

# Dartmouth

## Alumni Governance Now and in the Future

*A comparison of current Dartmouth alumni governance structure and the proposed constitution from the Alumni Governance Task Force, June 2006*

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<i>Structure of alumni organizations</i>	<p>2 organizations with separate constitutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 66,500-member Association of Alumni.</li> <li>◆ 96-member Alumni Council.</li> </ul>	<p>1 unified organization, the 66,500-member Dartmouth Association of Alumni, with 1 constitution and 4 components: Alumni Liaison Board (ALB), Alumni Assembly, Nominating Committee, Balloting Committee.</p>
<i>Role of alumni organizations</i>	<p>Association members meet once a year in person to elect officers and hold annual meeting. Members vote online or by mail for alumni trustee nominees. Association executive committee oversees alumni-wide trustee balloting.</p> <p>Council meets twice a year, represents alumni to Board of Trustees, conveys “alumni sentiment” to College, selects alumni trustee nominees and serves College with numerous committees.</p>	<p>Association members meet once a year in an annual meeting in conjunction with elected assembly, participate in meetings and surveys to capture alumni sentiment, run for myriad association offices and vote by mail or online for trustees, association leadership and at-large members of assembly.</p> <p>Representative assembly meets twice a year, passes resolutions and promotes service and engagement with College.</p> <p>ALB represents alumni to Board of Trustees and administration and conveys “alumni sentiment” gathered through meetings and surveys.</p> <p>Nominating Committee proposes alumni trustee nominees and slates of other alumni leaders.</p>
<i>Membership</i>	<p>Association includes all alumni who have matriculated and whose class has graduated.</p> <p>Council made up of up to 96 members elected or appointed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Classes (33): 1 rep for every 2 classes through the 55th reunion, alternating terms (25-year class and 50-year class always represented); 1 rep for post-55th reunion classes elected by Council; 7 reps appointed by class officer groups.</li> <li>◆ Clubs (25): 1 rep from each of the 21 metropolitan and regional clubs; 3 reps from Club Officers Association; 1 enrollment rep.</li> <li>◆ Graduate school alumni (4): Tuck, Thayer, Medical School, Arts &amp; Sciences.</li> <li>◆ Affiliated organizations (5): 1 rep per group that meets College requirements (currently the Asian-Pacific Alumni Association, Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association, Dartmouth Latino Alumni Association, Dartmouth Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association, Native American Alumni Association).</li> </ul>	<p>Association includes all alumni who have matriculated and whose class has graduated.</p> <p>ALB has 16 members, the majority directly elected by the alumni at large.</p> <p>Assembly includes up to 125 or so elected members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Classes (58): 1 elected rep per class, through the 50th reunion class; 5 reps for post-50th reunion classes elected by Assembly; 3 reps chosen by Class Officers Association.</li> <li>◆ Clubs (25): 1 rep from each of the 21 metropolitan and regional clubs; 3 reps from Club Officers Association; 1 enrollment rep.</li> <li>◆ Graduate school alumni (4): Tuck, Thayer, Medical School, Arts &amp; Sciences.</li> <li>◆ Affiliated organizations (10): 2 reps per group that meets College requirements (currently the Asian-Pacific Alumni Association, Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association, Dartmouth Latino Alumni Association, Dartmouth Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association, Native American Alumni Association).</li> </ul>

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<p><i>Membership Continued</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ At-large (21): 7 reps a year elected by Council. No petition process provided.</li> <li>◆ Ex officio (10 or 11): (nonvoting) 4 students, 1 faculty member; (voting) Council president; president-elect; chairs of 4 committees: Alumni Awards, Young Alumni Awards, Nominating, College Relations Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ At-large members (21): 7 elected a year by all alumni. Petitioners need 50 signatures to join slate.</li> <li>◆ Ex officio (9): (nonvoting) 4 students and 1 faculty member; (voting) Association president, president-elect, vice president and immediate past president.</li> <li>◆ Nominating and Balloting Committees have 12 and 7 members, respectively, half elected by all alumni and half by assembly (other than ex officio members).</li> </ul>
<p><i>Methods of selecting Council or Assembly members/leaders</i></p>	<p>Groups (classes, clubs, officer associations) elect or select Council reps. Council nominates and elects at-large members. No petition process. Council leaders voted in by Council. Association leaders elected in in-person vote, with petitions allowed.</p>	<p>Groups urged to elect reps. Nominating Committee nominates at-large members, who are on ballot with petitioners for vote by all alumni. Association leaders, who serve 4 years in leadership arc that includes assembly leadership, are elected by all alumni.</p>
<p><i>Conduct of business</i></p>	<p>Association, which meets once a year for reports on trustee balloting and general information, created the Council in 1913 to be the representative body for alumni.</p> <p>Council meets regularly with trustees and College officials, holds issues forums to inform Councilors and aid communication and passes resolutions. Petitioners may bring business before Council with 25 signatures.</p>	<p>Association holds forum once a year to give all alumni opportunity to speak before assembly and ALB, which is charged to improve and increase communications with Board of Trustees and administration. Trustees invited to attend.</p> <p>ALB meets regularly with trustees and College officials, holds town meetings, issues questionnaires, etc., to gather information from alumni.</p> <p>Assembly may pass resolutions.</p>
<p><i>Alumni trustee nominating process</i></p>	<p>Council selects slate of 3 nominees. Petitioners must gather 500 signatures to add name to ballot. Campaigning forbidden, but petitioners may do what it takes to get signatures. Association members vote by mail or online.</p>	<p>Petitioners have 30 days to get 250 signatures. Nominating Committee then selects slate of 1 or 2 nominees per each vacancy on the board. Campaigning allowed. Association members vote by mail or online.</p>
<p><i>Alumni trustee balloting formula</i></p>	<p>Vote for any and all candidates (1, 2, 3 or more) thought to be qualified. Person with more votes overall is deemed alumni choice.</p>	<p>Vote for 1 candidate in 2-person race. Person with more votes wins. With more than 2 candidates, current approval method of voting applies, with alumni voting for any and all they deemed qualified.</p>
<p><i>Constitutional amendment process</i></p>	<p>Amendments may arise by recommendation of the executive committee or by petition of 1% of Association members. Association members vote by mail or online on proposed changes to its constitution, with 2/3 vote of those voting required for passage. Council members vote in person on proposed changes to its constitution with 2/3 vote of those voting required for passage.</p>	<p>Amendments may arise by petition, Constitution Review Committee or in assembly. Amendments may be passed by majority of those voting in assembly and a 2/3rds vote of association members voting. If an amendment does not receive a majority vote in the assembly, its proponents can submit a petition signed by 3% of association membership to put issue on an alumni-wide ballot. It would be enacted with approval by 2/3rds of association members voting.</p>