**Bylaws for Chartered Chapters**

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**Article I**

**Name of the Chapter**

The name of this organization is the Texas Exes ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, a chartered component of The Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas at Austin (referred to hereinafter in these bylaws as “The Texas Exes” or “The Association”), with charter renewal ratified annually by The Association’s Board of Directors.

**Article II**

**Purpose**

The Texas Exes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter is organized to strengthen The Texas Exes by providing opportunities for local fellowship, friendship, and leadership development for Association members while meeting the Association’s mission. It will work to increase Texas Exes membership.

**Article III**

**Mission**

The mission of The Texas Exes is to praise, promote, and protect The University of Texas at Austin and its students, and to unite, inform, and involve alumni and friends in fellowship and support of education. Through chapter activities, The University of Texas at Austin moves toward being a world-class university, embraced as a single entity by her united and supportive alumni. The chapter provides fun and meaningful involvement opportunities to connect its members to each other and to the past, present, and future of UT Austin.

**Article IV**

**Membership and Participation**

The membership of the chapter consists of the current dues-paying members of The Texas Exes, mostly graduates of The University of Texas at Austin, who live in the chapter’s defined area. This is designated by home zip codes as maintained in the Alumni Database by Association staff. Former students and other friends of The University of Texas at Austin are encouraged to join The Texas Exes and to participate in the Chapter's activities.

**Article V**

**Officers, Board of Directors, and Term of Office**

Section 1. Current members of The Texas Exes living in the chapter’s defined area are eligible for election to the Chapter’s Board of Directors.

Section 2. A slate of officers shall be prepared by a nominating committee consisting of at least three dues-paying Texas Exes members, as required by the Association’s bylaws. The slate will be presented at an annual chapter meeting (possibly held on or about March 2, Texas Independence Day) for a vote by current members in attendance.

Section 3. The following officers shall be elected for one-year terms at the annual chapter meeting: President, President-elect, Treasurer, and Membership/Member Involvement Chairperson. A Texas Independence Day or other Special Event Chairperson and Chairperson for the Scholarship committee will be added as needed and other officers may be included as programs are added.

Section 4. The Chapter’s Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, chairs of all committees and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members-at-large appointed by the President of the chapter.

Section 5. The Chapter’s Board of Directors shall prescribe duties of the officers in addition to those outlined by The Association, and is empowered to replace any officer and/or committee chairperson who does not perform the duties prescribed.

Section 6. If a Board member is not able to fulfill his term, the President of the chapter may fill the remaining term by appointment, subject to approval by a majority of the Chapter’s Board of Directors.

Section 7. The president of the chapter shall be a member of The Texas Exes Council (as per The Association’s bylaws). The Council shall be composed of a broad and diverse cross-section of members who represent the interests and concerns of the various constituencies as they relate to The Texas Exes’ goals and activities. Council members shall stay informed of alumni and University issues and shall promote The Texas Exes and its activities to their constituencies.

Section 8. The annual term of office for the Chapter’s Board of Directors and Officers shall be July 1 through June 30, in accordance with The Association’s leadership year.

**Article VI**

**Use of Funds and Dissolution**

The chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws and no part of its funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the organization. Upon dissolution of the chapter, any funds remaining shall be distributed to the Ex-Students’ Association of The University of Texas at Austin.

**Article VII**

**Meetings**

The Chapter’s Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually. The annual business meeting of the chapter, to include the election of officers, shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Chapter’s Board of Directors. Other meetings and activities may be held as deemed desirable by the Chapter’s Board of Directors, in order to meet the chapter’s mission.

**Article VIII**

**Reorganization**

In the event an annual election of the Chapter’s Board of Directors is not held and there is no organized chapter activity for at least two years, The Association’s President may appoint a new Chapter Board of Directors in order to reorganize the chapter. The Association Chapter Advisory Board member who works with the chapter will assist in the reorganization.

**Article IX**

**Amendments**

This constitution may be amended with both the approval of the Chapter’s Board of Directors and ratification by the Chapter’s membership at a regular or called meeting with at least ten current Texas Exes members signing the amendment, as long as the amendment follows Association bylaws and policy.

Bylaws adopted on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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 Chapter president Chapter President-Elect

The following are ten (10) current members of The Texas Exes in good standing. As required by Association Bylaws, they sign below to signify their agreement with and support of the forgoing Chapter Bylaws.

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