

Constitution of the Engineering Council of Majors

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be "Engineering Council of Majors," abbreviated as ECM for convenience.

Article II – Affiliations

The Engineering Council of Majors shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Student Life Committee and the Student Government Association, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designees. In addition, many student chapters will be affiliated with their national organizations.

Article III– Purpose

The purpose, principles and objectives of the Engineering Council of Majors are as follows:

1. To act as a liaison between students, faculty and administrators in the College of Engineering
2. To advise the College of Engineering on issues involving the engineering student body.
3. To serve as the voice of the students in the College of Engineering.
4. To aid in the development of the engineering student by supporting various extracurricular activities.
5. To serve as a forum for communication among the various engineering societies.

Article IV – Qualifications and Membership

Section A:

Membership is open to any UMBC student interested in the various disciplines of Engineering or Computer Science. There shall be no dues or financial obligations as a criterion for membership on this organization.

Section B:

Membership in the Engineering Council of Majors may not be denied because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, national origin, or religion.

Section C:

ECM will solicit input from each engineering organization that exists on campus without favoritism. Each organization is encouraged to send its President or a designee to ECM meetings in order to conduct business. The Engineering Council of Majors will also recognize all engineering organizations that are recognized by the College of Engineering. Said recognized organizations shall have their names included as member organizations of ECM, either in the constitution or by amendment. These organizations include:

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers
(ASHRAE)
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
Computer Engineering Council of Majors (CE-ECM)
Computer Science Council of Majors (CSCM)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
Tau Beta Pi, The National Engineering Honor Society, MD Delta Chapter
Triangle Fraternity
Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

Article V – Elections

Section A:

The term of office will be approx. May of one academic year to May of the next academic year. Current Executive Committee will oversee elections of new officers.

Section B:

Election of officers will occur by the end of the spring semester, with the election meeting being announced publicly at least two weeks in advance. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by voice vote or by secret ballot if at least three members motion for secret ballot. The person receiving majority vote will be elected.

Article VI – Officers

Section A:

The officers of the Engineering Council of Majors shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Webmaster. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

Section B:

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

President

- Preside over all meetings
- Set the meeting agenda
- Serve as the foremost point of contact between the organization and the administration

Vice President

- Serve in place of the President should his/her absence occur
- Assist the President in the execution of the society's duties
- Keep track of all society property
- Reserve the conference room (or other designated room) for meetings

Secretary

- Take detailed notes during all meetings
- Provide the minutes of the last meeting to all members at the following meeting
- Keep records of the organization
- Maintain historical record of ECM activities, flyers and other relevant information

Treasurer

- Oversee all monetary transactions of the organization through the Student Government Association
- Keep track of the organization's budget
- Prepare and present a report of the organization's financial state each meeting

Webmaster

- Maintain webpage – including members and links
- Advertise events with time and location

Section C:

Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Any officer removed may appeal to the presidents of the engineering societies. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of said presidents of said societies.

Section D:

Any vacancy that may occur in an office shall be filled by an appointment by the remaining member of the Executive Committee pending ratification at the next group meeting.

Article VII – Advisor

The Dean of the College of Engineering will appoint the ECM Advisor. The Advisor will serve at the Dean's discretion

Article VIII – Business, Quorum and Voting Rules

Section A:

Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition) shall be followed by the organization in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the constitution.

Section B:

Quorum will be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the ECM meeting

Section C:

1. Each recognized organization has one (1) vote.
2. Proxy votes may be submitted three (3) days prior to voting to the advisor.
3. Executive Committee cannot vote. In the event of a tie, either the President or graduating member of the Executive Committee will cast a tie-breaking vote.

Article IX – Meetings

Meetings shall occur at least once a month during the fall and spring semesters, with additional meeting being called for as necessary by the Executive Committee. At least one week's notice must be given for meetings. These meetings shall include a call for quorum, order of business, and disposition of minutes.

Article X – Amendment Procedures and Requirements

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the present membership.