONE

The University of Avacal is administrated by a Lord/Lady Regent, who is appointed by Their Highnesses of Avacal. The Lord/Lady Regent sees to the overall functioning and maintenance of the University of Avacal.

TWO

The Lord/Lady Regent is assisted with counsel and advice of Their Highnesses of Avacal, as well as the Regional Chancellors. Together They decide on matters that affect the University as a whole, such as the type of classes offered and the organization of a Grande Session of the University. The Lord/Lady Regent and the Regional Chancellors may wear or display the University of Avacal badge “On an open book quarterly argent and or, an Arabian lamp reversed sable enflamed gules and a griffin’s head erased gules”.

THREE

A Chancellor administrates a Region and aids in the running of classes and collegiums in their Region as well as help the Lord/Lady Regent for Grande Sessions. The Chancellors are under the direction and supervision of the Lord/Lady Regent.

FOUR

There shall be three Regional Chancellors each administering a Region. The Regions will encompass the following geographical areas: Northern Alberta (including branches in BC), Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

FIVE

The Lord/Lady Regent warrants Regional Chancellors according to Avacal policy.

SIX

Each Region is advised by the following people: the Lord/Lady Regent, the Regional Chancellor, the Principality Seneshal, the Principality Exchequer, the Principality Earl Marshal and the Principality Arts & Sciences Officer. These principality officers can call upon their deputies and branch representatives as needed.

SEVEN

The University of Avacal, through sessions held by the Regions and individual courses, bring greater knowledge of medieval times, past and current, so that all Avacalians may gain an appreciation and the skills to make the Current Middle Ages more vibrant and alive.

EIGHT

Classes in the University of Avacal may take place at anytime, anywhere. The only criterion that is required to be met is the following. One: the classes must occur at an official SCA sanctioned gathering. Two: the person teaching the class must make themselves known in advance to the Regional Chancellor or Lord/Lady Regent. Three: the class must be announced in a public forum where the majority of the group attending the event will hear about it. Four: the class announcement must be published in the group’s publication either in the group’s minutes, a newsletter, on a website, or by separate notice. Five: any costs incurred by the person teaching the class for materials and travel are to be recouped through the course fees set by the person teaching the class at the time of the course announcement. These fees must be approved by either the Lord/Lady Regent or the Regional Chancellor responsible for the Region where the course is being taught.
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NINE

The University as a whole aims to hold at least one (1) Grande Session every calendar year as a principality event. A Grande Session is an event whose main focus is devoted to holding courses. The Grande Session may be held by the Lord/Lady Regent in any area as long as that group is agreeable. A Grande Session is expected to consist of at least three (3) streams of courses. The location of a Grande Session is decided upon by the Lord/Lady Regent in consultation with Their Highnesses of Avacal. The proposal for a Grande Session needs to be presented at a Curia meeting 2 principality events prior to the proposed date. For example, for an October Grande Session, the presentation needs to occur at June Coronet at the latest. During the yearly Avacal calendar setting, the Lord/Lady Regent has the option to reserve a date on the calendar for a Grande Session during the first round as set forth in Avacal Law.

TEN

Any group wishing to hold a Grande Session may petition the Lord/Lady Regent for guidance. The group must put the event on the Calendar following Avacal Law, but the session will not count towards one of the group’s events. The group must have their own autocrat and must cooperate fully with the Lord/Lady Regent or the Regional Chancellor. Thirty percent of any profit made on a Grande Session event may be kept by the host group; 60% is due directly to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days of which all is directed towards THUA, and 10% is due to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ELEVEN

University credentials are given out by Their Highnesses of Avacal in consultation with the Lord/Lady Regent only at Kingdom Sanctioned SCA events. Their Highnesses of Avacal may also direct the Lord/Lady Regent or a Regional Chancellor to present university credentials in their stead. These credentials include titles that are included in the Avacal Order of Precedence for the recognized individuals.

TWELVE

A degree credential is achieved once by attending twenty-five (25) different classes at a minimum of three (3) different sessions. Once completed, the recipient holds the title of “Scholar of the University of Avacal”. Outstanding achievement in taking classes (100 or more) is recognized once with the title “Scholar Cum Laude”.

THIRTEEN

A fellowship credential is achieved once by teaching five (5) different classes at a minimum of three (3) different sessions. Once completed, the recipient holds the title of “Fellow of the University of Avacal” and has the right to wear the University of Avacal badge “On an open book quarterly argent and or, an Arabian lamp reversed sable enflamed gules and a griffin’s head erased gules”.

FOURTEEN

Regional Chancellors are to keep records of activity in the University. These records should include where, when and what was taught by whom along with a list of students in attendance and the class fees. From these records, student individual achievements and teacher credentials are to be tracked. This information will be provided to students or teachers upon request. These records are to be reported to the Lord/Lady Regent quarterly. Any extra money or donations must be reported to the Lord/Lady Regent and sent to either the Principality Exchequer or the Lord/Lady Regent.

FIFTEEN

The Lord/Lady Regent will manage records in the University and track when guidelines are met for THUA credentials.
SIXTEEN
Learning is valuable no matter the source. Classes taken in other foreign Universities throughout the Knowne World will be recognized as equivalents to classes taught in the University of Avacal. Student wishing to receive credit for foreign University classes must apply to the Lord/Lady Regent within 3 months of taking the class with details so that attendance may be verified.

SEVENTEEN
The Lord/Lady Regent shall keep available and update as needed the THUA Handbook which will contain all policies and guidelines of THUA.

EIGHTEEN
The Lord/Lady Regent shall follow the THUA financial policy guide and keep appropriate financial documents. The principality exchequer shall administer the funds of the University, under the guidance of the Lord/Lady Regent.

NINETEEN
Decisions made by Regional Chancellor(s) may be appealed to the Lord/Lady Regent. Decisions made by the Lord/Lady Regent can then be appealed to Their Highnesses of Avacal.

TWENTY
These tenets may be altered or supplemented to improve the functioning of the University, to clarify a specific tenet, or to expand the scope of the University. Any changes are to be signed into fact by Their Highnesses of Avacal, published as soon as possible in the Avantgarde and notification made to the THUA Officers of Avacal.

Prince Avacal

Princess Avacal
APPENDIX – SUMMONS FOR OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

**LORD/LADY REGENT THUA** - Deadline <insert date here>

Their Highnesses' University of Avacal (THUA) is an extension of the Sovereign and Consort of Avacal, the Coronet, and has as its responsibility the fostering and development of Medieval and Renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.

The Lord/Lady Regent is a warranted officer and oversees all aspects of the administration of the University. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- Actively encourages the creation of new classes and promotes all THUA activities in Avacal
- Guides and supervises the Regional Chancellors
- Oversees the organization of Grande Session events and THUA activities at Quad War
- Liaises with the other Universities of An Tir and draws instructors from outside Avacal to teach at Avacal events
- Manages student and instructor records
- Works with the Avacal Web Minister to keep the THUA website up to date
- Maintains the THUA Handbook up to date.
- Maintains THUA financial records and the reporting of such to the Avacal Exchequer
- Reports THUA activities to the Coronet and to Principality Curia
- Advises the Coronet in the selection of Regional Chancellors and other Deputies for approval and warranting

This position requires good communication skills, computer skills and someone who is organized.

**REGIONAL CHANCELLOR THUA - <INSERT REGION HERE>** - Deadline <insert date here>

Their Highnesses' University of Avacal (THUA) is looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual in the <insert region here>. If you want to promote the development of medieval and renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal, be it A&S or combat related, this is the job for you!

This post is under the direction and supervision of the Lord/Lady Regent of the University. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- Serves as the primary contact for THUA activities in their Region (helps find teachers, trains those running THUA event on recordkeeping, ensures recordkeeping done correctly etc...)
- Maintains student and instructor records for their Region
- Aids in the reporting of THUA financial records to the Lord/Lady Regent
- Actively encourages the creation of new classes and promotes all THUA activities in their Region
- When needed, stands in for the Lord/Lady Regent at Curia meetings and for bestowing THUA credentials
- Helps at Quad War and Grande Sessions of the University (registration, set up/tear down etc...)

This position requires good communication skills, computer skills and someone who is organized.