Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Engineering Ambassadors.

Purpose of Organization

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

Membership

Initial Membership Requirements:

- Membership shall be open to all engineering students without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, citizenship, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- Applications will be accepted from all undergraduate College of Engineering students at Texas Tech University meeting the following minimum requirements:
  - Applicants must have a cumulative Texas Tech GPA of at least 3.0.
  - 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.
  - Applicants must submit a complete application by the required deadline set by the Internal Vice President.

Current Membership Requirements:

- Cumulative Texas Tech GPA of 3.0
- Active Membership Contract (Addendum A)
- Approval by Executive Committee
- If a member is denied approval by Executive Committee, the member has the right to appeal the decision to the Dean of Engineering or his/her designee.
- Current members may go “inactive” within the organization for a total of one long semester.
  - “Inactive” is defined as relinquishing all rights to participate in any Engineering Ambassador activities, events, privileges (scholarship) and, duties; and no longer acting as a representative of the organization for one long semester.
  - “Inactive” status must be requested no longer than seven days after the start of the long semester. It must be approved by the Executive Committee and Advisor.
  - “Inactive” status longer than one long semester will result in complete removal from the organization.
  - “Inactive” status cannot be requested for the current member’s graduating semester.
- Re-entry to the organization is contingent upon meeting the current membership requirements (as defined above).
- In the event of a departing EA, the Engineering Ambassadors reserve the right to fill vacancies in accordance with the criteria set forth in “Selection Process and Criteria” (II).
Selection Process and Criteria
- Prior to filling vacancies, current members will be invited to return contingent upon meeting “Current Membership Requirements” (see above)
- Remaining vacancies shall be filled from the current applicant pool by the Selections Committee of the Engineering Ambassadors.

The Selections Committee
- Shall be made up of all current officers and the dean or his/her designee (ex-officio).
- The Dean of Engineering or his/her designee will have a deciding vote in the event of a tie.
- Any officer unable to attend the entire selections process must obtain prior approval from the Executive Committee to be excused or replaced.
- 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.
- If an applicant has a relative on Selection Committee, that committee member cannot be present during selections process. Replacement of committee member will follow “Membership”.
- Selection Committee membership shall be limited to eight.
- Length of membership is one semester. Renewed membership is contingent upon section “Membership” (above).

Officers
- The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Coordinator and Dean or his/her designee (ex-officio).
- The officers shall be elected at the end of each academic year.
- Terms of office shall be one year for each of the officers, so long as they are able to fulfill the Member Requirements mentioned above.
- The president may serve a one-semester term but must obtain permission to do so from the Dean or his/her designee at least one week prior to running.
- If an officer leaves in the middle of his/her 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.
- In the event that the president unexpectedly vacates his/her position, a current officer shall be appointed to President but must run for re-election at the end of the academic year.
- Members must serve for one long semester in order to run for Executive Committee.
- All positions shall be up for reelection at the end of each academic year.
- The New Members that will have been accepted into the organization in the Spring Semester of Officer Elections will not be invited to the Officer Election meeting. This is to prevent New Members from voting without fully understanding the officer position.
- Members will be nominated for positions (self-nomination is acceptable) at the election meeting, and one other member of the organization is required to second the nomination before a member is accepted as a candidate.
The candidates running for said position will then give a brief speech before exiting the room to allow the organization to vote.

The organization will then hold a brief open forum where they have the ability to professionally explain who they are voting for and why that candidate would be suitable for the position. The organization will then vote by a show of hands (not including the nominees), and the candidate receiving the majority (more than 50%) of people voting will take office.

In the event of three or more candidates running for a position, if the voting results in anything but majority for a candidate, everyone except the top two candidates will be removed and the members will re-vote on the top two.

All other election questions/discrepancies will be up to officer/advisor discretion.

Duties

**President**

The President of the organization is responsible for keeping the advisor and Dean or his/her designee updated on all organization activities, for planning and running meetings, and serving as the main representative of the organization in the University community. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for all communication within the organization, as well as communication between the organization and outside parties. He/she will take meeting minutes, post events and serve to relay all relevant information within the organization. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**External Vice-President**

The External Vice-President is responsible for organizing social events within the organization, assisting with Engineering Week planning, and fundraising. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**Internal Vice-President**

The Internal Vice-President is responsible for all recruitment-related activities, including, but not limited to: preparing applications, serving as the main point of contact for applicants, organizing the meet and greet, and managing advertising for recruitment season. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**Treasurer**

The treasurer is responsible for maintaining the EA bank account, placing orders for uniforms and graduation paraphernalia. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**SORC Representative**

The SORC Representative is responsible for all communication between the University and the EAs and ensuring compliance with guidelines for student organizations as dictated by the University. In addition to the aforementioned role, they could also be required to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the Dean or his/her designee.

**Executive Coordinator**
The Executive Coordinator is responsible for planning and preparing Engineers Week, assisting other officers in any other duties, and all remaining tasks for the Executive Coordinator will be up for officer discretion.

**Impeachment and Removal**

- Officers may be impeached and, if convicted, removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the voting members on the basis of not fulfilling their duties as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Members may be impeached and, if convicted, may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds majority of the voting members on the basis of not fulfilling the purpose of the organization.
- Advisors may be impeached and, if convicted, removed from their position by a two-thirds majority of the voting members on the basis of not fulfilling their duties as described in the By-Laws or the Constitution.
- Any individual who is impeached shall be given full notice of the allegations against him/her and shall have an opportunity to respond to them during a formal meeting.
- Any member of the organization may initiate impeachment proceedings.
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.

Meetings will be planned and run by the Executive Committee, using a slideshow to ensure all necessary topics and issues are covered. Members may make comments and discuss topics in an orderly fashion, but all discourse will be mediated by the Executive Committee.

When necessary, Robert’s Rules will be the parliamentary procedures used during meeting or elections based on officer discretion.

Evaluations
- Evaluations shall be conducted for each member, every long semester.
- Membership shall be reviewed after two consecutive evaluations which result in one or more “needs improvement” rating. This review can result in probation or removal from the organization.

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

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.

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

The advisor is responsible for assessing the needs of the College of Engineering and delegating tasks to the Organization to ensure that the needs are met.

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

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.

Contract
(See Addendum A.)