

BYLAWS OF
THE VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

NAME

The NAME shall be known as the Virginia Wesleyan University Alumni Council.

ARTICLE II

ALUMNI DESIGNATION

All persons who have matriculated at Virginia Wesleyan University and who have attended for at least one term (12 credit hours) or semester. This includes graduate and undergraduate learners. Honorary degree recipients shall be considered alumni.

ARTICLE III

ALUMNI COUNCIL

Section A. Purpose

As a volunteer advisory group, the principal purpose of the Alumni Council is to strengthen the bond between alumni and Virginia Wesleyan University, its students, faculty, and administration. In all its programs, the Council shall represent with equality and fairness

Section B. Qualification and Selection

B.1 There shall be no less than 15 and no more than 30 members on the Alumni Council.

B.2 Members of the Alumni Council shall be selected in such a manner to ensure that the Council shall be broadly representative of the interests of all alumni.

B.3 Members of the Alumni Council must read, sign, and adhere to expectations set forth in the General Roles and Responsibilities of an Alumni Council member.

B.4 Prospective Alumni Council members shall be nominated by the Nomination and Awards Committee. Nominations for Alumni Council shall be received by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and vetted by the **Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement**. Those elected to the Council shall serve three-year terms. Each term shall begin on July 1. Each term shall end on June 30. Council members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. A former member is eligible for nomination and election to the Council after one year as a non-member.

Section C. Vacancies

Any vacancy or vacancies on the Alumni Council for an uncompleted term may be filled by appointment from the Nomination and Awards Committee. Each person so elected shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term and can serve for up to two subsequent terms. Such election shall be presented for ratification to the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting(s).

Section D. Meetings and Notice of Meetings

D.1 Regular or general meetings of the Alumni Council shall be held three times per year including one to be scheduled in fall and one in spring.

D.2 Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President of the University, Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement, or Chair of the Alumni Council after consultation with the

Section D. General Responsibilities of the Officers

D.1 Officers will serve as liaisons to committees, encouraging their work and communication.

D.2 The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Alumni Council. With the Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement, the Chair shall facilitate the creation of the agenda for each meeting. The Chair represents the Alumni Council as ex officio (without vote) at meetings of the VWU Board of Trustees.

D.3 The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence. **With the Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement, the Vice Chair assists with new member orientation, assesses new member acclimation into the Council, a**~~BDC 0.133 g12 0 1204ΓmTc 0.08BDC 0~~

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Standing committees shall perform the work of the Council.

Section A. Membership

All Council members will serve on at least one committee.

Section B. Committee and Task Force Leadership

B.1 Committee Chair(s) will be appointed by the Nomination and Awards Committee. Except for vacancies due to attendance, inability to serve, or resignation, the Committee Chair(s) shall be elected for a two year term, respectively.

Section C. Standing Committees

C.1 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act between meetings, when necessary, as defined by the President of the University, the Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement, and the Chair. The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Immediate Past Chair, as defined above, the President of the University and the Executive Director of Alumni Relations. The Chair shall preside over the Executive Committee. When necessary, the Executive Committee may recommend committee assignments based on the subject matter and necessary expertise.

C.2 The Nominating and Awards Committee shall be comprised of the Alumni Council ex officio members and current Chair. They shall confer and consider all names which have been suggested and upon receiving the consent of the suggested persons chosen, shall nominate one (1) person for each vacancy.

C.3 Alumni Engagement Committee

Goal: To recruit fellow alumni in volunteering their time, talent and treasures.

C.4 Alumni Resource Development Committee

Goal: To engage alumni in supporting funding initiatives of VWU

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws are effective January 1, 2024, and supersede any and all previous documents. Recommendations for amendment require approval of a majority of those members present at a meeting, provided that a quorum is present. The recommendations are then submitted to the Advancement Committee of the VWU Board of Trustees for review. If approved, the proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the VWU Board of Trustees for action. The Advancement Committee reserves the right to return the proposed amendments to the Alumni Council for further revision.