

# CONSTITUTION OF AL'S PALS

## Article I

### NAME

The Name of the organization is Al's Pals Mentorship Program (aka Al's Pals)

## Article II

### PURPOSE

The purpose of Al's Pals is to offer opportunities for UA students to serve as mentors and tutors for underserved children and make enrichment and recreation activities available to these students.

## Article III

### MEMBERS

Section 1: Persons interested in becoming members may join after attending an information session prior to the semester they plan to be involved. Those who are interested will be asked to complete an application and do a group interview.

Section 2: Active members shall be undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at the University of Alabama. Associate Members shall be faculty or staff interested in supporting the student organization.

Section 3: Active members shall be expected to contribute a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service per semester.

Section 4: Membership in registered student organizations shall be open to all students of The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, national origin, color, age disability, gender identity or expression, sexual identity, or veteran status except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

## Article IV

### OFFICE

Section 1: The officers of Al's Pals shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will comprise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will also function as the Nominating Committee.

Section 2: Elections will be held in March with the terms to begin immediately. After the first year, officers will need to have served as an active member for at least a year to qualify for an officer position.

Section 3: Those interested in serving should make their interest known at least two weeks prior to elections. In addition to the slate presented by the committee, nominations will be accepted at the meeting in which the voting by secret ballot takes place.

Section 4: Officers will work out a division of responsibilities with the assistance of the faculty/staff advisors.

## Article V

### MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings will be held monthly during the fall and spring semesters at a time and place that is agreed upon by a majority of the active members.

Section 2: The March meeting will serve as the annual meeting and elections will be held at that meeting.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Committee or at the request of 20% of the active members. The purpose of a called meeting shall be stated in the notice and a three-day notice shall be given except in the case of an emergency and with approval of the faculty/staff advisors.

## Article VI

### RELATIONSHIP

Al's Pals shall have no relationship to or be controlled by any other local, state or national organization.

## Article VII

### FINANCES

Funds for Al's Pals are linked to The University of Alabama's Center for Service and Leadership in specific accounts set up through Student Life. In the event that the Al's Pals organization ceases to exist, any funds remaining in the organization's account(s) shall be donated to The University of Alabama's Center for Service and Leadership.

## Article VIII

### COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of officers of the organization. They will assist project coordinators as requested with membership recruitment, program planning, coordinating supplies and other needs that arise.

Section 2: Other committees, standing or special may be appointed by the President or the Executive Committee as needed.

## Article IV

### ADVISOR

The advisor shall be a "regular full-time faculty or staff member" of The University of Alabama. Responsibilities shall be those delineated in the University of Alabama Student Organization Handbook and Advisor Resources guide.

Article X

PARLIMENTARY

Meetings will follow the rules contained in the current addition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

Article XI

AMENDMENTS

The constitution for AI's Pals may be amended at any regular meeting upon a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed changes have been submitted in writing and circulated to the entire membership no less than one week before the meeting.

Article XII

BY-LAWS

By-laws to this constitution may be added at any regular meeting upon a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed changes have been submitted in writing and circulated to the entire membership no less than one week before the meeting.