The Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association

Article l: Name

The name of this organizations shall be Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association (TEECA) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Article ll: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance our professional development in both education and industry for all students in the technology education program or any UW-Stout student interested in technology. We also help develop and promote the technology education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout by providing opportunities for leadership, fellowship, and scholarship. We perform various types of community service work. We generate income for the organization through dues, fund-raising and other activities. We increase the interaction of students within the department both socially and academically. We observe experiences involving the teaching profession and to provide opportunities to observe related industries and technologies.

Article lll:

Section 1: Membership is open to all registered student in good standing at the University of Wisconsin- Stout. All student organization members must maintain at minimum, a 2.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible for participation in a Recognized Student Organization.

Section 2: Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association will not discriminate against membership of any individual based upon race, gender, religion, ancestry, age, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, income, physical ability or political ideology, unless specified in the governing document of the organization or pursuant to an exception recognized by the University, local, state, or federal laws/ordinances.

Section 3: Membership begins the day of payment of dues and terminates the first day of classes the following fall semester. Membership will consist of voting members. A voting member has paid dues to the Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association and is currently enrolled in courses at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Article lV:

Section 1: Officers of the Organization shall be as follows:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Section 2: Duties of the Officers.

The president shall be the official representative of TEECA and preside over all meetings. The president will promote and advance TEECA in a positive manner. The president will have all committee chairpersons’ report to them. The president will present the annual calendar for approval during a regular meeting.

The Vice-President shall assume all responsibilities of the president in his/her absence. The Vice-President will oversee the activities committee. The Vice-President shall act as official parliamentarian during regular meetings.

The Secretary shall record minutes and distribute them electronically to all TEECA members and Technology Education faculty. The Secretary will be the acting chairperson of the communications committee. The Secretary shall assume all responsibilities of the Vice-President in his/her absence.

The Treasurer shall collect and record all money transaction through TEECA student-organization account. Present a balanced income and expense report budget to the TEECA at the conclusion of each academic semester. The Treasurer shall pay all bills incurred by TEECA. The Treasurer shall be responsible for submitting paperwork necessary for allocated funds. The Treasurer shall present a current financial report at each Executive meeting. The Treasurer will audit committee accounts at the end of each academic semester. The Treasurer shall observe all University policies regarding the handling of financial matters. The Treasurer shall oversee all membership records, and present an updated membership list at each exec meeting. The Treasurer shall assume all responsibilities of the Secretary in his/her absence. The Treasurer will act as the chairperson for the conferences committee.

Section 3: Election of Officers.

Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote of the voting membership. If no one runs for a specific elected position, the president then has the ability to appoint an individual to serve for the term. Nomination acceptance will begin starting on September 1st of the following academic year and nominees must be at a voting member status for the duration of their term. Elections will be held between October and December of the academic year and then elected nominees will shadow the current officers during the spring of the academic year.

Section 4: Officers shall take office at 12:00 AM on September 1st and shall serve for a period of one year, unless the outgoing officer is Student Teaching in Spring in which case the incoming officer will take over in Spring with advisement from the outgoing officer.

Article V: Removal of Officers

Section 1: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the regular members of the Organization.

Section 2: The removal of an officer requires a 4/5 vote of a quorum following the notification of the officer in question. Such notification shall be provided in writing no less than seven working days prior to the vote.

Section 3: The officer in question shall have the opportunity to defend his/her position in front of the membership of the Organization prior to the vote.

Article Vl: Replacement of Officers

Section 1: In the case where the Presidential Office is vacant, the Vice-President will immediately fill the position.

Section 2: All other executive board positions found to be vacant shall be filled by appointment from nominations taken by executive board.

Article Vll: Advisor

Section 1: The advisor of the Technology and Engineering Collegiate Association must be a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Section 2: The student organization advisor serves in voluntary or assigned capacity to the recognized student organization and provides guidance, direction, advice, and continuity to the members of the organization.

Section 3: The advisor shall be a faculty member from the School of Education and shall act as a neutral body during regular TEECA meeting as well as demonstrate different aspects of discussion.

Article Vlll: Meetings

Section 1: Regularly scheduled general meeting shall be held at least once a month. The officers may call additional meeting when the need arises.

Section 2: A quorum shall consist of 50% of the regular members.

Section 3: A quorum shall be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include elections of officers, setting of dues and any other major decisions affecting the Organization.

Article lX: Amendments

Section 1: All amendments to this constitution require notice of 3 meetings to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2: All amendments require a 4/5 vote of a quorum for adoption.

Article X: Committees

Section 1: The officers of the Organization shall have authority to create any committees, standing or special, that will further the purpose of the organization.

Section 2: The Communications committee will have handling of the organization’s website, email account, fundraising, and marketing.

Section 3: The Activities committee will organize any programs or activities that are to be held by TEECA during regular meetings, including and not limited to tours of industry.

Section 4: The conferences committee will organize and manage student attendance at the selected conferences for the academic year.

Section 5: The Rube Goldberg committee will oversee the entire Rube Goldberg event.

Section 6: The Super Mileage Vehicle committee will oversee the entire Super Mileage Vehicle event.

Section 7: The advancement committee will be organized when deemed appropriate by the president to review the constitution and by-laws at least every 2 years to provide a strong adaptive foundation for TEECA.