Young Alumni Council
By-laws

1) Name

a) The name of the Council shall be the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Young Alumni Council and shall serve as a component of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Alumni Association.

2) Purpose

a) In accordance with the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Alumni Association’s mission and purpose, the purposes of this Council shall primarily support the needs, wants, and desires of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology young alumni and shall include:

i) Serve and support Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) with programs and activities that are uniquely tailored to their needs;

ii) Establish a shared sense of community among individuals whose ties to one another and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology do not end with graduation;

iii) Integrate recent graduates into the Alumni Association;

iv) Foster an ongoing dialogue between Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and its recent graduates; and

v) Facilitate continued external awareness of the school’s developments and needs, and encourages alumni involvement in career services, admission, student events, alumni programming, fund raising and the classroom.

3) Council Membership

a) Each person who has earned a Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology degree within the past 10 (ten) years is eligible for participation on the Council.

b) Each Council Member is entitled to:

i) nominate, vote for, and serve as an officer of the Council;

ii) propose any amendments to these bylaws.

4) Young Alumni Council Directors

a) The Council shall be a blend of all Graduates of the Last Decade. “Graduates of the Last Decade” or “GOLD” means Rose-Hulman alumni that have graduated within the past ten years. For the purposes of Council membership, this ten-year term begins with the Council’s Homecoming Meeting immediately following the member’s graduation and ends at the

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Council’s Meeting immediately preceding the Council’s eleventh Homecoming Meeting since the member’s graduation. It shall be the goal of the council to maintain at least one (1) member from each graduating class, not to exceed three (3) members, excluding the Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees. Each member, excluding the Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees, shall serve for a three (3) year term or until such member is no longer a Graduate of the Last Decade, whichever is shorter. Each member is eligible for re-election to an additional three (3) year period at the expiration of their first term. Re-election to the council is simply contingent on the council member’s desire to serve another term, except for the Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees.

b) A Majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

c) Ex-officio membership on the Council includes a member of the Alumni Affairs Office and may be extended to anyone selected by a majority of the Council. Ex-officio members shall be entitled to participate in meetings of the Council. However ex-officio members shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the Council.

d) New members of the Council shall assume office the meeting following their acceptance to the appointment. Their official term shall begin at the Council’s Homecoming meeting following their acceptance to the appointment. A member’s last meeting shall be at the Council’s Meeting immediately preceding the Council’s Homecoming Meeting prior to the expiration of the member's service on the Council, unless a member resigns prior to the expiration of the member's service on the Council in which case the member's service on the Council shall end immediately.

e) Each member must serve as a committee chairman or as a member of at least one primary committee.

f) Selection of membership to the council is contingent on a vote by a majority of the current council in attendance at time of the vote.

i) Alumni wishing to participate on the council will be required to submit a timely application. The process for Council membership will be administered by the Public Relations Committee and qualified applicants will eventually need the majority vote of the Council.

h) A Council member shall be deemed to have forfeited his or her seat on the Council if the member fails to attend a majority of meetings without a prior request for exemption, which can be granted by the Executive Committee.

h) The Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees shall serve only a two-year term and must be able to serve the entire term. The representatives shall serve overlapping terms, one candidate to be elected every year. The Public Relations Committee shall conduct the nominations process, and the Nominations Committee shall form a selection process.
i) The Nominations Committee shall consist of the current Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees, four previous Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Council. The Nominations Committee will not function as a primary committee.

ii) Nominations for the position shall be solicited by the Council in coordination with the Alumni Affairs Office.

iii) The Nominations Committee shall narrow the candidates and solicit additional information as needed.

iv) The Nominations Committee will present a slate of three or four finalists to the Alumni Affairs Office, which will then be submitted the Rose-Hulman alumni for election.

5) Officers and Duties

a) The Officers of the Council, also considered the Executive Committee, shall consist of a Past President (Young Alumni – Alumni Advisory Council Representative), President, and a Secretary. The Committee Chairmen shall consist of at least the following: an Events Committee Chairman, a Public Relations Committee Chairman, an Alumni Giving Committee Chairman, and an Outreach Committee Chairman.

b) The Secretary and President shall be the only elected positions to the Executive Committee. The President shall be selected from a pool of current and past Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen. The Secretary can be selected from anyone on the council. The Secretary shall serve for one (1) year as Secretary. The President shall serve for one (1) year and then become Past President (Young Alumni – Alumni Advisory Council Representative) for one (1) year on the Alumni Advisory Council.

c) All Committee Chairmen shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and shall assume office at Homecoming of each year.

d) New officer(s) shall be elected by the Council at the Council meeting prior to Homecoming.

e) New committee chairman shall be appointed by the President prior to the Homecoming meeting.

f) Should the President be unable to complete his or her full term in office, the Secretary shall become President for the remainder of the unexpired term.

g) The Past President (Young Alumni – Alumni Advisory Council Representative) shall be the link between the Young Alumni Council and the Alumni Advisory Council. In the case that the Past President is no longer a member of the council, due to resignation or loss of eligibility, the Executive Committee shall appoint a current member of the council to serve as Young Alumni – Alumni Advisory Council Representative.
h) The President shall supervise the general affairs of the Council and shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall have power to vote on all issues. The President shall have the power to appoint committee chairs and members of committees, to the extent not provided for by these Bylaws. The President shall perform such other duties as the Bylaws and the Council shall prescribe.

i) The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate and complete records of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council. It is contemplated that the staff of Alumni Affairs Office shall assist the office of Secretary.

j) The Young Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees shall be the link between the council and Board of Trustees.

6) Meetings
   a) The Council shall meet at least four times as designated by these Bylaws.
   b) The exact dates shall be set by the Council at the first meeting after Homecoming.

7) Committees
   a) The Council shall include the following standing primary committees:
      i) Executive Committee (Past President, President, Secretary);
      ii) Events Committee;
      iii) Public Relations Committee;
      iv) Outreach Committee; and
      v) Alumni Giving Committee.
   
b) All Committees, excluding the Executive Committee, shall include a chairman who is a current member of the Council.
   
c) The President shall have the authority to establish and appoint ad hoc committees that are considered necessary for the efficient and effective conduct of the business of the Council.

8) Amendments
   a) These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council.
   b) Amendments shall be submitted to Council members at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the proposals will be voted upon.

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