

Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Alumni Association Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Northern Vermont University-Lyndon (NVU-Lyndon) Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the “association.”

Article II: Mission Statement

The Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Alumni Association is committed to promoting positive and meaningful lifelong relationships between Northern Vermont University-Lyndon and its alumni. The association activities are to encourage alumni to be ambassadors of Northern Vermont University in support of its mission. The association also seeks to serve the needs and interests of alumni as well as students and other members of Northern Vermont University-Lyndon.

Article III: Vision Statement

The Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Alumni Association is committed to fostering a proud, active, and supportive body of alumni who will continue to recognize their alma mater through volunteerism, service, mentoring, annual giving, and advocacy.

Article IV: Membership

Full members of the association shall be defined as former students of Lyndon Normal School, Lyndon Teachers College, Lyndon State College, or Northern Vermont University-Lyndon who have been awarded a degree of either associate, bachelor or master degree from an aforementioned institution.

Associate members of the association shall be defined as those students, current or former of the aforementioned institutions who have completed at least one academic year or have completed 30 credits and achieved sophomore standing.

Article V: Governance

The association shall be governed by the Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Alumni Council, hereafter referred to as the “council,” which is authorized to act on behalf of the association. The council shall seek to improve communications and general support between the university and the association, assure greater understanding of the programs and services offered by the university to alumni, and provide the university administration with its advice and guidance. The council may adopt bylaws or policies in furtherance of its responsibilities.

A. Membership

Section 1: Voting Members – Shall have the right to vote at meetings and to hold office of the council and is comprised of full members of the association who have been elected to and are currently serving their respective terms on the council.

Section 2: Honorary Members – Honorary members shall be former and current members of the faculty and staff and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the purposes of this association. Candidates for honorary lifetime membership to the association must be nominated by the Executive Committee and be elected by the Alumni Council and will have full voting rights and privileges.

Section 3: Associate Members – Representative(s), not exceeding two members of the student body, may be elected to serve on the Alumni Council upon the recommendation of the Membership, Scholarship, and Recognition Committee. Term shall be one-year and will have full voting rights and privileges.

Section 4: Faculty and Staff Members – Up to three members of the faculty and staff shall be appointed annually by the council and will have full voting rights and privileges.

Section 5: Manor Vail Society Member – Up to one member of the Manor Vail Society Committee may be appointed by the council for a two-year term and will have full voting rights and privileges.

Section 6: Ex-Officio - The president of Northern Vermont University and representative(s) from Institutional Advancement, or their designees shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

Article VI: Amendment

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members of the council present at any annual or special meeting of the council, provided that the proposed amendments have been discussed at a previous meeting of the Alumni Council and notice has been duly given thirty days in advance to the Alumni Council. If a member desires to propose an amendment to the constitution, then such proposal shall be submitted to the Alumni Council. Notice of the proposed amendment shall state whether or not it is approved by the Alumni Council when the call to meeting is sent to the membership of the council.

Article VII: Successor Institutions

This Constitution shall serve to govern the Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Alumni Association or any successor organization.

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