Alumni Council

FACT SHEET

Council 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.

Purpose
> Alumni Councilors serve as liaisons between College and alumni and ambassadors for Dartmouth.
> Alumni Councilors work to inspire volunteerism and engagement with Dartmouth.
> The Council is the primary forum for discussion of issues and concerns of alumni and serves as a clearing house for alumni sentiment.
> The Council nominates alumni trustees and maintains a working relationship with the Board of Trustees.

Composition
58 Class Representatives
20 Regions/Clubs
10 Affiliated Alumni Groups
6 Members-At-Large
6 Professional Schools (Geisel, Thayer, Tuck)
5 Class Officers Associations
4 Undergraduates (non-voting)
4 Chair of Alumni Awards, ALC, Nominating, Young Alumni Awards
3 Current and past two Association of Alumni presidents
3 Club Officers Association
2 President and President-elect
2 Guarini School of Advanced Studies at Dartmouth
1 District Enrollment Directors
1 Faculty Representative (non-voting)

125 Total (maximum)

Meetings
The Council meets twice annually in Hanover. While Councilors are responsible for their own travel, the Office of Alumni Relations covers the costs of meals and accommodations during the meeting. A typical meeting is composed of:
> Committee work period
> Education of Council in work of the College
> Opportunity for Councilors to raise questions, discuss policies
> Social and recreational opportunities
Projects

Many Council led projects have formed the backbone of contemporary Dartmouth history and success. Outstanding contributions have been made in the areas of student enrollment, communications, recognition of alumni service, and nomination of Alumni Trustees.

Committees

Most Council work is done by committees. There are 15:
> Academic Affairs
> Alumni and Student Engagement
> Alumni Awards
> Alumni Liaison
> Alumni Service
> Athletics
> Communications
> Enrollment and Admissions
> Executive
> Honorary Degrees
> Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search
> Orientation
> Professional Development
> Young Alumni
> Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award

Election

Elections are performed by the classes, other alumni constituencies represented on the council, and the Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee. The Council seeks alumni of outstanding achievement who have demonstrated an active interest in Dartmouth and are able to attend two meetings each year in Hanover.

Early Organization

Founder and first President, Ernest Martin Hopkins ’01, organized the Dartmouth Alumni Council in 1913.

The Council was originally 25 members, but incrementally expanded over the years (amendments to the Alumni Council constitution were approved in November, 2007, revising representation and increasing the size to 125) it attempts to be representative in respect to age, geography, gender and professional background of its members. It provides membership for various alumni organizations as well as representatives for the faculty and undergraduate bodies of the College.