



Constitution

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SECTION I – Definition of the Society

Clause 1) Name

The name of the organization shall be "The Engineering Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver".

Clause 2) Mission

The mission of the organization is to support the academic, professional, and social needs of engineering students, encourage excellence in all aspects of student life, and celebrate the accomplishments of its members.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing mission statement, the objectives of the organizations shall be:

1. To maintain communication between student groups within the engineering community.
2. To support the initiatives of student groups within the engineering community.
3. To support the social needs of its members by organizing and promoting social events and services.
4. To support the academic needs of its members through representation to relevant groups and development and promotion of academic services and events.
5. To support the professional development of its members through representation to relevant groups and development and promotion of professional services and events.
6. To support the external community by organizing and promoting events in co-operation with external groups, including events in support of charities.

Clause 3) Interpretation and Definitions

Further definitions and guidelines are detailed in the EUS Policy Manual.

In this constitution, unless otherwise specified:

1. "UBC" shall hereafter refer to "the University of British Columbia Vancouver".
2. "The Society" shall hereafter refer to "the Engineering Undergraduate Society

of UBC”.

3. “EUS” shall be the equivalent of “the Society”
4. “Senate” shall hereafter refer to “the Senate of UBC Vancouver”
5. “Members” shall hereafter refer to “EUS members”
6. “Executive” shall be the equivalent of “Executive Officers”
7. “The Board” shall hereafter refer to “the EUS Board of Directors”
8. “AMS” shall hereafter refer to “the Alma Mater Society of UBC”
9. “Constitution” shall hereafter refer to “Constitution of the EUS”
10. “Policy Manual” shall hereafter refer to “Policy manual of the EUS”
11. “CM Officers” shall be the equivalent of “the Coordinating and Managing Officers”

Clause 4) Membership

Members shall include the following:

1. Honourary
 - a. Details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of honorary members shall be set out in the Policy Manual.
2. Active
 - a. The only active members shall be Undergraduate Engineering students who have paid their EUS student fees.

Clause 5) Policy Manual

1. Changes to policies within the Policy Manual will require a 2/3 (two-thirds) in-favour vote by the Board of Directors for adoption.
2. Further details surrounding changes to policies within the Policy Manual can be found in the Policy Manual.
3. The Policy Manual is a supporting document to the EUS Constitution. No part of this Policy Manual may be interpreted in a sense contrary to the EUS Constitution.

SECTION II – Organization of the Society

Clause 1) Levels of Structure

The structure of the Society shall include the following levels of structure:

1. The EUS Board of Directors
2. The EUS Council
3. The EUS Grand Council
4. EUS Executive Officers
5. EUS Coordinating and Managing Officers
6. EUS Ex-Officio Officers
7. EUS Members at Large
8. Engineering Representatives on the AMS Council.

Clause 2) The Board of Directors

1. The Board shall be the highest governing body within the Society, second only to a referendum.
2. The Board shall establish and approve all policies within the Policy Manual.
3. Each member of the Board shall receive one vote on each motion brought before the Board.
4. The Board shall exercise no control over the activities and conduct or business of any of the Program Clubs, which, although they have representation on the Board, operate under a separate charter from the Alma Mater Society.
5. The Board shall consist of:
6. The Executive Officers
7. The President or representative of each of the Program Clubs, as described in the Policy Manual
8. Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of members of the Board shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Clause 3) The Council

1. The Council shall advise the Executive and the Board on matters brought to discussion before them.

2. Members of the Council shall consist of the following:
 - a. All members of the Board
 - b. The President or representative of EUS Ex-Officio Clubs, as defined in the Policy Manual
 - c. Other members, as defined in the Policy Manual
3. Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of members of the Council shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Clause 4) The Grand Council

The Grand Council of the Society shall:

1. Advise the Board of Directors on Society affairs and the general concerns of students.
2. Represent the view of its' members to the Board of Directors.
3. The Grand Council of the Society shall consist of:
 4. All members of the Council
 5. The Year Reps of each Program Club, as defined in the Policy Manual
 6. All CM Officers
 7. All Ex-Officio Officers

Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of members of the Grand Council shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Clause 5) Executive Officers

Each EUS Executive Officer shall be elected by a secret-ballot vote open to all EUS members, the details of which shall be outlined in the EUS Policy Manual. The Executive Officers, their duties, and their powers of the Society shall be as follows:

1. President

The President shall:

- a. Preside over the affairs of the Society.
- b. Be an active member of the EUS during the term they are serving.
- c. Oversee the other members of the Executive and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.

- d. Oversee the other members of the Executive and ensure that they are acting as per the Board's direction.
- e. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- f. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the Executive Officers to the EUS Council.
- g. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- h. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

2. Vice-President of Communications and Administration

The Vice-President of Communications and Administration shall:

- a. Oversee the administrative operations of the Society.
- b. Oversee the facilitation of communications between all parties relevant to the EUS
- c. Be an active member of the EUS during the term they are serving.
- d. Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- e. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- f. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible to the EUS Council.
- g. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- h. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

3. Vice-President of Finance

The Vice-President Finance shall:

- a. Oversee the financial operations of the Society.
- b. Be an active member of the EUS having reached the age of majority prior to the term they are serving.
- c. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for

whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.

- d. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible to the EUS Council.
- e. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- f. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

4. Vice-President of Academic Affairs

The Vice-President of Academic Affairs shall:

- a. Oversee the academic services offered by the Society.
- b. Be responsible for the proper representation of students at functions relevant to the engineering academic experience and curriculum.
- c. Be an active member of the EUS during the term they are serving.
- d. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- e. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for which they are responsible for to the EUS Council.
- f. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- g. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

5. Vice-President of External Affairs

The Vice-President of External Affairs shall:

- a. Oversee the external affairs of the Society.
- b. Be an active member of the EUS during the term they are serving.
- c. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- d. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible to the EUS

Council.

- e. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- f. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

6. The Vice-President of Events

The Vice-President of Events shall:

- a. Oversee the events coordinated by the Society.
- b. Be an active member of the EUS during the term they are serving.
- c. Oversee and coordinate the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for which they are responsible for and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- d. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the CM Officers and Ex-Officio Officers for which they are responsible for to the EUS Council.
- e. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.
- f. Have such other duties as are outlined in the constitution or the Policy Manual or assigned by the Board from time to time.

Clause 6) Coordinating and Managing Officers

Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of Coordinating and Managing Officers shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Each EUS Coordinating and Managing Officer shall:

- 1. Be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 2. Be assigned to an Executive Officer from whom they shall receive direction from.
- 3. Coordinate and administer the activities charged to them.
- 4. Oversee and coordinate the Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
- 5. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the Ex-Officio Officers for whom they are responsible to their assigned Executive Officer.

6. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.

Clause 7) Ex-Officio Officers

Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of Ex-Officio Officers shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Each EUS Ex-Officio Officer shall:

1. Be assigned to an Executive Officer from whom they shall report to and receive direction from.
2. May be assigned to a CM Officer who they will receive direction and report to in lieu of the Executive Officer.
3. Be appointed by the Executive Officer to whom that Ex-Officio is responsible in conjunction with the Executive Officer's associated CM Officers.
4. Coordinate and administer the activities charged to them.
5. Promote the Society to both the EUS members and the external community.

Clause 8) EUS Members at Large

EUS Members at Large shall be all active EUS Members who do not hold any other EUS position described in this Constitution.

Clause 9) Engineering Representatives on the AMS Council

One Engineering Representative on the AMS Council shall be an Executive Officer appointed by the EUS Board of Directors. Each remaining Engineering Representative on the AMS Council shall be elected by a secret-ballot vote open to all EUS members, the details of which shall be outlined in the EUS Policy Manual. Further details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of Engineering Representatives on the AMS Council shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

Clause 10) Quorum

Details surrounding the various meetings shall be set out in the Policy Manual. Quorum shall be:

1. One-twentieth of the active members of the Society at General and Extraordinary Meetings.
2. One-tenth of the active members of the Society in referenda.
3. Three-quarters of the members of the Board of Directors at Council and Grand Council Meetings.
4. Two-thirds of the Executive at Executive meetings.

Clause 11) Recall of Elected Representatives

1. Executive Officers

An Executive Officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

- a. Resignation
- b. Absence from three consecutive Council Meetings
- c. Absence from two consecutive Executive Meetings, without justification deemed valid by the Board of Directors
- d. Unsatisfactory performance according to a petition signed by three-quarters of the Board of Directors or one-tenth of the active membership.

A vacancy thus created will be filled by a by-election, the details of which shall be outlined in the Policy Manual.

2. Non-Executive Director on the Board of Directors

A member of the Board of Directors who is not an Executive Officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

- a. Resignation
- b. Absence from three consecutive Council Meetings
- c. Absence from two consecutive Council Meetings, without providing a proxy and without justification deemed valid by the Board of Directors.
- d. Unsatisfactory performance according to a petition signed by three-quarters of the Board of Directors or one-quarter of the active membership that member of the Board represents.

A replacement for the vacancy thus created will be provided by the Program Club whose members were formerly represented by the removed Director.

3. Engineering Representatives on the AMS Council

An Engineering Representative on the AMS Council may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

- a. Resignation
- b. Absence from three consecutive AMS Council Meetings
- c. Absence from two consecutive AMS Council Meetings, without providing a proxy and without justification deemed valid by the Board of Directors.
- d. Unsatisfactory performance according to a petition signed by three-quarters of the Board of Directors or one-quarter of the active membership.

A replacement for the vacancy thus created shall be temporarily filled by a member appointed by the Board until it is permanently filled through a by-election in accordance with procedures outlined in the EUS policy manual.

SECTION III – Constitution of the Society

Clause 1) Amendments

The Constitution of the Society may be amended by two-thirds approval at a general meeting or through a referendum provided that written notification of such amendment is posted at least 10 business days prior to the referendum.

Clause 2) Warning

No part of this Constitution may be interpreted in a sense contrary to the AMS Constitution, Bylaws, and Code.