

# Constitution

UBC Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Society (ECESS)

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# Article 1. Definition of the Society

## Section 1.1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be “The Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Society of the University of British Columbia.”

## Section 1.2 - Mission

The mission of the organization is to support the academic, professional, and social needs of electrical and computer engineering students.

## Section 1.3 - Interpretation and Definitions

1. “UBC” shall hereafter refer to “The University of British Columbia.”
2. “ECESS” shall hereafter refer to “The Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Society of UBC.”
3. “EUS” shall hereafter refer to “The Engineering Undergraduate Society of UBC.”
4. “AMS” shall hereafter refer to “The Alma Mater Society of UBC.”
5. “Constitution” shall hereafter refer to the “ECESS Constitution.”
6. “Policy Manual” shall hereafter refer to the “ECESS Policy Manual.”
7. “Member” shall hereafter refer to “ECESS member.”
8. “Officer” shall hereafter refer to “ECESS officer.”
9. “Executive” shall hereafter refer to “ECESS executive officer.”
10. “Representative” shall hereafter refer to “ECESS representative.”
11. “CPEN” shall hereafter refer to “Computer Engineering.”
12. “ELEC” shall hereafter refer to “Electrical Engineering.”

## Section 1.4 - Membership

Members shall include the following:

1. Active
  - a. The only active members shall be electrical and computer engineering students who have paid their EUS fees.
2. Honorary
  - a. Details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of honorary members shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

## Section 1.5 - Policy Manual

The ECESS Policy Manual shall:

1. Require a two-thirds approval by the Executives.
2. Support and provide clarification of the ECESS constitution. No part of the Policy Manual may be interpreted in a sense contrary to the ECESS constitution.

## Article 2 - Organization of the Society

### Section 2.1 - Executives

Executives shall be elected by a secret ballot vote open to all active members. The details of the executive election shall be outlined in the Policy Manual. Executives are the only officers that can vote in council.

All Executives must:

1. Promote the ECESS to both its members and the external community.
2. Oversee and coordinate the officers for whom they are responsible and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
3. Regularly report their activities and the activities of the officers for whom they are responsible to the ECESS council.
4. Have such other duties as are outlined in the Constitution or Policy Manual.

The Executives shall be as follows and have the additional duties and restrictions as specified below:

1. President
  - a. Preside over the affairs of the ECESS.
  - b. Oversee the other Executives and ensure that they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.
  - c. Communicate with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering on behalf of the ECESS.
  - d. Be of third-year or higher academic standing during their term.
2. Vice President Administration
  - a. Oversee the administrative operations of the ECESS.
3. Vice President Finance
  - a. Oversee the financial operations of the ECESS.
  - b. Have reached the age of majority prior to the term they are serving.
4. Vice President Academic
  - a. Oversee the academic services offered by the ECESS.

- b. Be responsible for the proper representation of students at functions relevant to the engineering academic experience and curriculum.
- 5. Vice President External
  - a. Oversee the external affairs of the ECESS.
- 6. Vice President Student Life
  - a. Oversee the social events coordinated by the ECESS.
- 7. Vice President Communications
  - a. Oversee the communications operations of the ECESS to members and the external community.

## Section 2.2 - Representatives

Representatives are elected by a secret ballot vote open to all active members. The details of the representative election shall be outlined in the Policy Manual.

All Representatives must:

1. Promote the ECESS to both its members and the external community.
2. Advocate on behalf of their constituents to the ECESS council.
3. Be in the academic year and program designated by their title.
4. Have other such duties as are outlined in the Constitution or Policy Manual.

The elected representatives shall be as follows:

1. 4th-Year CPEN Representative
2. 4th-Year ELEC Representative
3. 3rd-Year CPEN Representative
4. 3rd-Year ELEC Representative
5. 2nd-Year CPEN Representative
6. 2nd-Year ELEC Representative

## Section 2.3 - Other Officers

Details surrounding the appointment, selection, duties, benefits, and other conditions or requisites of other officers shall be set out in the Policy Manual.

## Section 2.4 - Quorum

Quorum shall be set at one-twentieth of the active members for General Meetings and Referendums. Quorum shall be set at two-thirds of the Executives for Council Meetings.

## Section 2.4 - Recall of Executives and Representatives

An Executive or Representative may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

1. Resignation

2. Absence from two consecutive Council Meetings, without justification deemed valid by the Executives
3. Unsatisfactory performance according to a petition signed by six-sevenths of the Executives or one-tenth of the active membership

The vacancy thus created shall be filled in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Policy Manual.

## Article 3 - Constitution of the Society

### Section 3.1 - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds approval at a General Meeting or Referendum at which there is a quorum provided. Notification of proposed amendments shall be given to the membership at least one week in advance of the vote.

### Section 3.2 - Warning

No part of this constitution may be interpreted in a sense contrary to the AMS Constitution, Bylaws, and Code.