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Speed School Student Council

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Constitution

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Preamble:

We, the Student Body of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville in recognition of a need for representation do hereby form The Student Council of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering.

In all actions regarding this council, we seek to improve the lives and educational experience of the Engineering Student Body by creating a foundation of communication and transparency between the Students, Faculty, and Staff of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering, and to further extend communication to the Executive Officers of the University of Louisville and the University of Louisville Student Government Association.

Knowing these charges, The Student Council of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering, chooses to engage in civil discussion of issues and to promote events and activities pertaining to the Engineering Student Body to further advance the mission of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and the goals of the University of Louisville.

Article I. Name and Definitions

1. This organization shall be known and recognized as "The Student Council of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering," hereafter referred to as "Speed School Student Council" or "SSSC."
 - a. As defined by the Organizational Outline and Bylaws of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering.
2. The term "Engineering Student Body" refers to the collective grouping of all students currently accepted and enrolled in the J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville and whose course load consists of at least twenty-five (25) percent of engineering or required non-engineering classes.
3. The term "Speed School Society" refers to a student group or organization recognized by the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and/or the University of Louisville oriented toward engineering adhering to the requirements in the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council.
4. The term "Continuing Education" refers to the classification of representatives that are above a fourth year ranking.

Article II. Objective

1. To promote diversity and serve the entire Engineering Student Body regardless of academic background, academic standing, age, disability, engineering discipline, ethnicity, familiar position, fraternity or sorority membership, gender, gender identity, military status, nation of origin, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, and/or socioeconomic status.
2. To bring forth a spirit of unity and cooperation among students and faculty.
3. To enhance individual responsibility and loyalty among engineering students.
4. To uphold the ideals and standards of the engineering profession.
5. To provide and conduct a forum for the discussion of student issues.
6. To further the general welfare of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and the University of Louisville at large.
7. To give official recommendations to the Dean of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and the University of Louisville on behalf of the Engineering Student Body.

Article III. Purpose

1. The mission of the Speed School Student Council is to act as the official student organization of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and to serve as a liaison between students, faculty, and alumni of the University of Louisville.
 - a. As provided by the Organizational Outline and Bylaws of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering.
 - b. Falling under the regulations of the Constitution of the University of Louisville Student Government Association which establishes Academic Unit Student Councils.

Article IV. Membership

1. Recognized voting members shall be:
 - a. The Officers
 - b. Representatives from each of the recognized classes
 - c. One representative from each Speed School Society, contingent upon adherence to the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council.
2. Recognized non-voting members shall be:
 - a. An innumerable amount of persons entitled "Members at Large" to maintain efficient communication and representation of the Engineering Student Body.
 - b. The "Member at Large" seats can be subject to an annual performance review by the Executive Officers by request from the President of the Speed School Student Council. One member from any Speed School Society currently not adhering to the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council.
 - c. One faculty advisor selected by the Speed School Student Council members during the first meeting after the Speed School Student Council Executive Officer elections. The faculty advisor's term of office shall be one year.

Article V. Officers

1. The Officer board of the Speed School Student Council shall consists of the [in order of seniority] Executive Officers and Directors of the Speed School Student Council.
2. The Executive Officers of the Speed School Student Council shall be [in order of seniority]: President, Executive Vice President, Operations Vice President, and Services Vice President
3. The Directors of the Speed School Student Council shall be [in order of seniority]: Director of Finance, Director of Public Relations, Director of Society Relations, Director of Student Activities, Director of Student Success, Director of Community Relations, Director of Council Infrastructure, and Freshmen Council President.
4. Selection of Officers:
 - a. Nominations for Officers can be made by any member of the Engineering Student Body during the week prior to the elections and the date of elections at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Speed School Student Council. Nominations will be closed immediately before the elections begin. Positions which shall serve on the Student Government Association Senate shall be selected through a primary process detailed in the bylaws Speed School Student Council. All other Officers shall be chosen by the voting members of the Speed School Student Council. If more than one person is nominated for an office, voting shall be conducted by discretion of the Chairperson.
 - b. In the event of a permanent vacancy of an Officer, the remaining members of the Executive

Officers shall nominate a replacement to fill the vacant office, subject to two-thirds majority approval by the J.B. Speed School Student Council.

5. The Executive Officers and Directors have the right to appoint representatives to committees at the Speed School Student Council meetings.
6. The Executive Officers and Directors have the right to appoint members to aid in the fulfillment of their specific executive duties.

Article VI. Class Representatives

1. The classification of students recognized by the Speed School Student Council include Continuing Education, fourth, third, second, and first year students.
 - a. Any student wishing to become a class representative must be nominated and elected from the class they are to represent.
 - b. In the event in which a class has less than four (4) members than the requirement to nominate and elect a representative, said nominations and elections may be made or held by the Executive Officers.
 - c. Membership in an academic class is to be determined by either the number of hours of J.B. Speed School of Engineering classes and required non-J.B. Speed School of Engineering classes or by the number of years in the J.B. Speed School of Engineering classified as full time.
2. The number of class representatives shall change upon the approval of two-thirds majority of the Executive Officers of the Speed School Student Council.
3. A class representative must follow the requirements for membership as written in the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council.

Article VII. Speed School Societies

1. The organization's seat will be subject to approval by the Executive Officers
2. There may be a bi-annual review by the Executive Officers of each organizational seat at the end of both the fall and spring semesters.
 - a. The Executive Officers upon completion of the bi-annual review reserves the right to change the current standing of the organization under review.
3. A Speed School Society representative must follow the requirements for membership as written in the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council.

Article VIII. Procedure

1. The number of council members required for quorum will be fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the voting members active during a given semester. Co-op students are not considered active.
2. Parliamentary procedure shall follow "Robert's Rules of Order", unless otherwise specified.
3. Each voting member of the Speed School Student Council shall have one (1) vote at all balloting except the President who shall have one (1) vote only in the case of a tie.

Article IX. Duties and Powers

1. The Speed School Student Council may arrange and conduct student assembly meetings.

2. The Speed School Student Council shall make recommendations to the Dean of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering regarding matters affecting the Engineering Student Body.
3. The Speed School Student Council may sponsor established functions for the Engineering Student Body.
4. The Speed School Student Council shall be represented on the proper committees specified by the Organizational Outline and Bylaws of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering.

Article X. Amendment(s) to the Constitution

1. Constitutional Revision Committee shall consist of the Operations Vice President of the Speed Student Council, who serves as Chairperson, and at least two additional Speed School Student Council members appointed by the President of the Speed School Student Council and may be established by a majority vote of the general body of the Speed School Student Council.
2. Amendment(s) to the Constitution of the Speed School Student Council may be proposed by:
 - a. Any student enrolled in J.B. Speed School of Engineering by submitting in writing a copy of proposed amendment(s) to the Director of Administration of the Speed School Student Council who will present said amendment(s) to the Constitutional Revision Committee.
 - b. Recommendation to the Speed School Student Council by a petition of at least five (5) percent of the student body currently enrolled in the Speed School of Engineering.
 - c. Any member of the Speed School Student Council by submitting copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Speed School Student Council at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Speed School Student Council.
 - d. Recommendation to the Speed School Student Council in the form of a written report presented by the Constitutional Revision Committee.
3. A written copy of any proposed amendment(s) shall be available for each member of the Speed School Student Council and to any member of the Engineering Student Body in the Speed School Student Council office.
4. Proposed amendment(s) to the Constitution of the Speed School Student Council shall be read at two (2) regular consecutive general body meetings of the Speed School Student Council before a vote may be taken by the Speed School Student Council. Amendment(s) to a proposed amendment(s) may be made at either reading of the proposed amendment(s); however, revised amendment(s) may not be voted on at the same general body meeting of the Speed School Student Council in which the revision of the proposed amendment occurred.
5. Upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a general body meeting of the Speed School Student Council, notification of said approval shall be made to the student body. The order of amending must begin with 7.5.1.
 - a. The Constitution shall be amended upon a two-thirds majority vote of the student body provided that the number voting constitutes at least 15% of the students attending class at the Speed School of Engineering during that semester. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment(s) shall be made available to the Engineering Student Body at least one (1) week prior to a vote being taken by the Engineering Student Body.
 - b. - or - The Constitution shall be amended upon a four-fifths vote of the members present at a general body meeting of the Speed School Student Council, at least two (2) weeks after the initial notification of the two-thirds approval.

Article XI. Amendment(s) to the Bylaws

1. Amendment(s) to the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council may be proposed by any member of the Engineering Student Body enrolled in Speed School of Engineering by submitting, in writing, a copy of the proposed amendment(s) to the Operations Vice President of the Speed School Student Council.
2. A written copy of any proposed amendment(s) shall be available for each member of the Speed School Student Council.
3. Proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws of the Speed School Student Council shall be read at two (2) regular consecutive general body meetings of the Speed School Student Council meetings before a vote may be taken by the Speed School Student Council. Change(s) to a proposed amendment(s) may be made at either reading of the proposed amendment(s); however, revised amendment(s) may not be voted on at the same general body meeting of the Speed School Student Council in which the revision of the proposed amendment occurred.
4. The proposed amendment(s) shall be amended upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at a general body meeting of the Speed School Student Council.