

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I MISSION

The mission of the University of Redlands Alumni Association, recognizing that learning is a lifelong process, is to provide experiences which foster meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships that connect the University and all its Alumni, and support the University in reaching the promises of its vision, values, and mission.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Any person upon whom the University has conferred an earned degree, credential, certificate or honorary degree, is a member of this Association.

Section II

Any person completing at least 32 units as a degree pursuing student is a member of this Association.

Section III

Individuals may be elected to honorary membership in this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the Association or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, hereinafter known as the Board.

Section IV

We understand the term Alumni to be all-inclusive and gender nonspecific and use the term throughout this Constitution and the Bylaws as such.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section I

The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Past President, President-Elect and the Director of Alumni and Community Relations.

Section II Duties and Function of Officers

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the members of the Association and serve as Chair of the Board.
2. Preside at meetings of the Executive Committee.
3. Serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees of the University.
4. Report on the activities and actions of the Association and Board at regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.
5. Appoint all Board committees and Committee Chairs with input from the Director, with the exception of the Nominations Committee, of which the Past President shall serve as Chair.
6. Preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs.
7. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
8. Perform such other duties as usually attend the office of President.

B. The President-Elect shall:

1. Serve the Association as Vice Chair of the Board and as a member of the Executive Committee.

2. Act for the President in their absence.
 3. Serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees of the University subject to the approval of that Board.
 4. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
 5. Conduct an annual review of the Bylaws/Constitution.
 6. Take minutes at Board meetings.
 7. Perform such other duties as usually attend the office of President-Elect.
- C. The Past President shall:
1. Serve the Association as Past President of the Board and as a member of the Executive Committee.
 2. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
 3. Chair the Nominations Committee.
 4. Perform such other duties as usually attend the office of Past President.
- D. The Director of Alumni and Community Relations, with the assistance of staff, shall supervise the Office of Alumni and Community Relations and shall:
1. Maintain the books and records of the Association in cooperation with the Business Office.
 2. Manage and supervise the staff in the Office of Alumni and Community Relations.
 3. Ensure a complete record of all members of the Association together with their latest known addresses, in cooperation with University Advancement.
 4. Act as a representative of the Alumni to the University Administration and as a representative of the University Administration to the Alumni.
 5. Edit and publish the official publications of the Association.
 6. Provide program planning assistance to the Association.
 7. Serve as a member of the administrative staff of the University, interacting particularly with University Advancement staff.
 8. Serve as a non-voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNING BODY

Section I

There is hereby constituted a Board of Directors to govern this Association. Membership of said Board shall consist of the following: President, President-Elect, Past President and not less than 18 or more than 38 additional Directors.

Non-voting members of the Board shall include the President of the University, Chair of the Academic Assembly, the President of the Associated Students of the University of Redlands (ASUR), the President of the Graduate Student Union (GSU), the Director and the administrative staff of the Office of Alumni and Community Relations, the Vice President for University Advancement, the chairs of regional Alumni Chapters, the President of Town & Gown, and the President of the Maroon & Grey Student Ambassadors (MGSA).

Section II

The Directors shall include any members of the Association specified in Article II. In selecting Directors, due regard should be given to the distribution of graduation years. Overall diversity of the Board will be considered when selecting Directors.

Section III Terms of Office

The term of office for President shall be one year. The President may serve a second one-year term, consecutive to the first, upon the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and subsequent re-election to this office by the Board in accordance with Article IX Section III.

The term of office for President-Elect and Past President shall be one year. If the President is elected to serve a second one-year term, consecutive to the first in accordance with the paragraph 1 of this Section, the term of office for the President-Elect and the Past President will be extended to a second one-year term, consecutive to the first.

The term of service for a Director shall be three years, with the exception of the MGSA special term described in Article IX, Section I. A Director may serve a second consecutive three-year term upon nomination by the Nominations Committee and approval of the Board. For the purpose of determining terms served, the one-year term of a MGSA President will not reduce the eligibility of the Director elected under this provision to serve full three-year terms immediately following the completion of the one-year special term.

A former Director may be elected to serve another term on the Board, but only after a period of at least three years has passed from the end of that Director's previous term. In any case, a Director shall be limited to two three-year terms, subject to the below exception for members of the Presidential Group.

The members of the Presidential Group are not subject to the term provisions of Article IV, Section III, paragraph 3.

Section IV

Officers and Board members shall assume official duties upon July 1 of each year.

Section V

Each year members must attend all Board meetings, participate in Standing Committees, and contribute financially to the University of Redlands. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good cause shall be considered to have resigned from the Board. The President shall immediately notify such member of the termination of his or her office.

Section VI Duties and Functions of the Board

The Board is charged with governing the activities of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section VII Quorum

A simple majority of the full membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Section VIII Meetings

The Board shall meet at least three times annually at such times as shall be designated by the President or a quorum of the Board. As circumstances may require, additional meetings may be designated by the President or a quorum of the Board. Any member of the Association is welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE V PRESIDENTIAL GROUP

Section I

The members of the Presidential Group shall be the President, the President-Elect, and the Past President.

Section II

The Presidential Group shall meet with the Director of Alumni and Community Relations on appropriate occasions for the purpose of long-range planning, advice and counsel and other purposes except those specifically assigned to the Executive Committee of the Board.

Section III

Should the Past President be unable to chair the Nominations Committee for any reason, the Presidential Group shall appoint another Director to serve in the Past President's stead.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I

The President, President-Elect, Past President, Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Board, and the Director and administrative staff of the Office of Alumni and Community Relations shall serve as an Executive Committee to further the goals and aims of the Association, and to carry out the programs, policies, and directives of the Board. Chairs of existing temporary or ad hoc committees may also be asked to serve on the Executive Committee at the request of the Presidential Group. The Executive Committee shall meet throughout the year at such times as the Director of Alumni and Community Relations or the President consider necessary.

Section II

Under the direction and leadership of the President, the Executive Committee shall devise and support plans which maximize awareness of the Association, individual Alumni, the University of Redlands, its faculty, and programs. In executing this responsibility, the committee will serve as a preserver and conveyor of the history of the University, its people, its environment, and the Association.

Section III

The actions of the Committee shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the full Board.

ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES

Section I

The President of the Association shall appoint members of the Board to serve on the Standing Committees of the Board. The President shall also appoint Chairs of the Standing Committees. Committee Chairs must be Board members. Committee membership, while primarily consisting of Board members, is open to non-Board members upon invitation.

Section II

The Board may add or discontinue Standing Committees, upon a majority vote of the quorum, as the needs of the Association change. The names and purposes of the Standing Committees shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Section I

At the discretion of the Director of Alumni and Community Relations and with the approval of the Board, regional Alumni chapters may be organized to conform with and support the goals of the Association. Critical in the Director's decision to establish new clubs is the availability of staff and resources in the Office of Alumni and Community Relations.

ARTICLE IX NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Section I Nomination and Election of Board Members

The Nominations Committee shall select sufficient candidates to assure a full complement of Directors and nominate those candidates for election by majority vote of the quorum. As a part of the candidate selection process, the committee may seek the guidance and assistance of other Board committees, regional chapter leadership and other appropriate individuals and organizations.

The Nominations Committee will recommend to the Board each year that the President of MGSA be elected to a one-year term on the Board upon graduation.

Section II Nomination of the President-Elect

The Nominations Committee shall select one or more candidates for the office of President-Elect. Individuals to be considered for this position are (1) current Board members who have served at least one full year of their current term or (2) members of the Association whose recent service on the Board would enable them to assume the responsibilities of this position. Any individual who serves on the Nominations Committee who intends to or does name themselves as a candidate for the office of President-Elect shall be required to recuse themselves from the President-Elect nominations process. Said individual will still be permitted however to continue in their Nominations Committee duties of electing new members to the Board.

Section III Election of President-Elect and Board Members

The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall present the candidates for President-Elect and Board membership to the Board for election by majority vote of the quorum.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Article IV Section III, when the then-current President stands for election to a second one-year term, the Chair of the Nominations Committee shall present the candidates for President and Board Membership to the Board for election by majority vote of the quorum.

Section IV Introduction of Officers and Directors

Following their election by the Board, the President-Elect and new Directors shall be introduced to the members of the Association in a subsequent issue of the Och Tamale or similar Association publication.

Section V Presidential Succession

The retiring President-Elect automatically serves one year as President. The retiring President automatically serves one year as Past President. This Section does not in any way limit the provisions of Article IV Section III.

Section VI Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur on the board for any reason, the Nominations Committee may recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy. Election of the candidate to the Board requires a unanimous vote of the Presidential Group.

The term of service for a Director who is filling a vacancy will end on the date that the term of service the Director's predecessor would have ended had the vacancy not occurred. The Director is then eligible to serve another term pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Article IV, Section III.

Section VII

The Director of Alumni and Community Relations shall be selected by the Vice President for University Advancement, with input from the President of the Association and other representatives of the Alumni and University community as the Vice President sees fit. Once selected, the candidate shall be presented to the Executive Committee for its endorsement. The candidate is then presented to the President of the University for final approval.

ARTICLE X MEETINGS

Section I Regular Meetings

The Board shall meet at least three times each year. Regular meetings shall be held in an in-person format unless determined otherwise on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Committee. Notice of meetings shall be carried in an official publication or general announcement to the members of the Association, mailed or electronically posted at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Section II Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be held upon call of 100 members of the Association or by action of the Board. Special meetings may be held at the University or in a virtual format. Notice of meetings shall be carried in an official publication or general announcement to the members of the Association, mailed or electronically posted at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section I

Either as a part of the President-Elect's annual review or as circumstances require, the President-Elect may convene an ad hoc committee, chaired by either the President-Elect or a Board member of their choosing, to review and recommend to the Board specific amendments to the Association's Constitution.

Section II

Should the aforementioned ad hoc committee recommend amendments to this Constitution, then all proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board for review and recommendation for final adoption. If the Board, by majority vote of a quorum of the Board, elects to formally recommend the proposed amendments for adoption, it shall then cause notice of the proposed amendments to be made available to all Association members as follows: Such notice shall be made at least 30 days prior to either a regular or special meeting of the Board at which the vote to formally adopt the amendment(s) is scheduled; it shall contain the full text of the proposed amendments as well as the date, place and time of the meeting at which the vote to formally adopt the amendment(s) is scheduled; it can be made through any official publication of the University or the University's website, or both.

Section III

The Board can formally adopt, by majority vote of the quorum, the proposed amendments at the meeting designated by the notice prescribed in Section II, above. Amendments adopted in this manner shall be effective immediately unless provided for otherwise in the text of the amendment.

ARTICLE XII BYLAWS

Section I

The members of the Association hereby empower the Board to pass such Bylaws as it deems necessary for the proper governance of the Association and carrying out of its duties under this Constitution.

Section II

Any and all Bylaws shall be kept on file at the Office of Alumni and Community Relations and any member of the Association may inspect the Bylaws or receive a copy of the Bylaws upon request.

Revisions: 1950, 1956, 1964, 1970, 1978, 1984, 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2012, 2018, 2023.