

TROY UNIVERSITY RETIREE ASSOCIATION (TURA)
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this Association shall be the Troy University Retiree Association (TURA).

ARTICLE II. Purposes

TURA is organized for the following purposes:

1. To promote continuing volunteer support and advocacy support to alumni, other departments, students, faculty and staff and friends of the University.
2. To help enhance the scholarly and other professional objectives of the institution so that it is able to serve more effectively the University community and citizens of the state and nation in the years ahead;
3. To communicate on behalf of retired Troy University personnel with representatives of the university, government, and other groups relative to the welfare of retired persons and for Troy University students;
4. To facilitate lifelong learning opportunities in sponsoring and promoting educational programs relating to needs and desires for retired persons;
5. To gather with other Troy University retirees to learn, engage and provide support in areas of interest to Troy University;
6. To serve as a recruiting ambassador to prospective Troy University students, faculty and staff; and
7. To educate the public about the problems and needs of retired persons.
8. To work with the Troy University designated senior leader (appointed by the Chancellor) to provide input and recommendations from retirees to the University leadership.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues

1. Membership:
Persons eligible for membership include:
 1. Retired members of Troy University's (and all sites thereof) faculty and staff, and spouses, widows, and widowers of such persons; and
 2. On the application to and approval by the Board of Directors, persons who once served on the faculty or staff and are now retired, and spouses, widows, and widowers of such persons, and Affiliates who have an interest in the organization.
2. Dues:
 1. Annual dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors, Officers and Committees

1. Board of Directors:
The Board shall be composed of the number of members specified in the By-Laws and shall be responsible for governing TURA.
 1. Eligibility for Membership. All members whose dues are paid are eligible for membership on the Board. To the extent possible, the Board shall be representative

of the various campuses and sites of Troy University, and the nominating committee shall seek this balance.

2. Term of Office. Elected members of the Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years, and may be eligible to serve consecutive terms if approved by the membership. Any vacancy on the Board during the year shall be filled by the Board, and such a member may then be eligible for a full term.
 3. Elections. The elected members of the Board shall be chosen by written ballot distributed to all members for their electronic or written votes. Newly elected members of the Board shall assume their duties immediately upon being elected.
 4. Nominations. If an officer is due to be replaced, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) persons. The committee shall invite suggestions from the members and prepare a slate with at least one (1) candidate for each vacancy on the Board. The slate shall be completed and reported to the Board in time for appropriate communication to the membership.
 5. Electors. Each member whose dues are paid is entitled to vote.
 6. Balloting. Ballots must be received by the Board by the notified deadline date to be eligible to be counted. The nominating committee shall count the ballots under the supervision of the chairperson who shall certify the results and report them to the President.
 7. Ex Officio Members. All TURA officers make up the Board of Directors. The immediate past president shall ex-officio be a voting Board member.
2. **Officers:**
The officers of TURA shall be: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer in one position), and a Member-at-Large. They shall perform the duties customary for their respective offices. All officers shall serve three (3) year terms. The person selected Vice President shall be the President of the Board in the absence of the President. All officers may serve multiple terms if approved by the Board. Vacancies that may occur shall be filled by the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V. Amendments

1. **Notice:**
Written notice of proposed amendments to the constitution must be sent to the membership one (1) month before the annual meeting at which time they are to be acted upon. Should the Board decide to submit proposed amendments by mail ballot, a period of one (1) month must be allowed for the receipt of valid ballots. Amendments may be proposed by any member of TURA.
2. **Vote Requirement:**
The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting or by a majority vote of members who return ballots in a written poll of the membership.