

# Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Bylaws

Towson University, Towson, Maryland

## **Preamble:**

The Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) is a voluntary, non profit association of retired former faculty members of the institution and other persons as indicated in Article I below, who have joined together to maintain ties to the University and to promote their common interests.

## **Mission:**

The TU Retired Faculty Association offers an ongoing relationship between the University and its retired faculty members through opportunities to share information, experiences, scholarship, social interaction and to promote interaction between its members, the University, and its community.

## **I. Membership.**

The Association shall have two categories of membership: Full, and Associate.

Full members shall be former full time, part time, and adjunct members of the Towson University general faculty who have retired or librarians who have retired. Full members are voting members and are eligible to hold office in the Association.

Associate members shall be individuals who do not meet the requirements for full membership, but who are long time members of the Towson University academic<sup>a</sup> or vs s a ž

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## **II. Officers**

The officers shall be a President and President Elect, who shall be elected for one year terms; a

## **V. Towson University Academic Senate and the Faculty Academic Center of Excellence at Towson (FACET).**

In accordance with the Constitution and By Laws of the Towson University Academic Senate (approved March 2019), members of the TU Retired Faculty Association shall annually elect a TURFA member as its Senator to serve on the Academic Senate for a term of one year. An Alternate Representative to the Academic Senate shall also be elected for a term of one year. The Representative (or the Alternate) shall serve as a voting member of the Academic Senate and shall communicate regularly with the TURFA Executive Committee on Senate business pertinent to TURFA's mission.

Members of TURFA shall annually elect a TURFA member to serve on FACET for a term of one year. The representative to FACET shall communicate regularly with the TURFA Executive Committee on business pertinent to TURFA's mission.

Nominations for TURFA representation on the TU Academic Senate and FACET shall be annually presented by the Nominating Committee (see Article IV). Elections shall be held annually each spring. TURFA Representatives to the Academic Senate and FACET are re electable.

## **VI. Vacancies in Office.**

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President Elect; a vacancy in any other office shall be filled by Presidential appointment.

## **VII. Dues**

To be considered in good standing, full and associate members (excluding members who have made a lump sum lifetime membership payment) must pay dues as set by the Executive Committee for each fiscal year beginning July 1.

## **VIII. Funds**

Funds for these activities shall be kept in a TU Foundation account, and checks may be drawn thereon over the signature of the Provost or Provost's designee.

## **IX. Meetings**

The members of the Association shall meet at least twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The purpose of these meetings is to welcome members and recent retirees, hear from University officials who may give brief talks or reports, and conduct elections and other business to come before the Association. Special meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee on reasonable notice.

## **X. Quorums**

A quorum consists of all voting members attending an association meeting.

A quorum of the TURFA Executive Committee consists of the majority of voting members of the Executive Committee.

## **XI. Committees**

The Executive Committee shall create and appoint members to standing committees or ad hoc committees as needed. The President shall appoint chairpersons to standing and ad hoc committees with the consent of the Executive Committee. Standing committees are responsible for tasks that need to be carried out regularly. Special ad hoc committees perform specific tasks and automatically cease to exist when their work is complete. All committees report to the Executive Committee.

## **XII. Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two thirds majority of full members in good standing voting at any regular or special general meeting of the Association, provided written notice of the substance of the proposed changes has been given at least two weeks in advance. Voting members can cast one of three votes: yes, no, or present. A vote of *yes* indicates approval for the proposed bylaw change. A vote of *no* indicates rejection of the proposed bylaw change. A vote of *present* indicates attendance at the meeting but neither support for nor rejection of the proposed bylaw change; *present votes* are not counted when determining a two thirds majority.

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