



## FSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION

### FSUEA Constitution

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#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the organization shall be the Ferris State University Emeriti Association.

#### ARTICLE II Purpose

1. To provide an identifiable organization representative of those Ferris State University faculty and administrative staff members who have been awarded emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.
2. To provide a structure for identifying and communicating the needs, concepts interests and desires of Ferris State University emeriti to the appropriate internal and external agencies.
3. To provide a structure for professional and social interaction of the Ferris State University emeriti with other organizations and agencies.
4. To provide programs that effectively ease the transition from “active” professional and social activities to “retired” professional and social activities.
5. To provide emeriti with opportunities to remain professionally active through volunteer service.
6. To adopt and carry out other projects and activities not inconsistent with the other purposes of the organization.

#### ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. **Active Membership.** Each person retiring from the Ferris State University faculty and administrative staff who has been awarded emeritus status by the Board of Trustees is eligible for membership.

Section 2. **Associate Membership.** Spouses of emeriti are associate members, but associate members are not eligible for elective office nor are they eligible to vote. Associate members are eligible to serve on committees.

Section 3. **Affiliate Membership.** Former faculty, administrative staff, or those individuals not eligible for or granted emeritus status who have contributed significantly to the life of the University may be elected to affiliate membership upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and with the approval of the majority of those active members present at any general meeting of the Association. Affiliate members are not eligible for elected office nor are they eligible to vote. Affiliate members are eligible to serve on committees.

#### **ARTICLE IV Board of Directors**

Section 1. **Elections.** New members to the FSUEA Board of Directors shall be elected annually by a majority of the FSUEA members present at the Annual Spring Meeting.

Section 2. **Board of Director Members.** The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than 7 members inclusive of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Association.

Section 3. **Governance of the Association.** The governance of the Association and the direction of activities between general meetings shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall operate according to the constitution and bylaws of the Ferris State University Emeriti Association.

#### **ARTICLE V Officers**

The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected at the spring meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VI Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority of voting members present at any general meeting of the Emeriti Association. Proposed constitutional changes may originate in a petition by three or more members of the Association or by the action of the Board of Directors. All proposals for changing the Constitution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review ninety (90) days prior to the next scheduled general meeting of the Emeriti Association, at which time they will be considered. These proposed changes and the Board's recommendations concerning these changes shall be submitted to the general membership thirty (30) days prior to the time they will be considered.

#### **ARTICLE VII Bylaws**

Changes to the bylaws to this Constitution may be proposed and made by the same process provided for the amendments to the Constitution as set forth in Article VI.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Unspecified Provisions**

All matters not specifically covered by provisions herein or by the bylaws shall be subject to the appropriate provisions set forth in the charter and bylaws of Ferris State University.

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