

Constitution of the University of South Alabama

American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter

Article I: Name

*T*HE NAME OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS STUDENT CHAPTER

Article II: Objective

*T*HE OBJECTIVE OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS, TO AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENTS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED AND TO PRACTICE WORKING TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY, TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF CONGENIALITY AMONG THEM, AND TO PROVIDE FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION.

Article III: Membership

*A*CTIVE MEMBERS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING AS EVIDENCE BY PAYMENT OF CHAPTER DUES. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TO ALUMNI OR OTHERS WHO MAY CARE TO ATTEND.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: THE OFFICERS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR.

Section 2: THE OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS MADE ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ELECTIONS ARE HELD. NOMINATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE BY AN ACTIVE MEMBER DURING THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ELECTIONS ARE HELD. OFFICERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY SECRET BALLOT BY ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH A SIMPLE MAJORITY DECIDING THE WINNER. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN APRIL OF THE SPRING SEMESTER WITH THE CHANGE OF OFFICERS FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1: THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE CHAPTER AND EXERCISE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHAPTER. THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF ALL CHAPTER COMMITTEES.

Section 2: THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ASSIST THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT WHEN THE LATTER IS IN ANY WAY UNABLE TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE. HE OR SHE SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL CHAPTER COMMITTEES.

Section 3: THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL TRANSACTIONS OF THE CHAPTER, KEEP A ROLL OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER. ALSO WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE, POST ALL NOTIFICATIONS OF MEETINGS, PREPARE NEWSLETTERS, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAPTER.

Section 4: THE TREASURER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL FUNDS BELONGING TO THE CHAPTER, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PROPER DISBURSEMENT, AND SHALL RENDER AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT AT EACH MEETING.

Section 5: THE FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR SHALL TAKE CHARGE UPON APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZING, ESTABLISHING, AND PROPOSING APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF GAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SOCIETY'S EFFORTS.

Article VI: Quorum

*T*HE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. THE PRESIDENT RESERVES THE RIGHT THROUGH THE APPROVAL OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT TO DECLARE IN-ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS APPROPRIATELY JUSTIFIED IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

Article VII: Advisor

*T*HE FACULTY ADVISOR SHALL BE ELECTED YEARLY BY VOTE OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. CONFIRMATION OF THE ADVISOR'S ROLE SHALL BE MADE BY GAINING THE APPROPRIATE SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE THROUGH REGISTRATION WITH THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS.

Article VIII: Impeachment and Resignation

*T*HE RULES FOR IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS SHALL BE GRANTED WHEN SAID INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS BEHAVIOR UNBECOMING OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH HE OR SHE WAS GRANTED, OR A RESIGNATION OF THE POST IS REQUESTED. THE PROCEDURE OF IMPEACHMENT SHALL FIRST BE DECLARED THROUGH PETITION OF THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. A THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DURING A SPECIALLY CONVENED MEETING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY DECLARE IMPEACHMENT. THE REPLACEMENT DUE TO IMPEACHMENT OR RESIGNATION SHALL IN A TIMELY MANNER, AND IN ACCORDANCE TO THE SITUATION BE ELECTED BY GENERAL VOTE. UNTIL FEASIBLE, THE PRESIDENT OR INTERIM-PRESIDENT MAY PLACE AT HIS OR HER PLEASURE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE VACATED ROLE UNTIL A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT CAN BE FOUND.

Article IX: Amendments

*A*N AMENDMENT TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE PROPOSED BY PRESENTING TO THE CHAPTER SECRETARY A PETITION STATING THE DESIRED AMENDMENT AND CONTAINING THE SIGNATURE OF THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER. THIS PETITION SHALL BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Article X: Ratifications

A THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHAPTER SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS AND RECALLS.