

Franklin College Parent Association Constitution

This constitution shall serve as the basis for the operation of the Association until such time as the Association is ready to develop a permanent document for its governance. A permanent document would be developed by the Advisory Council described below and presented to the College for approval.

Mission of Franklin College:

Franklin College shall attain excellence as a personal, participatory, values-focused, career-sensitive, liberal arts teaching and learning undergraduate community. The college shall motivate and prepare its graduates for productive and satisfying lives of excellence, leadership and service.

Values-Focused:

The Franklin educational experience encourages each student to develop a personal value system, with emphasis on the following values as especially important in shaping behavior, motivating life choices, and influencing interactions with others:

- **Respect** — The belief in the intrinsic worth of self, others, and the earth leading to actions – such as justice, caring, civility, and the improvement of the world– that promote the well-being of self, a valuing of diversity, and good stewardship.
- **Honesty** — the ability and willingness to live in a manner that reflects truth and integrity.
- **Responsibility** — the capacity to accept the outcomes of one’s actions and the strength to choose those actions that will positively affect one’s life and the lives of others in community.
- **Life-Long Pursuit of Learning** — the dedication to seek opportunities for continuous learning and self-improvement in which personal creativity, excellence, flexibility, and community service are cultivated.
- **Faith** — the recognition that one’s life is grounded in central convictions about ultimate matters that provide purpose and meaning beyond personal wants and needs and that spiritual growth requires reflection on these convictions

Mission of Parent Association: This Association is open to the parents and grandparents of current and former Franklin College students. Its mission is to actively engage all parents in the Franklin College Community and improve parents’ understanding of the College community, its values and mission. Its activities will provide appropriate arenas for parent input and involvement in the life of the College

including their participation in the recruitment of new students and support of the institution's retention and advancement goals.

Membership: All parents and grandparents of current or former Franklin College students can become members and are entitled to participate in Association activities, receive any member benefits, and be appointed to serve on committees or other leadership roles of the organization. To join, eligible members must register as members by filling out a membership form annually to state their desire to join and to update member information.

Parent Association Advisory Council: The Parent Association Advisory Council shall serve as the governing body in its executive capacity with the central purpose of the Council to serve as a means of communication between parents and the college. Council members represent not only themselves but all members of the Parent Association in their work with the College.

The organization shall be lead by the Advisory Council consisting of not less than fifteen members and no more than twenty members selected by the Advisory Council and approved by the College from parents who express an interest and, as a whole, should be representative of the diversity of the student body. The group must include at least one member who is the parent of a student at each class level. Members will serve a 3-year term which may be extended by the member with the approval of the Advisory Council Chairman for no more than one additional 3-year term. There must be a quorum of at least 50 percent (50%) of the current Advisory Council members present or available via teleconference in order to conduct voting on any changes to the Provisional Constitution.

The Advisory Council will be responsible for the following:

- Selection of the Association President, Treasurer, and Secretary from the Council.
- Draft a permanent constitution for the Parent Association
- Approve propose amendments to the Constitution
- Develop goals for the organization and implement these goals.
- Provide feedback and input to the College upon request of the College
- Approve appointments by the President to the three standing committees.
- Create committees, subcommittees, task forces or as hoc committees for the Association as needed and each Advisory Council member shall serve on at least one of these.
- Approve appointments made by the President to such committees, etc. that it creates.
- Assist in the planning and evaluation of special events through the various association committees.
- Through these committees, assist in the planning and evaluation of special events.

Standing Committees: There are three standing committees that address programs and issues related to the area of the committee. These are:

- Student Life, which works closely with the Student Affairs Division of the College
- Admissions, which works closely with the Enrollment Division of the College
- Advancement, which works closely with the Institutional Advancement Division of the College.

Each committee is chaired by a member of the Advisory Council and is appointed to that role by the President of the Association.

Any member of the Parent Association is eligible to serve on these standing Committees. Each year the Advisory Council, through its President, will solicit members of the Association to serve on these committees. Committee members will be appointed to insure equal distribution of interested parents on each committee and with an effort to insure that membership on each represents the diversity of the student body.

Amendment to the Constitution: An amendment to the Constitution of Franklin College Parent Association may be proposed by any member of the association by sending the proposal in writing to the Parent Advisory Council Chairman. The Council will give the proposal a reading at its next regularly scheduled meeting or if deemed necessary by the Advisory Council Chairman, a special meeting may be called. To adopt the proposal it must receive an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Council members present. Unless otherwise stated in the amendment, approved amendments are effective immediately.