

University of North Texas Alumni Association

Alumni Chapter Bylaws

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the UNT Black Alumni Network (UNT-BAN), an Alumni Chapter of the University of North Texas Alumni Association (UNTAA).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Black Alumni Network is to promote and facilitate the engagement of Black alumni, students and friends of UNT with the UNT-BAN, the UNTAA and the University of North Texas. All persons who have matriculated through the University of North Texas or its predecessor colleges are alumni. Friends of UNT include individuals who have served as members of the faculty or staff of UNT, individuals who have served as members of affiliated boards, and any individual with an interest in the well-being of the university.

Article III: Executive Committee & Steering Committee

The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Each officer shall serve a two-year term. Officers are appointed by the UNT Office of Alumni Relations (selected from the Steering Committee) and perform the duties as approved by the UNT Office of Alumni Relations. The Director of Affinity Programming will serve as ex-officio and non-voting member of the executive committee.

The President of the Chapter shall preside at all chapter meetings. The Vice-President shall serve as President-Elect and shall exercise the duties normally associated with the office of Vice-President. The Secretary shall assist the UNT Alumni Relations staff in recording the meeting minutes of the Chapter if deemed necessary. All Chapter permanent records shall be maintained in the UNT alumni office.

The Steering Committee will consist of a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 25 individuals who will work with the UNT alumni office to set strategic plans and direction of the chapter. Appointment to this committee will be a joint collaboration between the UNT-BAN Executive Committee and the UNT alumni office. The Director of Affinity Programming will work to identify potential members of the steering committee, and present candidates for approval by the executive committee. The Director of Affinity Programming will also be responsible for ensuring the steering committee size is within the scope of the bylaws.

The steering committee will be responsible for developing a three-to-five year strategic plan for UNT BAN as approved by the UNT Office of Alumni Relations. The plan will define strategic priorities with success metrics and may be re-evaluated/adjusted as needed through a majority vote of the steering committee.

Article IV: Membership

Membership in the Chapter will be open to all UNT alumni and friends with an interest in supporting the initiatives of the Chapter and UNTAA. The Chapter will not be authorized to collect or institute a dues program.

Article V: Meetings and Events

The chapter shall annually host a minimum of two and a maximum of four alumni engagement events/programs in support of established UNT-BAN priorities as approved by the UNT Office of Alumni Relations to retain chartered status of the UNT Alumni Association. Additionally, the chapter will participate in UNT Student Engagement efforts as appropriate through partnership with UNTAA and the UNT Division of Equity & Diversity. Meetings of the steering committee will take place quarterly and Executive Officers meetings will be held as deemed necessary by the UNT Office of Alumni Relations.

If for any reason, the Chapter becomes or is declared inactive, reactivation, if permitted, will be done in the manner used for establishing a new chapter.

Article VI: Financial Agreement

The UNT Office of Alumni Relations will serve as the fiscal agent for the Chapter. The Chapter and its officers agree that they will not collect, hold or retain revenue or earnings for chapter purposes or in the name of the chapter or the University of North Texas Alumni Association and will therefore not open a checking, savings or any external banking accounts. The UNT Office of Alumni Relations holds sole authority over all financial matters for the chapter.

Article VII: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or repealed at a chapter meeting by a majority vote of the Steering Committee provided the substance of the proposed amendment(s) have been approved by the UNT alumni office at least 30 days prior to the chapter meeting and that changes are in compliance with Alumni Association policies and are in the best interest of all parties concerned.

Repeal of these bylaws will render the Chapter null and void.

The Alumni Association of the University of North Texas and its chapters, notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, will comply with all Federal income tax regulations under section 501 (c-3) of the Internal Revenue Code as required by the University of North Texas.

No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or to other persons.

Effective Date: 5/3/19

Chapter President:

Casey Thomas

Date: 4/19/19

Executive Director,
Alumni Association:

Rob McInturf

Date: 5/3/19

Chair,

Alumni Association Board: Emily Klement

Date: 5/3/19