

Valdosta State University

Parents and Families Association

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Name

This association shall be known as Valdosta State University Parents and Families Association.

ARTICLE II

Membership

All parents, guardians and family members of currently enrolled Valdosta State University students and alumni are eligible to join. Parents and Families Association dues for membership begin at \$25.00 per family living at the same address per year.

ARTICLE III

Mission

The mission of the VSU Parents and Families Association is to promote and sustain an effective working partnership between parents and the University for the Benefit and well-being of the students and the University. The Association will provide parents opportunities to be involved on campus and to meet and work with other parents.

ARTICLE IV

Governance

The Parents and Families Association shall be governed by the Parents Council. The Council shall be comprised of the Chair and no more than 20 parents of VSU students. Other officers may be named as necessary. Ex-officio members are the Vice-President for Student Affairs, and the Dean of Students. The members of the Council shall hold a term of office for three years. The Council will meet at least two times a year. One of these meetings shall occur during Parents Weekend.

The Chair of the Parents Council shall be selected by majority vote of the Parents Council. The selection of the Chair shall take place during the fall meeting of the Council during Parents Weekend.

ARTICLE V

University Support of the Parents Association

A strong, well-functioning Parents Association is of great importance to Valdosta State University. The University will provide staff and operating budget for its activities. The principal staff will be the Dean of Students and the Director of Volunteer Services and Parents Programs. The Director of Volunteer Services and Parents Programs will advise the Chair, on planning and implementing outreach programs to promote the growth and development of an informed, involved and supportive parent body.

ARTICLE VI

Expenditure of Funds (dues)

Currently enrolled students and registered VSU student organizations may request funds from the Parents Council. The purpose of such requests must meet one of the two following criteria for consideration; 1) emergency situations which may arise for individual students or, 2) support the educational mission of the university, i.e., student programming or student educational enhancement. The maximum amount available per request is \$500. The student(s) or organizations requesting funds must complete a Grant Application form with the Vice President for Student Affairs office. The form may be obtained from the Vice President for Student Affairs office. Approval of funding will be made by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students and the Chair of the Parents Council. Each request will be reviewed by the above stated individuals through consultation by phone and/or email.

The VSU Parent Council will sponsor an annual dinner to honor outstanding achievements and community service within the VSU student body and organizations.

It will be the responsibility of the Vice President for Student Affairs to provide a financial update of funds at each Parents Council meeting during the academic year.

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