The Arcadia Promise: A distinctly global, integrative and personal learning experience.

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – updated April 9, 2012

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AUTHORIZATION

The name of this association is the Arcadia University Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to in this Constitution as the Association or AUAA. This Association embraces Beaver College and Arcadia University alumni.

This Constitution was approved by the Trustees of Arcadia University on June 8, 2012.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

The principal office and place of business of the Association is Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, United States of America.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

A vital alumni association is of critical importance to the University’s ability to achieve its full potential as a local and global institution that prepares students to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world.

A vital alumni association is of critical importance to alumni as a resource for them in their careers and other pursuits, and as a vehicle for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater. The association provides structure for engagement – with faculty, staff, current students, other alumni, and the community – in meaningful ways.

The Association seeks to engage alumni in the following ways:

- **Internationally/Globally.** Bring the experience of international education to the University so that the academic and extra-curricular life is as vibrant and diverse in the United States as it is abroad. This includes finding ways to connect with alumni living abroad and/or connecting with those who understand the importance of Arcadia University taking the lead nationally in shaping leaders of a globally-aware and globally-prepared workforce.

- **Diversity and Community.** Draw strength from the richness of diversity in the surrounding community and support increased partnership contributing to the quality of life for members of the community.

- **Engagement of Students.** Build a robust student/alumni program that will attract prospective students and improve retention and success of current students.

- **Alumni Engagement.** Connect alumni with other alumni through events, Chapters and Clubs that serve as networking and social opportunities. Connect alumni with students on the University’s domestic campuses and abroad and tap into their vast potential as resources for career mentoring, providers of internships and jobs, and access to grants.
and philanthropy. Additionally, the Association will seek to identify and develop leaders and acknowledge alumni that provide exemplary service to this institution.

ARTICLE IV. OPERATION

1. The Alumni Association shall meet annually in the spring, at the call of the President of the Steering Committee, and at any other times as the President, Steering Committee, or Leadership Council may decide. The ongoing work of the Association shall be conducted through its Committees.

2. The Association shall abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Board of Trustees of Arcadia University, the AUAA Bylaws as shall hereafter be adopted by the Association, and all Policies of the University; and shall further conduct its operations in conformity in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

3. The conduct of the affairs of the Association, its Leadership Council, its Steering Committee and the Officers shall be governed by a set of Bylaws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof.

4. Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws or Notice, the meetings of the Association, the Leadership Council, the Steering Committee, and any committee shall be called to order in Glenside, PA.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements for Membership
Any person who matriculated at Beaver College or at Arcadia University as an undergraduate or graduate student and completed one semester toward a degree awarded by the College or University shall be considered a member of the Association, beginning the year his/her class graduates.

Section 2. Honorary Membership
Any person who has made substantial contributions to the welfare of the University, its alumni or the Association may be awarded an honorary membership in the Association by vote of the Steering Committee of the Leadership Council.

Section 3. Classes, Program Chapters, Regional Chapters and Clubs
The Association shall be organized into groups based upon: (i) year of undergraduate graduation, known as “Classes”; (ii) graduate degree program known as “Program Chapters”; (iii) groups based on place of current residency, known as “Regional Chapters”; and (iv) shared interest, such as professional associations, personal interest organizations, athletic and/or extra-curricular organizations, known as “Clubs.” Regional Chapters and Clubs may be established, approved and authorized only by action of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws.
Section 4. Other Member(s)
The Leadership Council shall have the authority to create other categories of membership as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI. LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Section 1. Powers and Duties
The Leadership Council of the Association (“Council”) shall have the duty of implementing the purposes of the Association. The business of the Leadership Council shall be directed by a Steering Committee, which shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Leadership Council in between the meetings thereof.

Section 2. Membership
The Leadership Council shall be composed of (1) one representative of each Class, Program Chapters, Regional Chapter, and Club, (2) the members of the Steering Committee, (3) other members as the Leadership Council may determine, and (4) such ex officio members as the Bylaws shall provide.

Section 3. Meetings
The Leadership Council shall meet at least twice annually, in the fall and spring, and otherwise as necessary at the call of the President.

Section 4. Voting
Electronic voting may be allowed by the Leadership Council as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. STEERING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Powers and Duties
The Steering Committee of the Leadership Council shall organize the affairs and business of the Council/ Association, conduct the affairs of the Council/Association in between the meetings of the Council/ Association, and oversee policy implementation and priorities in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association; and shall perform such other functions as the Bylaws provide and as the Leadership Council may require and approve.

Section 2. Membership
The Steering Committee shall be composed of: the Officers of the Steering Committee; Representatives of the Standing and General Committees; At Large members; and such Ex Officio members as the Bylaws shall provide.

Section 3. Officers
The Officers of the Steering Committee shall be: a President, a Vice-President and an Executive Administrator. Officers must be graduates of the University. The Officers shall have such powers and perform such duties, and serve such terms, as are defined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Meetings
The Steering Committee shall meet regularly, as provided in the Bylaws, but no less than quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees
There shall be the following Standing Committees, with their responsibilities as set forth in the Bylaws.
   a. Committee on Nominations,
   b. Committee on the Council, and
   c. Committee on Awards and Honors/Alumni Trustee.

Section 2. General Committees
There shall be such General Committees as the Council shall determine to be desirable in advancing the program and goals of the Association. Each such committee shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed in the Bylaws and/or by the Steering Committee.

Section 3. Special Committees
The President may create such Special (Ad Hoc) Committees as she/he deems necessary.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS
Amendments to this Constitution may be recommended by members of the Leadership Council or the Steering Committee, but must have the approval of both the Council and the Steering Committee before being forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the University for final approval and adoption.

Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Leadership Council then in office, and thereafter by the Board of Trustees, before they shall become effective.