

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **General Alumni Association of Fisk University, Inc.**

### **PREAMBLE**

WE, the Alumni of Fisk University, do hereby proclaim that a General Association is required and needed in order: to maintain and promote the loyalty of its alumni to Fisk University; assist and promote the interest of to Fisk University generally; to establish and administer fundraising activities and related other endeavors undertaken by the alumni; to assist in the starting and maintenance of affiliated local chapters of this corporation in the various states of the union and other parts of the world; to organize and mobilize the collective strength of the alumni and cooperate with the University in suggesting and carrying out programs designed to affect the continued growth and welfare of Fisk University; to advance the influence, interest, and usefulness of Fisk University; and to these ends to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease, or otherwise any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein without limitations as to amount or value, towards the overall purchase of best promoting the corporation and Fisk University.

THEREFORE, we the alumni do hereby establish this constitution.

### **Article One**

#### **Name**

The name of the Association of Fisk University Alumni shall be the General Alumni Association of Fisk University, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “The Association”)

### **Article Two**

#### **Members**

Any graduate of Fisk University or former student whose class has graduated is eligible for membership in The Association.

### **Article Three**

#### **Governance**

**SECTION 1. Board of Directors.** There shall be a Board of Directors responsible for establishing policies, plans, and procedures for The Association and elected by the membership according to the By-Laws.

**SECTION 2. Officers.** There shall be the following elected officers and one appointed officer, the General Counsel:

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair (1)

- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Parliamentarian
- f. General Counsel

SECTION 3. **Committees.** There shall be the following standing committees:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Biennial Convention
- c. Finance
- d. Fund Raising
- e. Membership
- f. Board Affairs
- g. Student Affairs

SECTION 4. **By-Laws.** The Association shall establish By-Laws detailing governance that cannot be changed without previous notice.

SECTION 5. **Rules of Order.** The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern The Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and the Constitution.

#### **Article Four**

##### **Biennial Convention and Annual Meeting**

The Association shall have an Annual Meeting and Biennial Convention of the membership at the time and place established by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article Five**

##### **Amendments to Constitution**

This Constitution can be amended at any Biennial Convention by a majority vote of the delegates present in a plenary session provided that there was previously mailed to each Association active member a written statement of the proposed amendment 30 days prior to the Biennial Convention.

##### **Adoption**

This Constitution is effective upon the ratification and adoption in writing by two-thirds of the local Fisk University Alumni Association Constituent (hereinafter referred to as "CA").