



MU
ENGINEERING SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION

21/09/17

1. Name of Society:

1.1 The name of the society shall be the “MU Engineering Society”.

2. Aims and Objectives:

2.1 To provide resources and a suitable environment to help students develop their knowledge of engineering.

2.2 To provide social study breaks for all members which allow for inter-year and inter-department integration.

3. Members:

3.1 Membership of the society shall be open to all students, staff and graduates of MU.

3.2 Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing up on MSU Life’s website for the current academic year.

3.3 The society recognises the importance of graduates and former students MU can play in the development of a society and shall endeavour to maintain contact with such members.

3.4 To this end the governing executive Committee of the society shall be empowered to create a class of “associate member” of the society.

3.4.1 Graduate membership shall be open to former members of the society who are no longer students of MU and it shall not be a requirement of such members to hold a degree or any other academic award given by MU.

3.4.2 Associate members shall pay an annual membership fee to the society, the amount of which will be determined by the governing executive Committee but may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting.

3.4.3 Associate members shall be ineligible for election to the society’s governing Committee.

3.4.4 Associate members shall be entitled to attend all general meetings of the society. Voting rights of associate members at the general meeting shall be determined by the governing executive Committee and may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting of the society.

3.4.5 The rights of an associate member shall not exceed the rights of an ordinary member of the society.

3.5 All members shall be bound by this constitution.

4. Governing Executive Committee:

4.1 The society shall have a Governing Executive Committee (The Committee).

4.2 The Committee shall run the society on behalf of its members in accordance with the aims and objectives.

4.3 Although decisions should be arrived at by consensus of the Committee where possible, Committee decisions will be decided by a majority vote.

4.4 A quorum shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ of Committee members.

4.5 The Committee shall consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer
- 1st Year Representative

4.6 The term of office of these elected officers shall be one academic year.

4.7 A person shall not hold the same position in office for more than 2 successive years.

5. Election of the Governing Executive Committee:

5.1 Committee members shall be democratically elected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

5.2 To seek election, each candidate must have 2 nominations from current society members.

6. Duties of the Executive Committee:

6.1.1 The President shall be the chief officer of the society whose duties include chairing all meetings of the club or society.

6.1.2 The chair of any meeting shall have an ordinary vote at Committee meetings and in the event of a tied vote he/she will hold the casting vote.

6.2.1 The Vice President of the Society shall assist the President in all their duties.

6.2.2 The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event that the President is absent/unable to perform their duties.

6.3.1 The Secretary's function shall be to deal with all correspondence and records of the society.

6.3.3 The Secretary may keep minutes of all Committee meetings, AGMs, or any other meetings relating to the society.

6.3.4 The Secretary shall give notice to all members of the society's meetings, events or functions.

6.3.5 The Secretary shall assist the PRO to organise fund raising events and sponsorship where necessary.

6.4.1 The Treasurer's function shall be to administer the funds of the society and maintain the accounts and budget.

6.4.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of accounts subject to the decisions of the Committee in compliance with the regulations set down by the capitation Committee.

6.5.1 The PROs function shall be to ensure all members are informed of events through sufficient advertising on the society's notice board and social media.

6.6.1 The 1st Year Representative's function shall be to be the point of contact between the current Committee and members in first year.

7. Meetings:

7.1 There shall be an AGM held every year.

7.2 The AGM shall be held no later than the second month of the academic year where the 1st Year Rep. will be elected and members will be introduced to the Committee and other members.

7.3 A quorum of the meeting shall be 3 members of the Governing Executive Committee and 10% of the ordinary membership.

7.4 An EGM shall be held no later than the final month of the academic year.

7.5 Elections for the Governing Executive Committee shall take place at this EGM, and the annual report of the outgoing Committee shall be presented.

7.6 An EGM may also be convened if:

1. 10% of the ordinary membership of the society request such a meeting in writing.
2. A quorum of the Governing Executive Committee request such a meeting in writing.
3. A vacancy occurs on the current Committee and a replacement is required.

7.7 Notice for all meetings shall be given no less than 5 working days prior to the date of the meeting.

7.8 At a meeting, a member may propose a resolution relating to the business of the society. Such resolution shall be voted by a show of hands and a declaration by the President that the resolution is carried, this declaration shall be conclusive evidence that the resolution passed or failed.

7.9 In the event that the President's resolution is challenged, a recount of the votes will occur in which a number of people will be appointed by the Committee as "tellers" to count votes. The result will be announced by the President or Vice-President where requested.

7.10 No resolution may contravene MU policy or Capitation Committee Policy.

8. General:

8.1 There shall be an honorary President of the society who shall be a staff member in compliance with the regulations set down by the Capitation Committee.

8.2 The membership fee of the society shall be in compliance with the conditions set down by the Capitation Committee.

8.3 Each member of the society shall be entitled to receive a copy of this Constitution on demand free of charge.

8.4 In the event of a clash with the Capitation Committee rules and regulations, the Capitation Committee rules and regulations shall take precedence over this constitution and is subject to Capitation Committee Policy at all times.

8.5 In joining the society, members agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the society as laid down in this constitution and by the Governing Executive Committee. Members violating these rules and regulations shall be answerable to the Committee and may have their membership revoked and no monies refunded, for persistent breaches or serious breaches, as deemed by a majority vote of the Committee. In the event the Committee cannot resolve a dispute with a member(s), the Capitation Committee shall rule on the matter and it's decision shall be final.

9. Amendments to the constitution:

9.1 Notice of a proposal to seek an amendment to this constitution shall be given to the members at least 4 working days prior to the meeting at which such a proposal shall be considered.

9.2 A proposal to amend this constitution must receive the approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ s of the members present and entitled to vote at the relevant meeting.