

The Constitution of the Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers (GAME) is to represent current graduate students within the Mechanical Engineering department at MIT. Our goal is to organize social and professional activities that strengthen and enrich the community within the department, and to help publicize various research activities within the department. We organize social hours, host talks by guest speakers and students, and help communicate with the department and the Graduate Student Council

We encourage all current Mechanical Engineering graduate students to come forward and participate in the group. Members along with the GAME officers play important roles in spearheading many of GAME's initiatives, activities, and student advocacy issues.

Article II: Membership

- 1) All graduate students in the Mechanical Engineering Department at MIT are members of this organization.
- 2) Membership shall be granted to any MIT student who requests membership at any GAME event.
 - a) Active membership for students not in the graduate mechanical engineering program shall require attendance at one event per semester.
 - b) Non-graduate mechanical engineer students shall be added to a mailing list to ensure active membership.
 - c) No additional dues will be assessed on students not in the graduate mechanical engineering program.
- 3) The membership of this organization will at all times contain at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
- 4) This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's
- 5) Nondiscrimination Statement.
- 6) If this organization charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

- 1) This organization has four officers:
 - a) President
 - i) The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 - ii) The president will preside over all meetings.
 - iii) The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - iv) The president is responsible for dictating events.
 - v) The president chooses student advocacy issues that the group raises with the

department.

- vi) The president manages GSC funding requests, seeks funding from the department, and raises funds from other sources, both internal and external to MIT.
- vii) The president will assist in running events organized by the group.
- b) Vice President
 - i) The vice president will fill in for the president when necessary
 - ii) The vice president is responsible for publicizing the group to its members.
 - iii) The vice president will take attendance at events and meetings.
 - iv) The vice president is responsible for the Seminar Series
 - v) The vice president will manage written publicity (posters, etc)
 - vi) The vice president will assist in running events organized by the group.
- c) Secretary
 - i) The secretary will handle electronic publicity (advertisements about events via email, maintaining the website, etc.)
 - ii) The secretary will manage the email lists.
 - iii) The secretary will document meetings and events, both in text and pictures, and make the documentation publicly available on the group's website.
 - iv) The secretary will assist in running events organized by the group.
- d) Treasurer
 - i) The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 - ii) The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
 - iii) The treasurer will assist in running events organized by the group.
- 2) All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.
- 3) Elections:
 - a) Elections of officers shall occur the first Wednesday of February of every year.
 - b) Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
 - c) Quorum for elections is 20 members of the group.
 - d) Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
 - e) If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
 - f) The term of office runs from the first Thursday of February til the first Wednesday of February of the following year.
- 4) Chairs: The president may assign chair positions as necessary to assist the group in achieving its goals.
- 5) Removal : Officers and chairs may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members, or as deemed necessary by the President of the group.

Article IV: Meetings

- 1) Meetings shall be held at least every semester..
- 2) Meetings shall be presided over by the President, unless he/she is absent, and in that case the Vice-President shall preside.
- 3) All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
- 4) Quorum for a meeting shall be 20 members of the group..

Article V: Amendments

- 1) Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
- 2) Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
- 3) Quorum for amending this constitution shall be one third of all members of the organization.

Article VI: ASA God Clause

The Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.