



Board of Visitors

Charter

Article I - Organization and Duration.

1. The APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS ("Board of Visitors") is hereby created.
2. The Board of Visitors shall continue in existence at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

Article II - Purpose and Function.

1. The Board of Visitors shall be a service organization of Appalachian State University.
2. In this role, the Board of Visitors shall have the following functions:
 - a. to assist the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor in maintaining and enhancing the quality and excellence of Appalachian State University;
 - b. to advise and assist the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor in communicating the mission, programs, accomplishments and aspirations of Appalachian State University to the people of North Carolina;
 - c. to advise and assist the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor on public policy that affects Appalachian State University; and
 - d. to advise and assist the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor with respect to developmental activities and needs of Appalachian State University.

Article III - Membership.

1. The Board of Visitors shall consist of no fewer than twelve (12) nor more than thirty (30) elected members plus the following ex-officio members who will serve with full voting and other participatory privileges: Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of Appalachian State University.

2. There shall be but one qualification for membership in the Association - a willingness to help Appalachian State University fulfill its threefold mission of education, research and public service.
3. Members shall be elected to the Board of Visitors by the Board of Trustees (by such process as it may determine) on nomination by the Chancellor.
4. As terms expire, members shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees. Members shall serve a three year term ending December 31 of the appropriate year following the year of election. Any person who has served a partial or full term is immediately eligible for re-election to another consecutive three - year term. Any person who has served two consecutive terms of any length shall be ineligible for re-election for a period of one year. Any vacancy that occurs in the membership shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the manner specified in paragraph 3 of this Article.
5. Members of the Board of Visitors who fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board may be removed by the Board of Trustees. Vacancies in membership may be declared by the Board of Trustees for any cause determined by the Board of Trustees at its discretion.

Article IV - Officers.

1. There shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary of the Board of Visitors.
2. The initial slate of officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. Thereafter, the Board of Visitors shall conduct regular elections of officers at its Spring meeting.
3. Each officer elected in a regular election shall serve until December 31 of the second year following that officer's election, or until a successor is elected. Any person elected to fill a vacancy for a partial term of less than one year is eligible for re-election to another consecutive full term. Any person who has served more than three consecutive years shall be ineligible for re-election for a period of one year. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term through a special election.
4. Chair of the Board. The chair of the board shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The chair of the board shall perform all duties incident to the office of chair of the board and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time. The chair shall appoint committee chairs on an annual basis.
5. Vice Chair of the Board. In the absence of the chair of the board or in the event of the chair of the board's inability or refusal to act, the vice chair of the board shall perform the duties of the chair of the board, and, when so acting, have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the chair of the board. The vice chair of the board shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the chair of the board or by the Board.
6. Secretary. The secretary shall see that all the minutes of the meetings of the Board are kept in one or more books provided for that purpose, and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of this Charter or as required by law. Assistant secretaries may be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Visitors as needed to assist the Secretary in fulfillment of the duties described above.

Article V - Meetings.

1. Meetings of the Board of Visitors shall be called by its Chair in consultation with the Chancellor.
2. Such meetings may be held at any time and place specified in the call of the meeting.

3. Members of the Board of Trustees and the Vice Chancellors may attend and participate in all meetings of the Board of Visitors.
4. Unless provided otherwise by this Charter or rules adopted by the Board of Visitors, meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI - Committees.

1. The Board of Visitors may establish committees to achieve its purposes and functions.
2. Unless provided otherwise by this Charter or rules adopted by the Board of Visitors, committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII - Bylaws.

The Board of Visitors may adopt bylaws and additional procedures for its operations and those of its committees consistent with this Charter.

Article VIII - Amendments.

1. This Charter may be amended at any time by action of the Board of Trustees.
2. Amendments may be made by such Board on its own initiative or in response to suggestions made by the Chancellor or by the Board of Visitors.

Adopted by action of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, this 16th day of September, 2022.



Kimberly Shepherd, Chair

ATTEST:



R. Thomas Sofield, Secretary

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