

# ***Charter - Athens State University Board of Visitors***

## **Article I - Organization.**

1. There is hereby created an unincorporated association to be known as the ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS.

## **Article II - Purpose and Function.**

1. The Board of Visitors shall be a volunteer service organization of Athens State University.
2. The association shall exist both as a uniform entity for total university service, and divided into three equal entities to serve each of the respective Colleges of the University: College of Arts & Sciences; College of Business; and College of Education.
3. In the total university role and within each College board role, the association shall have the following functions:
  - a. to assist the President and the Board of Trustees in promoting and advocating the overall quality and excellence of the University;
  - b. to advise and assist the University in interpreting the vision, mission, programs, accomplishments and aspirations of the University;
  - c. to help keep the University and its constituent parts informed of attitudes, opinions, concerns and expectations related to higher education in general and Athens State University specifically; and
  - d. to advise and assist the University with respect to the advancement of the University in all aspects of its mission.

## **Article III - Membership.**

1. The Board of Visitors shall consist of 30 members, plus the President of Athens State University Alumni Association and the President of the Athens State University Foundation, who will serve as *ex officio* members.
2. The primary qualification for membership in the association shall be a commitment to actively advance the mission and standing of Athens State University.
3. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees (by process determined by that Board) on nomination by the President of Athens State University. Members will serve three year terms. Of these initial members, one third will be appointed to one year terms, one-third will be appointed to two year terms, and one third will be appointed to three year terms. Any person who has served one term shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term (3-year term). Any vacancy that

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occurs in the membership shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by the same process as for regular membership. Each member in this scenario will serve the balance of the unexpired term, but shall be eligible for re-appointment for a three year term.

3. Vacancies in membership may be declared by the Board of Trustees for any cause determined by the Board at its discretion.
4. The President of Athens State University shall solicit recommendations for membership appointments from the Trustees of the University, the Executive Officers of the University, the Executive Board of the Alumni Association, the Athens State University Foundation Board, and other individuals and organizations as appropriate for fulfilling the purposes of the Board of Visitors.

#### **Article IV – Officers.**

1. There shall be a Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen of the association, one for each of the College boards of visitors. The Secretary of the University shall serve as Secretary of the association.
2. The officers of the association, other than the Secretary, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in the Fall Semester by the Board of Visitors itself, by such process as it may determine.
3. Such officers shall serve until June 30 of the year following their election. An officer may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the manner specified in paragraph 2 of this Article.

#### **Article V - Meetings.**

1. Meetings of the association shall be called by the President of Athens State University and, with the exception of unusual circumstances, there will be one annual meeting of the entire Board in the Fall Semester, and three meetings of the individual College boards of visitors throughout the academic year. The College meetings shall be held in consultation with the appropriate Deans.
2. Such meetings may be held at any time and place specified in the call of the meeting.

3. Members of the Board of Trustees and the President may attend and participate in all meetings of the association.

#### **Article VI - Amendments.**

1. This Charter may be amended at any time by action of the Board of Trustees.
2. Amendments may be made by such Board of Visitors on its own initiative or in response to suggestions made by the President or by the association.