

Constitution of the Association of Friends for the Promotion of Princeton University e.V.

§ 1 Name, Location, Business Year

- (1) The association has the name "Association of Friends for the Promotion of Princeton University." It is to be registered in the public register of associations. After registration it will carry the suffix "e.V." (eingetragener Verein = registered association).
- (2) The association is located in Wiesbaden.
- (3) The business year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- (1) The association pursues only goals directly connected with community service projects in the sense of the section "Tax favored Goals" of the German Federal Tax Code; these include the following:

- to promote mutual understanding between the North American and the German people,
- to promote cultural exchange between the North American and German people,
- to support the education of gifted students,
- to promote science and research.

The association pursues these goals in particular through

- the search for gifted German students and the encouragement of these students to apply to Princeton,
 - the support of all measures which offer possibilities for contact between officials, students and alumni of Princeton University and the population of Germany, in particular the arrangement of jobs and internships in the Federal Republic of Germany for students of Princeton University as part of the Princeton Summer Job Program,
 - the preparation and dissemination of information about the North American university system and about possibilities for Germans to study there,
 - the preparation, collection and dissemination of information about educational opportunities in the Federal Republic of Germany for students at Princeton University,
 - the promotion of contacts and information exchange between alumni and friends of Princeton University among each other as well as with Princeton University,
 - the granting of scholarships to gifted young Germans who want to study at Princeton but do not have adequate funds at their disposal,
 - the support of additional educational activities which serve the distribution and dissemination of knowledge about German culture, history and politics.
- (2) Any surplus funds of the association can only be used for purposes outlined in this constitution. The members of the association cannot receive profits or any other material benefits from the funds of the association. Scholarships cannot be awarded to members of the association or to persons who support the association with contributions or to relatives of members and contributors. No one is to benefit from the administrative outlays of the association or from excessive remuneration for services rendered

- (3) All holders of office in the association receive no remuneration for their activities. If, however, the necessary work should exceed what can reasonably be expected from volunteers, an office manager and the necessary clerical staff can be hired. The remuneration for these activities cannot be excessive.

§ 3 Lack of Self-interest

The association does not operate for its own aggrandizement. It does not have any economic interests of its own.

§ 4 Membership

- (1) The members of the association fall into two categories, regular members and honorary members.
- (2) Anyone who has studied or is studying at Princeton University can become a regular member of the association.
- (3) Special membership is open to anyone who is at least 18 years of age and feels some attachment to Princeton University.
- (4) The decision to accept new members is made by the board on the basis of a written application.
- (5) The decision of the board can be appealed to the next regular meeting of the members.

§ 5 Membership Dues

- (1) The annual membership dues will be established by the meeting of the members. The annual dues are due on the 1st of March each year.
- (2) If a member is more than 12 months in arrears with the payment of the dues, that person can be deleted from the list of members. § 6 (2) is to be applied.

§ 6 Resignation

- (1) Resignation from the association is only possible at the end of the calendar year. The letter of resignation is to be sent to the board with registered mail and must arrive at the latest on the 30th of September.
- (2) A resigned member has no claim to any part of the assets of the association.

§ 7 Suspension

- (1) A member can be suspended from the association if he or she intentionally acts in a fashion contrary to the interests of the association or of Princeton University. The suspension can be decided by a 2/3 majority of the meeting of the members.
- (2) The affected member must be informed of the application for suspension at the latest two weeks before the meeting of the members. That person must be afforded the opportunity to comment on the matter at the meeting of the members. If the member is absent, then his or her written comments are to be read aloud at the meeting and he or she must be informed in writing of the suspension decision. § 6 (2) is applied accordingly.

§ 8 Board

- (1) The board consists of at least three members, the chairperson, the treasurer and the scribe.

- (2) Each board member is elected by a simple majority of the members for a term of 3 business years. Re-election is allowed. Only regular members can be elected to the board.
- (3) The members of the board remain in office after their term has expired until such time as a new board can be elected. They perform their duties without pay.

§ 9 External Representation of the Association

- (1) The board represents the association in court and outside of court. The chairperson alone can represent the association. The treasurer and the scribe, however, can only represent the association together.
- (2) Binding decisions of the board are regulated by §§ 28 I, 32 of the German Civil Code (BGB).
- (3) The administration of the association is performed by the board.

§ 10 Meeting of the Members

- (1) A regular meeting of the members must take place at least once a year. The board determines the date and time.
- (2) Extraordinary meetings of the members happen
 - by decision of the board
 - if a board member resigns before the end of the term or
 - if at least 20 % of the members demand it in writing stating a reason.
- (3) The board must invite the members to the meeting in writing at least 3 weeks in advance. The invitation must contain an agenda.
- (4) In all elections and decisions only regular members can vote. A member can authorize in writing another member to cast his/her vote. Such written authorization must be made separately for each membership meeting.
- (5) The meetings of the members are chaired by the chairman of the board. The assembled members can, however, elect a different chairman for that meeting by an absolute majority.
- (6) The meeting of the members passes its decisions by a simple majority of the votes cast unless this constitution makes a different provision.
- (7) Changes to the constitution, the dismissal of a board member and the dissolution of the association require, however, the presence of at least half of the regular members of the association and a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.
- (8) A change of the purpose of the association can only be enacted with the approval of all regular members of the association. Members of the association who are absent from the main meeting must approve in writing.
- (9) A written protocol must be made of all passed motions and it must be signed by at least two board members.

§ 11 Dissolution

- (1) In the case of the dissolution of the association the board members are the liquidators.
- (2) The assets of the association then revert to the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes which will use them for the purposes outlined in this constitution. The same holds if tax-exempt status is revoked.