



## *Friends*

### of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing

#### **The Purpose of the *Friends***

...is to facilitate the attainment of the mission of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing (FWWSON).

The ***Friends'*** commitment will be...

1. ...to participate in development activities that support the mission of the school.
2. ...to collaborate with Dean or designee regarding strategic priorities.
3. ...to foster students' professional development to best position them for leadership in nursing.

#### **Structure:**

1. Two Co-Chairs will be appointed by the Friends Board to work with the Dean.
2. Size: Minimum board size of ten members. No upper limit. The board can grow/shrink depending on priorities. Up to 20 members reasonable, but no maximum stated.
3. Term:
  - a. ***Friends'*** members are not held to a strict term, but will be given the opportunity to review their commitment on an annual basis. A letter will be sent annually in January giving opportunity to continue on the board or step off the board.
  - b. ***Friends'*** officers (Co-Chairs) should serve a two-year term, may serve two consecutive terms, and then will step down. They may come back on as an officer at a later time, and again serve up to two consecutive terms.

#### **Expectations of *Friends* Membership:**

Members of ***Friends*** to commit to the following expectations:

1. Financial Commitment:

Each ***Friend*** member is committed to financially support the FWWSN by giving at their individual capability/manageability level.
2. Involvement:
  - a. ...in activities.

***Friends*** members will participate in at least one activity per year outside the ***Friends'*** meetings.

Examples of activities:

- i. Attend School of Nursing event such as Nursing Convocation or Nightingale Ceremony, Homecoming Open House, etc. [for those who can come in person]
- ii. Review résumés for students in UW Alumni Association Nursing Chapter "Résumé Blitz" events [distance members can participate]
- iii. Serve on a sub-committee to choose Distinguished Alumni Award winner [distance members can participate]
- iv. Write thank you notes [distance members can participate]

- v. Participate in mentoring activities, such as those offered through UW Alumna Association Nursing Chapter (“Speed Mentoring” sessions) [distance members can participate]
  - vi. Participate in financial leadership through engagement and development activities including identifying/connecting potential donors [distance members can participate]
- b. ...in ***Friends’*** meetings.  
***Friends’*** members will attend and participate in meetings. If there is a pattern of non-participation, the Dean and co-chairs will address on an individual basis.