

Constitution of the Engineering Graduate Society of McMaster University

1. Name

- 1.1. The Society shall be known as: Engineering Graduate Society (EGS), a constituted organization within the Faculty of Engineering at McMaster University.
- 1.2. The Council serving as the department representatives shall be known as: Engineering Graduate Society Council (EGS Council).

2. Mandate

It shall be the responsibility of the EGS to:

- 2.1. Represent the interests and opinions of graduate students in the Faculty of Engineering in front of the Faculty and University authorities.
- 2.2. Provide direction to Engineering graduate students to resources available to address any collective or personal issues during their graduate studies according to established procedures.
- 2.3. Organize events for graduate students in Engineering that may cover one or more of these categories: professional, academic, personal and social development.

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership in the organization shall be comprised of all graduate students registered in the Faculty of Engineering at McMaster University.
- 3.2. Honorary Membership shall be granted to an interested party (non graduate student at the Faculty of Engineering) upon approval by the council.
 - 3.2.1. Honorary Members may not hold representative or executive positions, expend funds, or have voting status at meetings.

4. Council

- 4.1. The EGS council shall be comprised of members of the association. It shall serve to represent students from all departments in the Faculty. The composition of the council is described in the By-Laws document.
- 4.2. An Executive Committee of elected representatives shall be responsible for facilitating the organization and operation of the EGS Council.
- 4.3. The council must be comprised of at least the President, Returning Officer, and two other executive members.

5. Referenda and Elections

- 5.1. A Referendum is to be called for the purpose of consulting the full membership of the Society for a purpose connected with the affairs of the Society.

A referendum is to be called upon any one of the following:

- 5.1.1. The direction of the President of the EGS.
 - 5.1.2. A majority vote of the Council.
 - 5.1.3. Receipt of a petition by the EGS Returning Officer as outlined in the By-Laws.
- 5.2. A referendum may be called whose protocol is defined by the By-Laws.
 - 5.3. Appointment of Representatives are to be left at the discretion of the Department appointing them.
 - 5.3.1. An electoral procedure run by the Society shall be made available to all departments.
 - 5.4. Elections of the Executive Committee members is to be held every year and in accordance with the policy set out in the By-laws.

6. Recall

- 6.1. Recall of Representatives is to be done at the discretion of the Department appointing them.
 - 6.1.1. Upon receipt of a petition from a department's Members presented to the President, the Council will formally approach the Department and request that they recall the representative.
- 6.2. Recall of an Executive Committee Member is to be called if:
 - 6.2.1. A petition of the Council is presented to the President or Returning Officer in accordance with the By-Laws.
 - 6.2.2. The President or Returning Officer is presented with a petition of EGS members in accordance with the By-Laws.

7. Constitutional Amendments

- 7.1. A change in the Constitution can only be enacted through a Referendum of the General Membership.
- 7.2. A referendum to change the Constitution can be called by:
 - 7.2.1. A majority vote of the council.
 - 7.2.2. The presentation of a petition of the EGS membership to the President or Returning Officer.

8. By-Laws

- 8.1. A separate document consisting of By-Laws outlines the exact procedures and protocols for operations of the EGS to be adhered to.

- 8.2. A change in the By-Laws can only be enacted through a majority vote of the EGS Council.