ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

STAFFORD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ALUMNI COUNCIL

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Stafford School of Business Alumni Council of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council (Council) are to:

A. Foster a close relationship among alumni, students, faculty/staff and others closely associated with the fields of business and economic development.
B. Promote awareness and activities in the Stafford School of Business (School).
C. Assist Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (College) and the Stafford School of Business in retention and recruiting prospective students.
D. Facilitate career networking opportunities for students and alumni.
E. Support projects and activities of the Stafford School of Business through contributions to the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Foundation, Inc., and assist in special fund-raising campaigns, in cooperation with the ABAC Office of College Advancement, which will benefit the Stafford School of Business.
F. Encourage participation in the ABAC Alumni Association and its programs.
G. Assist the College and the Stafford School of Business as needed.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The forms of membership in the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council parallel those of the ABAC Alumni Association.

Section 2. Anyone receiving educational credits at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College or any of the three previous schools (Second District A&M School, South Georgia A&M College or Georgia State College for Men) and whose interest is in the fields of business and economic
development or related fields may become a member of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council. Members must be a paid member of the ABAC Alumni Association.

Section 3. The Council shall consist of the officers; up to ten (10) council members which represent a cross section of the School with faculty representatives and student representatives from the Stafford School of Business.

Section 4. Ex-officio members (non-voting) shall be the Dean(s) of the Stafford School of Business, the Executive Director of the Alumni Association, and the Program Coordinator for the Stafford School of Business.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council must be members of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council.

Section 2. The Officers of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Immediate Past Chairperson.

Section 3. The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council members prior to the Annual meeting. The term of office shall be two (2) years beginning immediately following the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to call and preside over meetings of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council. The Chairperson shall represent the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council on the ABAC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Section 2. Vice Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chairperson and to succeed the office of Chairperson should the Chairperson become unable to complete the term of office.

Section 3. Past Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past Chairperson to impart any knowledge gained from past experience and serve as chairperson of the Council's Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Secretary/Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to record and keep accurate records of the proceedings and oversee the income and expenses of the council reporting to the Chairman in conjunction with working the ABAC Alumni Director.

ARTICLE VI

Council Actions

Section 1. Members of the Council, including officers, shall be elected prior to the Annual meeting of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council and serve a two-year term. Members shall be recommended by a Nominating Committee which shall be chaired by the Past Chairperson. Faculty and students shall be appointed by the Dean and serve two-year terms. Past Officers that have served full term (four-years) may choose to remain as Emeritus members and continue to be a part of the Council.
Section 2. The Council will meet as deemed necessary by the Chairperson or the Stafford School of Business

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Council to direct the programs of the Council, to organize Stafford School of Business alumni focused activities, and to coordinate fund raising efforts that benefit Stafford School of Business alumni and the current students and faculty/staff of the Stafford School of Business.

Section 4. The Council has one (1) standing committee as:
1. Scholarship Committee—fund raising event

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. The ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council shall hold general meetings as necessary at Homecoming on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. This shall constitute the Annual Meeting of the Council. Another meeting of the Council will be held in the fall of the Year.

Section 2. Special meetings of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council shall be held upon the call of the chairperson, with notification to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Council members are expected to attend at least 50 percent of the meetings each year unless extenuating circumstances are present.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorums

Section 1. Council Meetings. One half of the current members of the Stafford School of Business Alumni Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Voting. The decision of the majority of council members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Stafford School of Business Alumni Council.

Section 3. Electronic Voting. Any or all council members may participate in or conduct any meeting of the Council or committee meetings by telephone or electronic communication by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A council member participating in a meeting by this means shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Additionally, voting may be transacted by email correspondence with a 2/3 majority of the Board to pass any act of the Council.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. Any section of these Bylaws may be revised or amended by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting of the ABAC Stafford School of Business Alumni Council.

Adopted January 2015