



Engineering Council

NEW SOCIETY

INFORMATION GUIDE



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Membership Benefits

Participation in Engineering Council Events

Engineering Council holds many events throughout the year. These events range from developing student leadership skills to holding recruitment events for societies. Engineering Council events encourage personal and societal achievement and build a sense of community among engineering students.

Engineers' Night:

E-Night is an event held early in the fall semester to help societies attract new members, especially targeting freshmen. E-Night is set up like a Quad Day for just Engineering Council societies with free Coca Cola products, E-Books, a jousting tournament, and much more.

Engineering Student Leadership Conference (ESLC):

ESLC is a yearly leadership conference held in the fall semester that is geared towards further developing the leadership skills of the officers of Engineering Council Societies.

Knights of St. Patrick Nominations:

Each society in good standing receives 2 Knight of St. Patrick nominations. The Knight of St. Patrick is an annual award given to approximately 10-15 students who represent leadership, excellence in character, and exceptional contribution to the College of Engineering and its students. The award is one of the highest honors received by a student from the College Of Engineering.

Event Publicity:

Engineering Council is allowed 3 mass e-mails per semester to the entire College of Engineering. Engineering Council Societies have the opportunity to advertise their own events in these e-mails. Engineering Council also sends out weekly emails to all society Presidents and Representatives with events/deadlines. Societies also have the ability to publicize in these e-mails as well.

Social Events:

These events include the annual E-Week semiformal, charity golf or broomball tournaments, going to hockey or volleyball games, attending a pumpkin and apple picking trip.

Society Pictures:

Every fall, Engineering Council organizes a night where all the Engineering Council Society officer boards have the opportunity to get their picture taken. EC then puts these pictures online next to the link to each society's webpage. EC also gives each society a framed copy of the picture.

Society Awards:

EC societies can apply for several awards throughout the year, including Society of the Month and Society Member of the Month. These awards consist of a plaque, a monetary gift, and some kind of bakery treat. Yearly society awards are also given out. These include Outstanding Society of the year and the Most Improved Society of the year.



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Voting Privileges:

Society Representatives vote on elections, general Engineering Council business, constitutional revisions and admitting new societies into Engineering Council.

Dean's Picnic:

Each fall Dean Daniel has a picnic in his back yard. All Engineering Council Society officers are invited to attend.

Funding Opportunities

Engineering Council would like to help societies provide programs for engineering students and participate in national and regional conferences hosted by parent chapters of their organizations. Thus, Engineering Council established the program and conference funds to help societies defray the costs of these events. Societies are allowed to apply for one individual program fund, one joint program fund (for programs conducted in conjunction with other societies), and one conference fund per semester. In addition, societies that send at least three members to the Engineering Student Leadership Conference or the Student Engineering Leadership Program will receive one extra joint program fund for the semester(s) which they participate.

Computing Resources

Engineering Council provides many computer resources to its societies. An outline of these resources is given below. For help in obtaining or using these resources, please contact the system administrator.

EC Server User Accounts:

Each society's president, Engineering Council rep, and webmaster are given accounts on the EC server. These accounts can be used for SSH/FTP access to the server. These society officers can use the server to store files or to host their Web site.

Webspace:

Each society is given 50 MB of webspace on the EC server to host its Web site. The URLs of sites hosted on the server are of the form <http://<societysuffix>.ec.uiuc.edu>. Societies can use Perl, PHP, and ColdFusion scripting languages and MySQL databases with their sites. The server also has an SSL certificate for secure transfer of data.

Bluestem Identification:

Societies can use Bluestem, the University of Illinois WWW identification service. If certain sections of societies' Web sites require students to login, they could do so through the Bluestem system.

Mailing Lists:

Societies can host mailing lists on the EC server. Societies often use mailing lists for their executive boards and members to easily communicate with each other.

Event Calendar Application:

The calendar application allows societies to incorporate calendars into their Web sites to publicize events. The calendar's color scheme and other attributes can be customized for a society's Web site.



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Membership Requirements

- The proposed society must be in one of the following majors:
 - College of Engineering: Any major
 - LAS: Chemical Engineering, Physics, and Computer Science
 - College of Agriculture: Agricultural Engineering
 - Any student in the joint LAS/Engineering 5 year program
- The proposed society must be a Registered Student Organization (RSO) at the University of Illinois
- Each Engineering Council member society must have at least one Engineering Council representative.
 - This representative may represent only one society.
 - The representative is responsible for ensuring that the society he/she represents fulfills the obligations set forth in the Engineering Council constitution (<http://www.ec.uiuc.edu/constitution.pdf>) and in the society handbook (handed out at the beginning of every semester).
- Engineering Council member societies must fulfill one of the following requirements:
 - Send two volunteers to Engineering Open House.
 - Send one volunteer to Engineering Open House and one volunteer to Student Introduction to Engineering.
- Committee Involvement
 - A member from every Engineering Council member society must serve on at least one of the approved Engineering Council Committees (see <http://www.ec.uiuc.edu/index.cfm?page=committees> for more information).
- General Meetings
 - The society representative must attend all general meetings. If they cannot attend, they must send a substitute or get excused by the Engineering Council Vice-President.
 - The society representative is responsible for reporting all information from the general meetings to the society that he/she represents.

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Membership

The process to membership in Engineering Council begins with a meeting between the officers of the proposed society and the President and Vice-President of Engineering Council. The main purpose of this meeting is to gain an understanding of what the proposed society does, what the intentions of joining Engineering Council are, and what the society's target membership is. The attached questionnaire should be filled out by the proposed society and brought to the meeting with the Engineering Council President and Vice-President.

After meeting with the President and Vice-President of Engineering Council, the next step to membership is to give a presentation on your society to all of Engineering Council at the next available Engineering Council General Meeting. At least a week's notice is required for all Engineering Council Societies prior to any vote to add a new society. A 2/3 vote is then needed for membership.

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Society Information Questionnaire

Society Name:

President:

Treasurer:

Webmaster:

Advisor:

Background of your society:

What are the goals of your society?

Is your society currently a Registered Student Organization (RSO)?

How does your society fit into Engineering Council?

How is your society organized/structured?

How long has your society been in existence?

What is your target membership of your society?

Why does your society want to join Engineering Council?