Bylaws

I. ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Engineering Ambassadors.

II. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

A. To Serve as ambassadors to the Whitacre College of Engineering and to Texas Tech University
B. To assist the Whitacre College of Engineering in promoting its programs to prospective students, industry, business, and alumni

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Initial Membership Requirements
   1. Membership shall be open to all engineering students without regard to race, creed, color, gender, or national origin.
   2. Applications will be accepted from all College of Engineering students at Texas Tech University meeting the following minimum requirements:
      a) Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
      b) At time of application, applicants must have completed one long semester at Texas Tech University in the Whitacre College of Engineering as an undergraduate student.
      c) Applicants must submit a complete application by the required deadline set by the Vice President of Selections.

B. Selection Process and Criteria
   1. Prior to filling vacancies, current members will be invited to return contingent upon:
      a) Cumulative GPA of 3.0
      b) Active Membership Contract (Addendum A)
      c) Approval by Executive Committee
      d) If a member is denied approval by Executive Committee, the member has an approved appeal from the Dean of Engineering.
   2. Remaining vacancies shall be filled from the applicant pool by the Selections Committee of the Engineering Ambassadors
3. The Selections Committee:
   a) Shall be made up of all current officers and the dean or his/her designee (ex-officio).
   b) The Dean of Engineering or his/her designee will have a deciding vote in the event of a tie.
   c) Any officer unable to attend the entire selections process must obtain prior approval from the Executive Committee to be excused and replaced.
   d) If an officer cannot be present for the entire selection process a replacement may be elected by the officers from the general membership or appointed by the Dean or his/her designee.
   e) If an applicant has a relative on Selection Committee, that committee member cannot be present during selections process. Replacement of committee member will follow III.B.3.d).
   f) Selection Committee membership shall be limited to eight.

C. Length of membership is one semester. Renewed membership is contingent upon III.B.1.a-c (above).

IV. OFFICERS

   A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, all four Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Dean or his/her designee (ex-officio). (Suggested duties see Addendum B)
   B. The officers shall be elected at the end of each spring semester for service during the subsequent academic year.
   C. Terms of office shall be one year.
   D. If an officer leaves in the middle of their term, a replacement shall be elected for the remainder of that term as soon as possible by next general meeting or an emergency meeting may be held.

V. MEETINGS

The frequency and location of general and officer meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee and Dean or his/her designee at the beginning of each long semester.

VI. AFFILIATIONS

The organization shall have no political, religious, or social affiliations with any national, state, or local organization.
VII. COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall make assignments of individual members to serve on committees as required to fulfill the needs of the organization. The Executive Committee shall take into consideration the wishes of the individual members in making assignments. The Standing Committees shall be selection, Recruiting, Activities, and Public Relations. Elected Vice Presidents shall serve as chairpersons of each of the above committees. A special committee may be appointed by the Dean or his/her designee.

VIII. ADVISOR

The advisor for this organization shall be the Dean of the Whitacre College of Engineering at Texas Tech University or his/her designee.

IX. PROVISIONS

The organization shall have the right to override Executive Committee decisions with a two-thirds majority vote.

X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws and special rules of order the organization may adopt.

XI. AMENDMENTS

At any general meeting of the organization, these bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote by full membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing and read one week prior to the meeting.

XII. CONTRACT

(See Addendum A)