

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES

BYLAWS OF THE TRUSTEES COMMISSION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Trustees Commission of the Association of Florida Colleges.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and enhance the Florida College System of the State of Florida by serving in a liaison capacity with the Florida College System Council of Presidents, the State Board of Education, and by serving as liaison with the general membership of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC). Additionally, the Commission shall provide trustees within the Florida College System with educational opportunities with regard to their duties and responsibilities, by keeping such trustees informed about matters of concern to all 28 colleges, and by providing a forum for such trustees to discuss the issues common to them.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Each duly commissioned trustee of a Florida College System institution is a contributing member in good standing of the Association of Florida Colleges and a member of the Trustees Commission.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The officers shall consist of a chair, chair-elect, secretary, legislative liaison and the immediate past chair.

SECTION 2

The chair shall serve for a one year term and shall be succeeded in office at the completion of said term by the chair-elect. The chair-elect shall be elected for a one year term to this office at the annual meeting of the Trustees Commission. All other officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Trustees Commission for a one-year term. No officer may serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 3

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Trustees Commission at the AFC Annual Meeting and Conference and shall assume office on July 1st following the annual meeting, and serve until June 30 of the following year.

SECTION 4

The chair shall appoint a nominating committee to present nominees to the membership for the offices subject to election at the annual meeting. There may be nominations from the floor.

SECTION 5

If a vacancy should occur in the office of chair, the chair-elect shall assume the office of the chair. If vacancies should occur in the offices of both the chair and the chair-elect, the immediate past chair shall assume the office of chair until the next regularly scheduled odd number year annual meeting election. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Board (as defined in Section 6 below) and shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Trustees Commission.

SECTION 6 Duties of officers:

- a. Chair
 - 1) The chair shall preside at all Commission and Executive Board meetings.
 - 2) The chair shall serve as liaison with the State Board of Education and the Council of Presidents.
- b. Chair-elect
 - 1) The chair-elect shall act in the absence of the chairman or as directed.
- c. Secretary
 - 1) The secretary shall record minutes of the Commission
- d. Legislative Liaison
 - 1) The legislative liaison shall act as a liaison with the Executive Board, the AFC lobbyists, the Council of Presidents, and Policy and Advocacy Committee relating to the community college system.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the chair, chair-elect, secretary, legislative liaison, and immediate past chair, and shall act for the membership between annual and special meetings. The chair shall appoint, with confirmation by the Executive Board, no less than 5 or more than 10 members-at-large who will serve in ex-officio, advisory capacity to the Executive Board. These at-large members shall constitute the Advocacy and Governmental Relations Committee.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1

There shall be an annual meeting of the Trustees Commission, which shall be held at the same time as the annual meeting of the Association of Florida Colleges.

SECTION 2

The Trustees Commission shall meet jointly with the Council of Presidents at least annually to discuss legislative and other matters of mutual concern.

SECTION 3

Each trustee in attendance shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Trustees Commission.

SECTION 4

Special meetings of the Commission may be called at the discretion of the chair of the Trustees Commission or by the written request of at least fifteen chairs of the District Boards of Trustees.

SECTION 5

Representation of eight community colleges at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Commission in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that the Commission may adopt.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The chair is authorized to establish committees, at his or her discretion, to carry out the purposes of the commission.

ARTICLE VIII: AWARDS

The chair is authorized to establish a committee for the purpose of selecting the recipient of the Trustees Commission Trustee of the Year award and other awards, and present them annually at the AFC Annual Meeting and Conference.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting or at a special meeting by a majority of voting members provided the proposed change(s) have been submitted in written form to the Executive Board at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X: ANTI-CONFLICT PROVISION

Nothing contained herein shall be construed in such manner as to conflict with the bylaws of the Association of Florida Colleges.

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