

**CONSTITUTION OF  
THE ALUMNI COUNCIL  
OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**

*(As Amended and Approved May 17, 2008)*

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND MISSION**

This body shall be called the ALUMNI COUNCIL OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (“the Council”), with the following mission:

To sustain a fully informed, representative, and engaged exchange of information and sentiment between alumni and their College, and to enhance and inspire alumni involvement that furthers the mission of the College.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Alumni Council shall be:

1. To carry out the Mission and Core Responsibilities of the Council (“Core Responsibilities” attached hereto).
2. To serve as a representative organization of Dartmouth alumni acting in the best interest of Dartmouth College;
3. To serve as the primary forum for the discussion of issues and concerns relative to the alumni body and Dartmouth College.
4. To carry out the responsibility assigned to it under the Constitution of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College with respect to the nomination of Alumni Trustees for positions on the Board of Trustees of the College.
5. To act as a clearing house for, and principal spokesperson of, alumni sentiment to the administration and as an avenue of approach by which the administration may have access to the alumni collectively.
6. To act as a resource for alumni providing service and talents to Dartmouth College.
7. To encourage and maintain a relationship with the Board of Trustees of the College, providing regular expression of alumni concerns and assisting the Board in evaluating and assessing programs and policies.
8. To communicate effectively information about the College and the Council to the alumni body.
9. To initiate projects and carry on such other undertakings as are reasonably within the province of alumni activity, or to provide for their being pursued.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **OFFICERS**

1. The Officers of the Council shall be a President and a President-elect.
2. The President-elect shall be elected annually by the Council for a term of one year and shall automatically become President the following year. At the time of his or her election, the President-elect shall be a Council member who has served at least two years. The President or President-elect shall carry over as a full member of the Council as long as necessary to serve a full term in the office of President. If the President-elect is unable to serve as President, the vacancy in that office shall be filled in accordance with the regular procedure for filling vacancies.
3. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to the respective offices.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **COMMITTEES**

1. Executive Committee.
  - A. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the President-elect, and the Chairs of the other standing committees of the Council. The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President of the Council or the President's designee.
  - B. The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for the Council and plan and design Council meetings in consultation with the Alumni Relations Office. It will be responsible for regularly reviewing the effectiveness of Council operations and this Constitution and recommending changes where appropriate. In addition, during intervals between meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Council, except that it shall not have the right to amend this Constitution.
2. Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee.
  - A. There shall be a Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee (hereinafter "The Nominating Committee") consisting of the President, the President-elect, the immediate past chairman of the Nominating Committee, a Council member appointed by the Committee for a term of three (3) years, and six other Council members to be elected for terms of three years by the Council, two per year, from a slate of at least four candidates. These candidates shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee from Council members who have served no more than two years of their current terms on the Council. The elected members of the Committee shall serve three-year terms and shall, if their terms as Council members expire after one or two year(s) on the Nominating Committee, carry over for one or two year(s) as a Nominating Committee member but not as a Council member.
  - B. The Nominating Committee shall make: (i) two nominations for the President-elect; (ii) one nomination for each vacancy for at-large Council membership; and (iii) one nomination for each vacancy for representatives of Tuck School Alumni, Arts & Sciences Graduate Alumni Association at Dartmouth, Dartmouth Medical School Alumni Council, Dartmouth Society of Engineers (Thayer School), and District Enrollment Directors. It shall also make the nominations for membership on the Nominating Committee (see Subsection A above), for the Alumni Liaison Committee (see Section 3 below), and for Alumni Trustee as provided in Article VIII of this Constitution.

- C. The Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College may sit with the Nominating Committee of the Council as a non-voting ex officio member at such times as the Nominating Committee is dealing with the subject of nominating candidates for the position of Alumni Trustee.
3. Alumni Liaison Committee. The Alumni Liaison Committee shall be a committee of the Council, consisting of the President, the President-elect, and immediate past-President of the Council, the Presidents of the Association of Alumni during their term on the Alumni Council (or the first or second vice presidents of the Association of Alumni, in the event they are members of the Council pursuant to Article VI.3.L of this Constitution), three current Council members elected by the Alumni Council for staggered three-year terms, and three members of the Association of Alumni elected by the Alumni Council for staggered three-year terms. A representative of the Trustee Alumni Relations Committee may also serve on this committee.
  4. Other Committees: The Council may have other standing committees. The President may also, from time to time, appoint ad hoc committees for special purposes.
  5. Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees. The Vice-Chair of each standing committee, except the Executive Committee and the Alumni Liaison Committee, shall at the beginning of the next Council year become chair of his or her respective committee for a term of one year without further action by the committee or the Council. Each such committee shall, on the nomination of its respective chair and vice-chair, elect its own vice-chair for a one-year term at the spring meeting of the Council. Such vice chair must at the time of such election have at least two years remaining on his or her Council term. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be a member of the Council at the time of election, and, if such Chair assumes such office at the end of his or her term on the Council, he or she shall carry over as a full member of the Council during his or her term of service as Chair. The President shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee and shall appoint the chair of ad hoc committees.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **COUNCIL YEAR—MEETINGS**

1. The Council year shall begin July 1 of each calendar year.
2. The Council shall meet not less than twice annually, once each in the fall and spring, at places and on dates set by the Executive Committee, provided that at least one meeting in each Council year shall be held in Hanover, New Hampshire.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEMBERSHIP AND METHOD OF SELECTION

1. All voting members of the Council must be voting members of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College.<sup>1</sup>
2. Unless otherwise provided, the terms of all newly-elected members of the Council shall commence on the first day of the Council year immediately following their election.
3. The Council shall consist of the following membership:
  - A. One member elected by each of the fifty-five most recent graduated classes of the College. Each member so elected shall have a three-year term.
  - B. Three members elected from the fifty-sixth and older graduated classes of the College by the presidents of those classes. Each member so elected shall have a three-year term.
  - C. One representative elected for a term of three years by the respective membership of each of ten metropolitan clubs designated by the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association.
  - D. Ten at-large regional representatives nominated for three-year terms by club officers of each region, and elected under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association. The regions will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association.
  - E. One representative of each of the following alumni associations elected by the respective associations for three-year terms: Class Presidents, Class Treasurers, and Class Webmasters.
  - F. One representative concurrently representing both the Class Newsletter Editors Association and the Class Secretaries Association. Such representative shall be put forward by the Newsletter Editors and Secretaries for alternating three-year terms.
  - G. One representative concurrently representing both the Head Agents Association and the Gift Planning Chairs Association. Such representative shall be put forward by the Head Agents and Gift Planning Chairs for alternating three-year terms.

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<sup>1</sup> Art. I of the Constitution of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College provides:

1. Every person who has ever matriculated as a full-time student in pursuit of a Dartmouth degree at the undergraduate College or at the Medical School, the Thayer School of Engineering or the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration shall become a member for life on the normal Commencement date for his or her Class.
2. Every other person who has enrolled as a Dartmouth student in pursuit of a Bachelors, Masters, or Doctors degree shall become a voting member of the Association for life on the date such degree is received.

Any other person shall be an honorary member of the Association if he or she has received an honorary degree from Dartmouth College, been officially adopted by a Dartmouth Class, or been voted honorary membership at an annual meeting of the Association. Such an honorary member shall be a non-voting member of the Association and shall not be eligible to serve as an alumni trustee.

- H. Two representative of each of the following graduate alumni bodies for three-year terms: Tuck School Alumni, Dartmouth Medical School Alumni Council, Dartmouth Society of Engineers (Thayer School), and Arts & Sciences Graduate Alumni Association at Dartmouth.
  - I. One representative of the District Enrollment Directors for a three-year term.
  - J. Two representatives of each Affiliated Alumni Group that has been officially recognized by the College's Office of Alumni Relations for three-year terms.
  - K. Six persons elected at-large by the Council, two each year for three-year terms.
  - L. The President of the Association of Alumni to serve a three year term. In the event that the President serves consecutive terms on the Association of Alumni, the first Vice-President will serve a three-year term on the Alumni Council. In the event the President and the first Vice President serve consecutive terms on the Association of Alumni, the second Vice President will serve a three-year term on the Alumni Council.
  - M. The President of the Council, if his or her other Council membership at the time of election expires before completion of his or her Presidential term.
  - N. The President-elect of the Council, if his or her other Council membership expires before completion of his or her term as President-elect.
  - O. The Immediate Past-President of the Council, who will also serve as the Chair of the Alumni Liaison Committee.
  - P. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, if his or her Council membership expires before completion of his or her term as Chair.
  - Q. Three club officers selected by the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association for three-year terms.
4. The Council shall have the following non-voting liaison representatives:
    - A. One person selected from the General Faculty of Dartmouth College for a three-year term.
    - B. Four undergraduate students elected by the Council for two-year terms to coincide with their respective junior and senior years.
  5. A person who has served a full term as a Council member shall not be eligible to serve the same constituency again for nine years after his or her earlier term expires.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **VACANCIES**

1. The Council shall have the power, by election at a Council meeting or by mail or email ballot, to fill any vacancy that may occur, during their elected terms, among its officers or among members serving Council positions that are filled by Council election.
2. Vacancies occurring during their elected terms among other members of the Council shall be filled by the organizations or bodies that originally elected such members.
3. Any person elected to fill any vacancy under this Article VII shall serve in such position for the balance of the term of the person whose vacancy he or she is filling.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ALUMNI TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

1. The Council shall designate candidates for nomination as Alumni Trustees.
2. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for (i) reviewing and evaluating the qualifications of alumni proposed as candidates for nomination for the position of Alumni Trustee, and (ii) recommending to the Council the names of candidates for nomination for Alumni Trustee vacancies.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **ALUMNI PETITIONS**

1. Any twenty-five or more voting members of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College may, by signing a written petition, present an issue to the Council for its consideration. Such issue must be relevant to the purposes of the Council as set forth in Article II of this Constitution. The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine the relevancy of any such issue.
2. Any such relevant issue shall be considered by the Council at its next meeting, provided that the petition has been presented to the Council through its President at least sixty days prior to such meeting. Representatives of the signers of the petition may be present at the meeting to present and discuss the issue raised by the petition.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **QUORUM**

A majority of the membership of this Council shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed or emailed to members no later than thirty days prior to the Council meeting.

## ATTACHMENT

### **Core Responsibilities:**

#### **To achieve its mission, the Alumni Council must:**

Actively learn and know the current state of the College and its future goals, and communicate that knowledge to all alumni;

Diligently learn alumni sentiment and help the College to fully understand and fully consider this sentiment;

Nominate competent, qualified, independent alumni candidates to serve on the Dartmouth Board of Trustees;

Recognize, encourage, and facilitate alumni service.

#### **And in doing so, it must:**

Think and act independently of the College and its administration;

Preserve the right of all Dartmouth alumni to express opinions (whether critical or supportive), ask questions of, praise, and seek change within the College;

Be accountable to all alumni to be honest, open, and balanced in its deliberations and communications.