

## **DARTMOUTH ALUMNI COUNCIL**

### 1. **EARLY ORGANIZATION**

Organized in 1913 as a representative group “to give organization and aid for the highest efficiency to all efforts of the alumni of Dartmouth College for the benefit of the College”

Founder and first president: Ernest Martin Hopkins, Class of 1901

### 2. **MISSION**

To sustain a fully informed, representative, and engaged exchange of information and sentiment between alumni and their College, and to enhance and inspire alumni involvement that furthers the mission of the College.

### 3. **FUNCTIONS**

Clearinghouse for alumni sentiment and interchange of ideas

Official two-way liaison between the College and her alumni

Primary forum for discussion of issues and concerns of alumni

Initiates and sponsors activities reasonably within province of alumni activity

Nominates alumni trustees (for the eight alumni trustee seats on the Dartmouth Board of Trustees)

Maintains working relationship with the Board of Trustees

Resource for alumni, providing service and talents to Dartmouth

### 4. **SIZE**

Originally 25 members, but incrementally expanded over the years (amendments to the Alumni Council constitution were approved in November 2007, refining representation and increasing the size of the council to 120. Additional members will be transitioned onto the Alumni Council between 2008 and 2010, resulting in the composition listed below). Strives to be representative with respect to age, geography, gender, and professional background of its members. Provides membership for various alumni organizations as well as representatives of the faculty and undergraduate bodies of the College.

Class Representatives	58
Affiliated Alumni Groups	10
Members-at-Large	6
Regions/Clubs	20
Class Officers Associations	5
Undergraduates (nonvoting)	4
Professional Schools (DMS, Thayer, Tuck)	6
Arts and Sciences Graduate Program	2
Club Officers Association	3
District Enrollment Directors	1
Faculty Representative (nonvoting)	1
President and President-elect	2
Chair of Alumni Awards, ALC, Nominating, Young Alumni Awards Committees	4
Current and past two Association of Alumni presidents	3
Total (maximum)	125

### 5. **ELECTION TO COUNCIL**

Performed by the classes, other alumni constituencies represented on the council, and the Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee. Seek candidates:

-of outstanding achievement and/or special qualifications

-who have demonstrated an active interest in Dartmouth

- who are available to attend meetings
- who can effectively represent diverse interests of alumni and report on their work as councilors

6. **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Most council work is performed by these committees:

Executive	Orientation	Nominating and Alumni
Academic Affairs	Alumni Liaison Committee	Trustee Search
Alumni Awards	Communications	Student Affairs
Enrollment and Admissions	Young Alumni	Young Alumni Awards
Honorary Degrees		

7. **PROJECTS**

Many have formed the backbone of contemporary Dartmouth history and success. Outstanding results achieved in student enrollment, fundraising, continuing education, communications, alumni service recognition, and selection of alumni-nominated trustees.

8. **COMPOSITION OF A MEETING**

- Committee work period
- College activities update
- Opportunity for councilors to raise questions and debate policies
- Attend important ceremonial events
- Social, academic, and recreational opportunities