**By-Laws**

**Veteran and Military-Connected Students at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University**

 **Article I. Name**

The name of this student organization shall be the Veterans and Military-Connected Students of FranU.

**Article II. Purpose and Goals**

Section 1. Purpose

 The purpose of this organization shall be to recognize the unique nature of military students and promote unity, respect, and the growth of servant leadership across campus.

Section 2. Goals

 The major goals of this organization shall be to (1) connect and support veterans and military-connected students as they transition from the military to the campus (2) increase awareness within the FranU community of the sacrifices of veterans and dependent members (3) support and strengthen the mission of FranU with diversity and leadership gained from their military experience.

**Article III. Membership**

Section 1. Eligibility

 Any FranU student receiving educational assistance as a result of their service or the service of a family member may be an active member of this organization.

Section 2. Selection Process

Application for membership will be open throughout the academic year as determined by the organization’s officers and faculty advisor.

Section 3. Attendance

Attendance at meetings is optional. Participation in organizational service oriented activities will be encouraged.

**Article IV. Officers**

Section 1. Requirements for Officers

The officers of this organization: (1)will be registered FranU student both at the time of the election and while serving as an officer; (2) have attained and maintain a minimum of 2.25 current and cumulative grade point average at the time of elevation and during the time served ?

Section 2. Officers and Duties

President: shall preside over regular and executive meetings, coordinate group activities, and communicate with the officers and advisers on all matters.

Vice President: shall assist the president and preside over meeting in the absence of the president, s, check attendance at functions, and manage the finances of the organization.

Section 3. Election Process.

Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting during the Fall semester. Newly elected officers shall assume responsibility at that meeting and hold office until the end of the school year.

**Article V. Meetings**

Section 1. Regular Meetings

 Regular meetings shall be held every month as determined by the president. Special meetings to support organizational projects and activities will be held as required..

**Article VI. Finances**

Section 1. Banking

All moneys belonging to this organization shall be deposited and dispersed through a bank account established for this organization. All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection. The advisers of this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before dispursal.

**Article VII. Amendments and Revisions**

The bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the active membership subject to the approval of the Dean of Students through Student Affairs.