CONSTITUTION OF THE CLASS OF 1980--PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Class of 1980 of Princeton University," hereinafter referred to as "The Class."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Class shall be to advance the interests of Princeton University by providing a vehicle for fellowship, cooperation, and communication among the members of the Class. No pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to the members of the Class is contemplated.

ARTICLE III: EXISTENCE

This organization shall exist so long as any member hereof shall live.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

A. The following shall be members of the Class:

1) All persons who are listed officially by Princeton University as being members of the Class of 1980; and
2) Honorary members, whose nomination has been made by any member of the Class, and approved by a majority vote of classmates responding either by ballot or at any annual meeting.

F. Nevertheless, the membership of any person may be terminated by his or her own written resignation delivered to the Secretary of the Class.

C. Payment of dues is not required for membership nor for voting privileges.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

A. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Class, elected in the manner described in Article IX.

F. The Executive Committee shall elect Class Officers, each for terms of five years: The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

C. The Executive Committee shall also elect: The Class Agent (five year term); the Reunion Chairman (one year term); the Project '90 Chairman (four year term); the designated Alumni Council Representative (optional, one year term); and any other officers deemed necessary by the Committee.
D. All officers, except the President, may be reelected by the Committee for successive terms.

**Article VI: Duties of Officers and Committees**

The duties and powers of the officers shall be as follows, namely:

A. In general, as to all officers:
   1) To be a member of the Executive Committee, as required.
   2) To represent the Class on appropriate occasions.
   3) To perform all the duties attendant of each such office respectively whether or not specifically set forth in this constitution.

B. President:
   1) To preside at all class meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee.
   2) To give such authorizations and approvals and make such determinations as are provided in this constitution.

C. Vice-President:
   1) To act in the place of the President in his or her absence or incapacity.
   2) To perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her.

D. Secretary:
   1) To keep or supervise all records of the class, including the supervision of records kept by any other person given duties by this constitution.
   2) To provide regular class notes for the Princeton Alumni Weekly and send out such newsletters or other class communications as may be appropriate.
   3) To keep the minutes of all meetings of the class and of the Executive Committee.
   4) To provide for and supervise the preparation, distribution and counting of ballots for all class elections.

E. Treasurer:
   1) To be responsible for all general class assets.
   2) To raise necessary class funds by dues (which must be optional and shall be established for the year by majority vote at the annual meeting) or by other means.
   3) To sign all checks on the class bank account and pay all bills of the class.
   4) To render detailed financial reports to the Executive Committee as required by such committee.
   5) To open a class bank account in any bank upon the written authorization of any other two officers of the class.
6) To deposit with or without interest and to invest and reinvest the assets of the class in any investment which shall be first approved at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

F. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision over the conduct and business of the class and shall by majority vote of a quorum of six or more members of the committee appoint to serve as herein determined, to perform the following duties and render reports as the Executive Committee shall determine, namely:

1) Class officers when any office shall for any cause be vacant, to serve for the balance of the term for any ex-officer or until a special election for such office shall be held.
2) Class Agent for Annual Giving, who shall have charge of raising of funds for Annual Giving and keeping of records of the class in connection therewith.
3) Class Reunion Chairman, who shall have charge of all class meetings, formal and informal, raising of necessary funds therefore, and banking and disbursement of such funds.
4) Designated Alumni Council Representative, who shall be appointed only if the president is unable to participate in Alumni Council activities by reason of geographic distance from Princeton, in which case the designated representative shall represent the class at all Alumni Council activities and report on same to the Executive Committee.
5) Any other such assistants which the committee deems appropriate.

Article VII: Meetings

A. The annual meeting of the members of the Class shall be during Reunion weekend, and shall be advertised in the Princeton Alumni Weekly as to time and location at least one month prior to the date of the meeting. The members present at such annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

E. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year, once during Reunion week and on at least one other occasion during the academic year.

Article VIII: Membership of the Executive Committee

A. Nominations:

1) At least five months before the elections, the Secretary shall ask the Class for nominations for the Executive Committee.
2) Any member of the class is eligible for nomination.
3) A person is nominated for the committee if any member of the class, including him or herself, submits the person's name, in writing, to the Secretary.
4) If someone other than the person him or herself
nominates the person, the Secretary must receive confir-
mation from the nominee that he or she wishes to run.

E. Size of the Committee:
1) If more than 25 people are nominated, the class will
elect 20 members to the committee.
2) If between 15 and 25 people are nominated, that group
will become the new committee.
3) If fewer than 15 people are nominated, the Secretary
will announce the nominees as members of the new commit-
tee, and then notify the class of another round of nomi-
nations, conducted in the same manner as the first
round.

Article IX: Elections

A. When Held:
1) General elections for the Executive Committee shall
take place each spring starting in 1985, and at five
year intervals thereafter, and members elected shall
hold office until the election and qualification of
their successors, or appointment in accordance with
VI.P.1.
2) Special election shall be held at the next annual
meeting if the size of the committee shall drop below 15
members.

E. Procedure for General Elections:
1) Ballots shall be provided by the Secretary to all
active members of the class at least one month prior to
the annual meeting.
2) No ballot shall be counted which is not signed by the
voter.
3) Tally shall be made by the Secretary, with the aid of
such assistants, not nominees for the Executive Commit-
tee, as he or she may select for such purpose.
4) Ballots can be mailed to the Secretary before the
class meeting, or can be received by the Secretary until
noon on Saturday of Reunions, or some other time as the
Secretary sees fit to announce.
5) The 20 nominees or write-in candidates who receive
the most votes will become members of the Executive Com-
mittee. Ties will also join the committee.

C. Procedure for Special Elections: Special elections shall
be held at the annual meeting, with the members present
constituting a quorum.

D. Write-in Ballots:
1) All ballots, in addition to listing the names
received by the Secretary, shall contain space for votes
for write-in candidates.
2) Votes may be cast for any member of the class.
Article X: Amendments

A. Proposal: Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed only in the following ways:
   1) To the Secretary by the 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee present; or
   2) To the Secretary by twenty or more members of the Class.

E. Adoption: Proposed amendments shall be submitted with a ballot to the Class at least one month prior to the next subsequent annual meeting of the Class with the recommendation of the incumbent Executive Committee pro or con, and shall be considered adopted only after a 2/3 favorable vote of the members of the Class voting.

Article XI: Effective Date of the Constitution

This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by Class members at an annual meeting.
MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Class Committee
From: Eric S. Koenig
Re: Election of the President and Vice-President
Date: October 20, 1986

Following instructions from Arlene, I have drafted and attached new sections of the Class Constitution which will enable the class to elect directly the President and Vice-President.

This is only a discussion draft. Please read the specific provisions of each Amendment carefully and with a critical eye. I have also attached copies of our present Constitution so that you may make comparisons easily. I apologize that I am unable to present these proposals in person, but I will be happy to make any changes in these draft Amendments which you think are worthwhile.

Amendment One

This amendment revises Article V to provide specifically for the direct election of the President and Vice-President. All other provisions remain the same.
This amendment also deletes Articles VIII and IX and substitutes a comprehensive and coordinated election scheme under a new "Article VIII" for the President, Vice-President and the Executive Committee. A summary of these changes follows.

A. President and Vice-President

The President will appoint a Nominating Committee to solicit and nominate candidates for President and Vice-President. Consultation with all members of the class is provided prior to selection and a provision for nomination-by-petition is included. A specific election timetable is included, with ample time for each phase of the electoral process. Elections would conclude on May 15, early enough so that winners can be announced and installed at the annual meeting during reunions. Please consider the following issues:

1. Should the class have a Nominating Committee? I see the principal benefit of such a Committee as the ability to do some pre-screening among nominees as to their potential performance in and enthusiasm for the job. This provision is modeled, for the most part, on the screening mechanism utilized to nominate University trustees. I have added a manageable nomination-by-petition provision to make the process more democratic.
2. Should the Secretary and Treasurer also be 
elected in this manner? With the use of a Nominating 
Committee, it should be possible to secure the nominations of 
worthy candidates to those posts. Most other classes directly 
and successfully elect all four major Class Officers.

B. The Executive Committee

The procedure here is quite similar to that in the 
present constitution, with a few exceptions:

1. A specific timetable for nomination and election 
is provided and coordinated with the election of the President 
and Vice-President.

2. Responsibility for soliciting and providing for 
the election of the Executive Committee is shifted to the 
President from the Secretary. This is to provide for a more 
unified and coordinated electoral process.

3. As election of the President, Vice-President, 
and Executive Committee would occur simultaneously, I have 
included provisions which will permit those persons seeking 
elected class offices to place their names in nomination for 
the Executive Committee. This gives those unsuccessful 
candidates for class office another opportunity to serve. We 
do not want to lose their interest or enthusiasm.
Please consider the following issues:

1. **Should elections for President, Vice-President and Executive Committee be held simultaneously, as provided in the draft?** I have drafted the present proposals with the goal of ease and efficiency in mind. I believe it would be best for the class to have an entire "team" in place and ready to work by the commencement of reunions.

2. **Should the class have special elections to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee or should the Class Officers appoint replacements?** I have left the provision for a special election unchanged from the present Constitution. It might be easier to dispense with this proceeding and merely appoint replacements, thereby devoting our energies to more productive tasks.

**Amendment Two**

I have added this amendment to fill a gaping hole in the Constitution: there is no present provision to remove officers who are not performing their responsibilities. This option should be available to the class, if needed, although the percentage of vote needed to remove an officer should be very high. I have suggested three-quarters of the entire
Executive Committee for the President and Vice-President and a
two-thirds vote for other appointed officers. We might want to
include specific language establishing a procedure for voting
on removal and allowing such a vote by mail.