Constitution of the Engineers’ Club

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Preamble

We, the students of the University of Oklahoma enrolled in an engineering curriculum College of Engineering, in order to increase our knowledge and to promote a better fellowship among students, faculty, and staff, do hereby adopt this constitution of the Engineers’ Club.

Article I: Definition

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be “Engineers’ Club.”

Section 2. The color of the organization shall be Kelly Green.

Section 3. The insignia of the organization shall be the shamrock.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster the high ideals of the Engineering profession, to stimulate interest in engineering related departmental and College of Engineering activities, to promote the mutual professional welfare and ethical standing of its members, and to develop in its members the attributes necessary for effective leadership and the assumption of the responsibilities of citizens of a democracy.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. All undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the University of Oklahoma in an engineering curriculum College of Engineering or students enrolled in a pre-engineering curriculum at the University College are Active Members.

Section 2. All faculty members and full time staff personnel in the University of Oklahoma associated with engineering curricula College of Engineering are Associated Members.

Section 3. Membership in, association with, and benefits emanating from Engineers’ Club and its related activities shall be based upon such considerations as performance, educational achievement, and other criteria related to the goals of the organization and purposes of the activities. Judgments in this regard based solely on an individual’s race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or political belief are not judgments based on such considerations. Further, the purpose of the organization must be consistent with public policy as established by the prevailing University of Oklahoma University Community standards.
Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Engineers’ Club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Fall Festival/New Engineers Welcome Chairman, Webmaster, Open House Chairman, Fall Festival Chair, Engineers’ Week Chairman, Career Fair Chairman, Engineers’ Week Chair, Points Chairman, Williams Student Leadership Retreat Chair, Webmaster, Winter Ball Chair, Historian, two (2) Willoughby Lounge Managers, Williams Student Leadership Retreat Coordinator, Points Chair, and Willoughby Lounge Manager, Intramural Chair, Engineering King, and Engineering Queen.

Section 2. The qualifications to be an elected officer are as follows:
A. Must be an Active Member
B. Must be in good academic standing as outlined by the University of Oklahoma with the College of Engineering
C. May not serve in the same office more than twice.
D. The officers must represent at least three different engineering schools majors. If three schools are not represented at the conclusion of the elections process, they must be held again in their entirety within 3-9 calendar days. The newly elected President will appoint individuals to one of the appointed positions until three schools are represented.

Section 3. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, then the First Vice President shall assume the office of President. Should a vacancy occur in any other office, the President shall call for an election to fill that office at the next appropriate Engineers’ Club meeting.

Section 4. The Engineers’ Club may recall elected officers by the following guidelines:
A. Before the motion is made to initiate a recall vote, the initiating officer must receive advisor approval. By holding a special officer meeting, where a vote will be taken. The officers up for recall shall be removed from office if a vote of two-thirds of all officers calls for it.
B. A recall vote may only be called by a motion presented at an officer meeting with a second and a third immediately following. Recall of any Engineers’ Club officer requires an election to replace the officer at the next month’s general meeting.
C. A recall vote is successful with a ⅔ majority vote of all officers.
D. A successful recall vote must be followed by the rules outlined in Article IV, Section 3.

Article V: Elections

Section 1. The Election of Officers shall be held annually in the two weeks at the Engineers’ Club meeting following the end of the Engineers’ Week. The outgoing President shall preside over the election of new officers and shall release his/her office immediately after the election of new officers is completed. All offices shall be chosen by a majority of the Active Members present at the meeting.
Section 2. The Term of Office shall commence upon election and shall continue for one year or until the next election. Should an officer fail to meet the requirements of Article IV, Section 2, such officer shall be immediately removed from office.

Article VI: Interpretation

All powers over the Engineers’ Club not specified in the Constitution or By Laws of the Engineers’ Club shall lie with a majority of officers with an Advisor’s approval.

Article VII: Advisors

Section 1. Engineers’ Club shall have as an advisor one or more a full-time member(s) of the University faculty or staff.

Section 2. The Advisor(s) must be selected by the Engineers’ Club Officer Council being approved by a simple majority. Advisor must be selected by the attending members and approved by a simple majority. Advisor must accept and agree to honor all goals of the organization as well as the Constitution and shall promote the welfare of the club and its members. At the following Engineers’ Club meeting, the selected Advisor must be presented to the attending members and approved by a simple majority.

Section 3. As necessary a new Advisor may be selected and approved by a majority of the Engineers’ Club Officers. At the following Engineers’ Club meeting, the selected Advisor must be presented to the attending members and approved by a majority. Advisor must accept and agree to honor all goals of the organization as well as the Constitution. He/She must agree to promote the welfare of the club and its members.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Active Member who presents a “Proposed Amendment Petition” to the Engineers’ Club Officers. Such petition must be signed by ten Active Members.

Section 2. Proposed amendments must be approved by a two-thirds (⅔) majority of the Engineers’ Club Officers and the advisor(s) before an amendment may be presented to the entire Engineers’ Club. The Engineers’ Club officers must pass the amendment by a simple majority before the amendment may be presented to the entire Engineers’ Club.

Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be posted outside the Engineers’ Club Office for a period of at least two weeks prior to the next Engineers’ Club meeting.

Section 4. Adoption of amendments requires a two-thirds (⅔) vote of Active Members present at the Engineers’ Club meeting.
Article IX: Preemption Statement

Section 1. Engineers’ Club is subject to not governed by a national or parent organization and abides by the University of Oklahoma Student Code as well as all Local, State, and Federal Laws.

Section 2. If there is a conflict between a national or parent organization’s rulings, constitution, or direction and the University of Oklahoma Student Handbook, the Student Handbook preempts the national or parent ruling.