Alumni Association Constitution

Article I: Name and Object

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be The Franklin College Alumni Association.

Section 2: The object of this Association shall be to support and promote the role of Franklin College in higher education by encouraging and coordinating activities of the alumni.

Section 3: Matters of this Association shall be carried out by the Alumni Council.

Article II: Members

Section 1: Voting members of this Association shall include all persons who have attended Franklin College as students for at least one full year and remain in good standing with the institution, and those who have been conferred an honorary degree.

Section 2: Lifetime associate membership in this Association may be conferred to those friends and benefactors of Franklin College whose services this Association may desire to recognize. Such lifetime associate membership shall be awarded by the Alumni Council.

Article III: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be conducted by the Alumni Association using one or both of the following means:

- **Face-to-Face Meeting:** “a single gathering of members in one room for area to transact business...”
- **Electronic Meeting** – “that is, at meetings at which, rather than all participating members being physically present in one room or area as in a traditional (or “face-to-face”) meeting, some or all them communicate with others through electronic means such as the internet or by telephone.”

Section 2: There will be an annual meeting of this Association. The date and agenda will be determined by Alumni Council.

Section 3: Special meetings of this Association may be called by the Alumni Council or by written petition signed by 50 voting members of the Association directed to the president of the Association.

Notice of any special meeting, which shall include a statement of the purpose for which such meeting is called, shall be given not less than ten days prior to the date of such meeting by the Secretary using the available resources of communication (e.g. mail, e-mail, social media, and etc.).

Section 4: Other than amendments to this Constitution, Association matters shall be determined by a simple majority vote, with a minimum of 50 members voting or a quorum of the Alumni Council members during a regular scheduled or special meeting.

Article IV: Alumni Council

Section 1: The Alumni Council shall consist of 30 members at-large, each member serves a term of three years. One third of the members at-large will be elected annually by the Alumni Council or be offered a second term by the Nominating Committee.

Additionally, three Association members who are chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees, will also serve congruent three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Council Representatives to the Board of Trustees shall also serve as active members of the Alumni Council.

Elected officers whose terms have expired may continue until their position as an officer is completed.

Section 2: The Alumni Council shall determine the policies and programs of this Association and shall meet upon the call of the president or by written request or petition of a majority of the Council members.

Section 3: Only the Alumni Council may make provision for and charter local alumni groups within the Association.

Section 4: Any vacancy occurring on the Alumni Council by death, resignation, or other reason(s) determined by the Alumni Council Bylaws and/or Constitution shall be filled for the duration of the unexpired term by majority vote of the Alumni Council, upon recommendation of the nominating committee.
Section 5: Membership on the Franklin College Alumni Council will be limited to two consecutive three-year terms, unless an exceptional case is approved by the Council. Alumni who have served on the Council may be considered for nomination after a minimum of one term or three years, whichever is less, since they last served. This limitation shall not apply to any member, appointed or elected, who has held Council membership for less than one year.

Section 6: Nomination for members of the Alumni Council shall be made by the nominating committee composed of not less than three persons appointed by the president of the Association. The total number of names on the ballot shall ultimately be at the discretion of the nominating committee.

Section 7: A quorum for Alumni Council meetings shall consist of one more than half of the membership of the Council.

Article V: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Alumni Council shall also serve in the same capacity in the Alumni Association. The officers shall be: president, president-elect, and immediate past president. The secretary and treasurer of the of the Association shall be the Director of Alumni Engagement.

Section 2: The president and president-elect of the Association and Council shall be elected by the Alumni Council from its membership. They shall perform the usual duties of such officers for a one-year term. The immediate past president will function in an advisory role to the president and president-elect, with voting privileges on the Council.

Section 3: Any vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the president-elect for the duration of the unexpired term of office.

Section 4: Any vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled by majority vote of the Alumni Council, upon recommendation of the nominating committee.

Article VI: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to these articles of the Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by no fewer than 50 members of the Association directed to the president of the Association, or by resolution adopted by the Alumni Council. Notice of a duly proposed amendment shall be given by the Secretary to the voting members of the Association not less than thirty days prior to the date of any annual or special meeting.

Section 2: Any amendment of this Constitution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of votes cast, with a minimum of 50 members voting or a quorum of the Alumni Council members during a regular scheduled or special meeting.

Article VII: Bylaws

The affairs and activities of the Alumni Council shall be conducted in accordance with its bylaws, which shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this Constitution.

Article VIII: Rules of Order

Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or the Bylaws, the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern procedure in all cases.

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