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CONSTITUTION OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL OF THE ALUMNI
OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

(As Amended May 19, 2001—For vote December 1, 2007)

ARTICLE I

NAME AND MISSION

This body shall be called the ALUMNI COUNCIL OF THE ALUMNI 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. (See Subsections 3(G) & (H) of Article VI below). 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. Committee on Alumni Organizations.

A. There shall be a Committee on Alumni Organizations the purpose of which shall be:

i. To serve as the central facilitator, in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Relations, for all alumni organizations and alumni-sponsored projects.

ii. To act as the liaison, in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Relations, between alumni organizations and the College.

iii. To consult with the Office of Alumni Relations to help set priorities—both programmatic and financial—for alumni activities.

iv. To encourage the development of programs and service by alumni to the College, by alumni to other alumni, and by the College to alumni.

v. To take the lead on behalf of the Council in encouraging and nourishing participation in all alumni organizations and activities.
B. The Committee on Alumni Organizations shall consist of the following members who, unless ex officio members, shall serve for terms of three years:

i. The President of the Alumni Council ex officio.
ii. The President-elect of the Alumni Council ex officio.
iii. One representative of each of the following alumni associations selected by the respective associations: Class Presidents, Class Treasurers, Class Secretaries, Class Newsletter Editors, Class Mini-Reunion Chairs, Class Bequest Chairs, Club Officers, Dartmouth Medical School Alumni Council, Dartmouth Society of Engineers, Alumni Fund, and Athletic Council.
iv. Two club officers selected by the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association.
v. One representative from each of the following alumni groups selected by the Council on nomination by the Nominating Committee: Tuck School Alumni, Arts & Sciences Graduate Programs Alumni, and District Enrollment Directors.

C. Any other alumni organization that has been officially recognized by the Office of Alumni Relations pursuant to its standards for recognition may submit to the Committee on Alumni Organizations a request for membership onto the Committee and, by virtue thereof, membership onto the Council. The request shall set forth the reasons why the organization should be a member of the Committee. By a majority vote of the Committee, an organization will be nominated for membership if membership would further the purpose of the Committee as described in Subsection A above. Upon nomination by the Committee, membership will be granted by a majority vote of the Council. Subsection B above will be amended automatically to reflect any such change in membership.

3-2. 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 single: (i) two nominations for (i) the President-elect; (ii) one nomination for each vacancy for at-large Council membership; and (iii) membership on the Committee on Alumni Organizations of one nomination for each vacancy for representatives of Tuck School Alumni, Arts & Sciences Graduate Programs Alumni Association at Dartmouth, Dartmouth Medical School Alumni Council, Dartmouth Society of Engineers (Thayer School), and District Enrollment Directors (see Subsection (2)(B)(v) of this Article IV). It shall also make the nominations for membership on the Nominating Committee (see Subsection A above), for the College Relations Group Alumni Liaison Committee (see Section 43 below), and for Alumni Trustee as provided in Article VIII of this Constitution.

C. The Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Office of Alumni Relations, shall appoint all members of the Council's standing committees, except as otherwise specified
in this Constitution.
D. C. The Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College shall 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.

4. College Relations Group. The College Relations Group shall be a committee of the Council consisting of the President, the President-elect, the immediate past Council President, three current or former Council members selected by the Executive Committee of the Council, and the 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 Council. The College Relations Group shall be chaired by the immediate past President of the Council, Alumni Council, and three members of the Association of Alumni elected by the Alumni Council. A representative of the Trustee Alumni Relations Committee may also serve on this committee.

5. Other Committees. The Council may have the following other standing committees: Academic Affairs, Alumni Awards, Alumni Continuing Education, Athletics, Communications, Enrollment and Admissions, Honorary Degrees, Student Life, Young Alumni, and Young Alumni Awards. The President may also, from time to time, appoint ad hoc committees for special purposes.

6. Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees. The Vice-Chair of each standing committee, except the Executive Committee and the College Relations Group 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 (See Section 3(1) of Article VI). The Chairs and any Vice Chairs of the Alumni Awards, Young Alumni Awards, and Athletics Committees need not be current members of the Council. 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.*

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*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.
"3. 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."

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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. Twenty-nine persons, A. One member elected by each of the fifty-five most recent graduated classes of the undergraduate College for the three-year terms during which the respective classes have seats on the Council pursuant to Table 1 attached. As provided, each class will be represented on the Council during the years of its twenty-fifth and fiftieth reunions (the latter through a one-time four-year term for odd-numbered classes) College. Each member so elected shall have a three-year term.

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B. One person elected by the Council for a term of three years to represent those classes which have held their fifty-fifth reunions. This representative shall be a member of a post fifty-fifth reunion class. 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 Regional Nominating Committee of the Club Officers Association.

D. Ten at-large regional representatives nominated by the Regional Nominating Committee and elected by the Council for staggered three-year terms. 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. The members of the Committee on Alumni Organizations (other than the President and the President-elect of the Council—see G & H below).

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.

H. Two representatives of each of the following graduate alumni bodies: 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.

J. Two representatives of each Affiliated Alumni Group that has been officially recognized by the College’s Office of Alumni Relations.

K. Six persons elected at-large by the Council, two each year for staggered three-year terms.

L. The President of the Association of Alumni to serve a three year term. If 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 (see Section 2 of Article III above).

N. The Immediate Past-President of the Council, who will also serve as the Chair of the
Alumni Liaison Committee.  
- The Chair of the Nominating Committee, if his or her Council membership expires before completion of his or her term as Chair (see Section 6 of Article IV).  
- Q. Three club officers selected by the Executive Committee of the Club Officers Association.  
  4. The Council shall have the following non-voting liaison representatives:
   A. One person elected by selected from the General Faculty of Dartmouth College, from its own members, for a two-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. This provision shall not apply to bar Council membership to (i) any member of the Committee on Alumni Organizations or (ii) any other person whose most recent Council service was as an undergraduate.

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 carry the responsibility assigned to it under the Constitution of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College with respect to the nomination of Alumni Trustees.  

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2 In light of the Board of Trustees’ September 8, 2007, action concerning nomination of Alumni Trustees, the Council anticipates addressing Article VIII in the near future.

3 Section 3 of Art. V of the Constitution of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College provides: “A vacancy shall exist in an alumni trustee seat on the Board of Trustees on the expiration of the final term of service of an alumni trustee nominated by the alumni. The Council of the Alumni of Dartmouth College shall, upon notification from the Board of Trustees that a vacancy will arise on the Monday after the next following Commencement in a trustee seat for which alumni nominate, select three (3) candidates for nomination for such vacancy. The Nominating Committee of the Council shall give advance notice to the alumni, by publication in the Alumni Magazine or other form of written notice approved by the executive committee of the Association, that the Council will be selecting three candidates for each such position. Any alumnus eligible to vote may propose a name of an eligible alumnus for consideration for selection as a candidate by the Council of the
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2. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible (i) for reviewing and evaluating the qualifications of alumni proposed for nomination for the position of Alumni Trustee and (ii) for recommending to the Council the names of at least three candidates for nomination for each Alumni Trustee vacancy.

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.

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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.