



At its November 2020 meeting, the Franklin College Alumni Council unanimously passed a resolution to adopt and send to the Alumni Association for ratification the Constitution and Bylaws of the Franklin College Alumni Association and Alumni Council to replace the current set of documents that govern the groups. This document can be found here: <https://franklincollege.edu/alumni/alumni-council/>

The Council embarked on this project to better reflect the way the Council operates, provide more flexibility to achieve its stated goals, and to clarify its role as the governing body of the Association. The Council believes these changes will better serve Franklin College and alumni. The new constitution and bylaws are for the most part a restatement of the older rules with several important changes:

- The Council will be the specified governing body of the Association and take the lead in advancing the goals of the Association by involving alumni in the life of the college. While this was the practical effect under the old rules, the new rules make the Council role clear and remove the requirement for the Alumni Association to hold annual meetings, which often conducted no business.
- The Council committee system will be changed to a task force structure that aligns and evolves with the college's strategic goals as set by the Board of Trustees and college administration. An added mission of the Council will be to support these goals and engage alumni to assist in their implementation.
- Council membership will be changed from a set 30 members to a range of at least 20 but not more than 30 members. This offer more flexibility in nomination of members, and the new rules provide more clarity around this process.
- Council officers' terms will be extended from one year to two to provide more continuity of leadership, and a Council secretary will be added to expand leadership opportunities.
- The new rules provide for a new list of alumni awards and a streamlined process for nominations. Awards can be found here: <https://franklincollege.edu/alumni/alumni-council-awards/>

There will be time for discussion of these changes at the March 15 meeting, but if you have questions that you would like to address before the meeting, please email them to [alumni.engagement@FranklinCollege.edu](mailto:alumni.engagement@FranklinCollege.edu).