

CONVERSE COLLEGE
Board of Visitors (BOV)

Mission:

Members of the Converse College Board of Visitors (BOV) serve as an extension of the Institutional Advancement Department of Converse College. The BOV is an advocate for the College to various constituencies aiding in the communication of institutional goals. The BOV assists in the development of the College by advising the President or his/her designee and other administrative officials. The BOV members serve as interpreters of the College to specific groups and report to the College the reactions of the general public and/or specific publics with which each member is associated in business or community life. With guidance from Institutional Advancement and support from the Office of Alumnae Relations, the Board's focus is upon efforts to prepare students for life after Converse through experiential learning and professional development opportunities, both on and off campus. The BOV promotes community awareness, visibility and exposure of the Converse brand.

Section 1. Membership:

The Converse College BOV is a broad-based membership with a shared interest in the College. Membership is comprised of professionals representing a variety of industries, including education, the arts, and business. Alumnae/(i), parents of students and alumnae/(i), and friends of the College are eligible to serve.

The President or his/her delegate will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair of the BOV and will recommend members of the BOV to the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees for their review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval. The BOV is comprised of a maximum membership of forty (40) and a minimum membership of fifteen (15) individuals serving staggered three-year terms. Membership is limited to two consecutive three-year terms, subject to the discretion of the Chair and the College. Prior two-term BOV members may be re-appointed following a one-year absence. Service begins in the fall and expires at the end of the third academic year in the spring. Members are expected to support Converse College annually with a contribution to the Annual Fund in an amount comfortable for the personal circumstances of the individual Board member in order to achieve the goal of 100% participation.

In addition to the forty (40) members noted above, the Board may also include a total of three student representatives to serve as non-voting members of the Board. These student representatives will be comprised of traditional undergraduate, Converse II, and/or the graduate students. Student representatives are selected by the Office of Career Development and reviewed on an annual basis. The Chair of the Board of Trustees may also serve as an *ex officio* voting member of the BOV.

Section 2. Leadership:

CHAIR: The BOV is chaired by a member of the BOV, after having served one academic year in the role of Chair-Elect, as outlined in the following paragraph. Appointment of the Chair is made by the Chair of the Converse College Board of Trustees in consultation with the President of the College, the Chair of the Governance Committee, the Director of Alumnae Relations & Advisory Boards and the outgoing current Chair. The Chair of the BOV serves a three (3) year leadership commitment: one year as Chair-Elect, followed by two (2) years as Chair.

CHAIR-ELECT: The selection of the Chair-elect is determined by the current BOV Chair and the Director of Alumnae Relations & Advisory Boards. The Chair-Elect assumes the role of Chair of the BOV at the expiration of the one-year term as Chair-Elect. The new Chair-Elect is selected at the beginning of the Chair's penultimate year as Chair. The Chair-Elect shall aid the BOV Chair in the performance of their responsibilities in such manner and to such extent as the Chair may request. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Chair-Elect shall preside at meetings and perform the duties of the Chair. In the event the position of the Board Chair becomes vacant prior to the end of the Chair's term, the Chair-Elect

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shall succeed to the position of the Chair for the remainder of the term that has been vacated and shall then go on to serve the remainder of the three-year term.

Section 3. Ex Officio: The Chair of the BOV is an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees once ratified by the Board.

Section 4. Meeting Schedule:

Members attend two in-person meetings each academic year on the College campus, one in the fall and one in the spring. Additional meetings may be called as needed by the Chair of the BOV or the College, with at least three (3) days advance notice. Members are encouraged to participate in volunteer opportunities and networking events with current students, coordinated through the Office of Career Development.