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**STATEMENT of COMMITMENT and RESPONSIBILITIES
of the MEMBERS of the CAMPUS BOARDS of TRUSTEES**

Service on a college or university board, whether we are a graduate or not when asked to accept this calling, is a distinctive privilege that requires us to hold ourselves accountable to the highest possible standards. Accompanying this privilege is the acceptance of certain individual fiduciary, ethical, and civic responsibilities widely accepted in higher education today.

By accepting the invitation to serve on A CAMPUS Board of Trustees of Antioch University, I understand and hereby accept my responsibilities that include the fiduciary duties of care, loyalty and obedience. Although the members of the university's Board of Governors legally constitute the university's governing board, I understand that the campus Board of Trustees is enabled through delegation to share certain authority with it. The duty of care is my obligation to exercise appropriate diligence and my best business judgment in helping the Board to make decisions concerning the university's assets which are held in trust for current and future generations. The duty of loyalty requires me to place the university's mission and interests above my own. The duty of obedience requires me to support and follow actions of the board, to maintain the confidentiality of Board proceedings, and to generally advance the mission of the university in my dealings with other members of the Board and administration.

In furtherance of these commitments and responsibilities I will, to the best of my individual effort:

- Understand and fully commit to helping the University and the campus to fulfill their stated and respective missions, purposes, values and strategic direction.
- Strive to keep abreast of trends, issues, and current developments in higher education that may affect the campus or the University as a whole.
- Contribute to the work of the Board of Trustees to sustain the University's and campus's integrity, traditions, quality and reputation. I pledge to promote the University's goals and, as a campus and University ambassador, influence others who can help to accomplish them.
- Consistently and diligently participate in board and committee meetings.
- Bring a sense of humor to my participation in meetings, be an active listener, and respect the views of others.
- Contribute annually to the campus's general financial support and to comprehensive campaigns for special needs commensurate with my financial means.

- Call the president's and institutional advancement officer's attention to particular individuals, corporations, or foundations who should be given an opportunity to invest in the campus mission and goals and, where appropriate, to help with their cultivation.
- Participate conscientiously in campus activities including graduation ceremonies and the like as engaged members of the campus community.
- Conduct myself in word and deed as a trustee of the campus *as a whole* rather than any one part of it, any individual or group, or any partisan cause.
- Be at all times thoughtful and discreet as an ambassador remembering that ordinarily it is only the President who is the official spokesperson for the campus and the Chair of the Board of Trustees is the official spokesperson for the Board. Similarly, with regard to the University, the Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Governors are official spokespersons, respectively, for the University or the Board of Governors.
- Comply with the letter and spirit of the University's Code of Ethics and its conflict of interest and annual disclosure policies and practices.
- Strictly maintain the confidentiality of all privileged or sensitive information provided to me to safeguard the campus's reputation and integrity as well as the privacy rights of individuals connected with the campus and the University. I accept this principle as one that should survive my period of board service.

I certify that I will put forth my best effort to abide by the letter and spirit of the foregoing in my service as a Trustee of Antioch University ____ (campus name)_____.

Name

Signature

Date

Note: This Statement will be provided to all prospective Trustee-nominees as part of the invitation by the campus Board of Trustees for them to consider standing for election to the Board. Its Trusteeship Committee shall also use the Statement as a guide to review the commitment of incumbent trustees who are eligible for re-nomination and re-election to new terms consistent with the By-laws of the Board of Trustees.