

University of Cincinnati

Engineering Tribunal

CONSTITUTION

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Article I – Name

The undergraduate student governing body of the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering shall be known as the Engineering Tribunal.

Article II – Purpose

The Engineering Tribunal shall represent the students of the College of Engineering on all relevant issues, specifically with curriculum, academic and professional standards, and university and college computing services. Engineering Tribunal shall also assist the students with professional, social, and leadership development.

Article III – Membership & Voting

Section 1: Voting Membership

Voting membership shall be open to any matriculating undergraduate student at the University of Cincinnati who is sincerely interested in furthering the purpose of the organization.

Section 2: Voting Membership Requirements

Each student shall attain voting membership by attending three meetings per quarter and actively participating on an Engineering Tribunal committee, as determined by the committee chairperson. This will allow each student to have full voting rights during any vote that occurs during an Engineering Tribunal general meeting.

Section 3: Non-Voting Membership

Non-voting membership shall be open to any student and any member of the University faculty or administrative staff.

Section 4: Honorary Non-Voting Membership

Honorary non-voting membership shall be open to any person desiring such membership and elected by a majority of the voting members.

Section 5: Membership Limit

There shall be no limit on the size of the membership of the Engineering Tribunal.

Article IV – Student Sections

Section 1: Year Definition

A year shall begin at the start of summer quarter and end at the close of spring quarter.

Section 2: Student Section Definition

A year shall have two student sections: fall and spring quarters, and summer and winter quarters.

Section 3: Student Section Classification

A student on a cooperative education work assignment shall be on work section; otherwise, a student shall be on school section.

Article V – Officers and Executive Board

Section 1: Officer Definition

The officers of the Engineering Tribunal shall be one president, serving for a term of one year, two vice-presidents, two associate vice-presidents, two treasurers, and two secretaries, serving for a term of two quarters on their respective sections. The ex-officio officers of Engineering Tribunal shall be four senators, serving for a term of two quarters on their respective sections. Each section shall have one vice-president, one associate vice-president, one treasurer, one secretary, and two senators.

Section 2: Eligibility Requirements

The president must be a member of the senior class in the year in which he/she serves. In the event that only one candidate is eligible for the office of president, then the requirement of being a senior shall be waived. The president, each vice-president, and each associate vice-president must have served at least one year (two quarters) as regular members of the Engineering Tribunal. Each vice-president, associate vice-president, treasurer, and secretary must be available to attend the meetings and perform their function during their respective sections. Each officer shall be a voting member with a 2.0 GPA and be a full-time matriculating student. Applicants for an office shall also be members of the Engineering Tribunal in good standing. This requirement applies to the most recent school quarter if the candidate is on work section during the quarter in which elections are held. Additionally, the associate vice-president shall not be a senior.

Section 3: Requirements of Office

Each officer shall maintain voting membership of the Engineering Tribunal, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and shall be a matriculating undergraduate student.

Section 4: Terms of Officer Removal

Any officer who, during the term of his/her office does not fulfill these requirements shall be asked to resign, and a replacement shall be elected as directed in the Engineering Tribunal bylaws.

Section 5: Executive Board

The officers and the committee chairpersons of the Engineering Tribunal together with the faculty advisor shall be known as the Executive Board. In compliance with the University of Cincinnati Student Government Bylaws, all senators shall be considered ex-officio officers and therefore shall also sit on the Executive Board.

Article VI – Meeting Procedures

Section 1: Regular Meetings

The Engineering Tribunal shall meet at least every other week. The Executive Board shall meet at least monthly. The current section's officers shall have a separate meeting at least once a quarter.

Section 2: Special Meetings

A special meeting may be called by the Executive Board members of Engineering Tribunal, or by petition to the president by a majority of the members of Engineering Tribunal on school section. All members of Engineering Tribunal shall be notified of the meeting at least one week prior to the meeting.

Article VII – Faculty Advisor

Section 1: Appointment

The faculty advisor(s) shall be a full-time member(s) of the faculty of the College of Engineering. The advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Status

The faculty advisor(s) shall act in a consulting status only.

Article VIII – Amendment of Constitution

Section 1: Amendments

This constitution may be amended when the proposed amendment is passed by two-thirds of the voting members of the Engineering Tribunal and with approval of the appropriate governing body. Members on work section shall be given the opportunity of voting by absentee ballot. No amendment may be proposed to the Engineering Tribunal and voted upon during the same meeting or sooner than one week after it is proposed. The process to amend the constitution may be conducted no more than once a year and it shall be voted on during the spring quarter election meeting.

Section 2: Ratification

This constitution shall become effective after it has been approved by a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Engineering Tribunal and approved by the Student Senate.