“What is the Alumni Council?”

* Bowdoin’s Alumni Council is a body made up of approximately 30 alumni, spanning a broad range of class years, backgrounds, experience, and demographics, with the goal of representing the diversity of our greater alumni population

“What are the primary responsibilities/expectations of an Alumni Council member?”

* Councilors work closely with the Alumni Relations office and provide input, advice, and perspective on Alumni Relations plans and initiatives.
* We also look to Council members to host and/or attend Bowdoin events that take place throughout the year in their respective geographical regions, as is possible, and more informally to be an ambassador for Bowdoin in casual, daily interactions.
* While the Council is not a fundraising body, we recently began sponsoring a summer internship for a current Bowdoin student. We ask all Council members to contribute what they can to this initiative (as always with giving, $5 is a million times better than nothing!)
* Put simply, we want our Council members to bring their Polar Bear pride, spirit, and good ideas to campus twice annually, and to spend the rest of the year being active alumni - attending events and connecting with fellow Bowdoin alumni.

“What sort of work does the Council do?"

* The Council’s work is limited only by the desires and goals of its members.  We are constantly trying to invent new ways - and to expand existing ways - of engaging alumni with the College, other alumni, and current students. Recent initiatives from the Council have resulted in new multicultural alumni outreach and events, new LGBTIQA alumni programming, and expanded alumni-to-alumni and alumni-to-student career networking and support.
* While on campus, Council members interact with students - casually, at mixer-type events, and more formally in speed-networking sessions.
* In addition, the Council annually recognizes members of the Bowdoin College community – alumni, faculty, and staff – by bestowing awards for exceptional volunteerism, distinguished career performance, and other outstanding work.