

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AUTHORIZATION

The name of this Association is the Arcadia University Alumni Association (“AUAA”). This Association embraces Beaver College and Arcadia University alumni.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

The principal office and place of business of the AUAA is Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, United States of America.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

A vital alumni association is of critical importance to the University’s ability to achieve its full potential as a local and global institution that prepares students to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world.

A vital alumni association is of critical importance to alumni as a resource for them in their careers and other pursuits, and as a vehicle for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater. The AUAA provides structure for engagement – with faculty, staff, current students, other alumni, and the community – in meaningful ways.

The AUAA seeks to engage alumni in the following ways:

- Internationally/Globally – Bring the experience of international education to the University so that the academic and extra-curricular life is as vibrant and diverse in the United States as it is abroad. This includes finding ways to connect with alumni living abroad and/or connecting with those who understand the importance of Arcadia University taking the lead nationally in shaping leaders of a globally-aware and globally-prepared workforce.
- Diversity and Community – Draw strength from the richness of diversity in the surrounding community and support increased partnership contributing to the quality of life for members of the community.
- Engagement of Students – Build a robust student/alumni program that will attract prospective students and improve retention and success of current students.
- Alumni Engagement – Connect alumni with other alumni through events and programs. Connect alumni with students on the University’s domestic campuses and abroad, and tap into their vast potential as resources for career mentoring, providers of internships and jobs, and access to grants and philanthropy. Additionally, the AUAA will seek to identify and develop leaders and acknowledge alumni that provide exemplary service to this institution.

ARTICLE IV. OPERATION

1. The AUAA shall meet annually at the call of the Alumni Association President, and at any other times as the President, Steering Committee, or Leadership Council may decide. The ongoing work of the AUAA shall be conducted through its Committees.
2. The AUAA shall abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Board of Trustees of Arcadia University, its Bylaws, and all policies of the University; and shall further conduct its operations in conformity in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.
3. The conduct of the affairs of the AUAA, its Leadership Council, its Steering Committee and the Officers shall be governed by a set of Bylaws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Any person who matriculated at Beaver College or at Arcadia University either as an undergraduate or graduate student and completed at least one semester toward a degree shall be considered a member of the AUAA beginning the year his/her class graduates.

Any person who has made substantial contributions to the welfare of Arcadia University, its alumni, or the AUAA may be awarded an honorary membership in the AUAA by vote of the Steering Committee. Honorary membership in an individual class may be awarded by the class with notice given to the Office of Alumni Relations.

ARTICLE VI. LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Leadership Council of the AUAA (“Council”) shall have the duty of implementing the purposes of the AUAA. The business of the Council shall be directed by a Steering Committee, which shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Council in between the meetings thereof.

Requirements for Leadership Council composition, representative selection, meetings, and the conducting of its business shall be defined in the AUAA Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee shall organize the affairs and business of the AUAA and the Council, conduct the affairs of the AUAA and the Council/ in between the meetings thereof, and oversee policy implementation and priorities in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the AUAA; and perform such other functions as the Council may require and approve.

Requirements for Steering Committee composition, membership nominations and affirmations, terms of office, meetings, and the conducting of its business shall be defined in the AUAA Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

There shall be the following Standing Committees, with their responsibilities as set forth in the AUAA Bylaws: (i) Committee on Nominations, (ii) Committee on the Leadership Council, and (iii) Committee on Awards and Honors.

Section 2. General Committees

The process for creating and dissolving committees (other than Standing Committees) shall be defined in the AUAA Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be recommended by members of the Leadership Council or the Steering Committee, but must have the approval of the Council before being forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the University for final approval and adoption.

Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a quorum of the Leadership Council as defined in the AUAA Bylaws, and thereafter by the Board of Trustees, before they shall become effective.