I. Name

This organization shall be known as The Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Friends shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in strengthening the university library system, advancing its fundraising goals, enhancing its collections, and promoting its usefulness.

III. Membership

The membership rolls shall be open to any person who has volunteered personal time or contributed money, books, manuscripts, periodicals, or other educational materials to the university library system.

IV. Meetings

An annual meeting shall be held in the spring of each year.

V. Officers

There shall be a sixteen-member board of governors. Thirteen governors will be appointed by the Dean of University Libraries. Nine of the governors shall be selected from among the general membership; three governors shall be selected from among the Ball State faculty members who are Friends and one student shall be selected from the Ball State student body. The dean of University Libraries, the executive director of the Ball State University Foundation, and the provost, or representatives appointed by them, shall be ex officio members. Each regular member shall be appointed for a three-year term, except for the student, who shall serve a one year term. The board shall establish goals and coordinate the functions of the Friends with the university library system.

VI. President

The Dean of University Libraries or his designee shall serve as the president of the board and shall plan for and preside at all board and annual meetings.

VII. Executive Secretary

The Dean of University Libraries shall appoint from among the board members an executive secretary who shall administer the office of the Friends.

VIII. Archives

The archives of the Friends shall be in the custody of the executive secretary.

IX. Amendments

Amendments of the bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the members present and voting at an annual meeting.