

Emory Robotics Constitution



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Mission Statement

Emory Robotics seeks to create an innovative gateway for students by providing the technical and non-technical resources for students to pursue robotics and other fields, all while creating a community for engineers and entrepreneurs alike. Emory Robotics is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all individuals to get involved with STEM, Robotics, and FIRST Robotics. To do this, Emory Robotics will perform three core goals: first, provide the learning resources for Emory students and the greater Atlanta community alike to create and pursue robotics projects through workshops and course-topics; second, through encouraging personal and local robotics projects supported and funded by the club; third, provide students with volunteer and career experience opportunities through the [Georgia FIRST Collegiate Alumni and Advocacy Alliance](#). Emory Robotics hopes that through these efforts, students will be able to explore their creativity and passions in a new light.

Clarification of Events

Emory Robotics is committed to raising awareness about the idea that robotics is much more than just robots. Through the spread of love for STEM and robotics, Emory Robotics seeks to create an inclusive environment for any student of any major or interest to find their place in the world of robotics and automation. Robotics can seem like an intimidating topic meant for engineering schools. Emory Robotics aims to revolutionize this thought into something more open-minded by showing how different fields and interests can come together in the field of robotics. To do this,

1. General Body Meetings (GBM) should be held at a minimum frequency of one per month at the discretion of the current executive board. A GBM should always take place at the beginning of each semester to welcome



new members as well as begin the semester-long project selection process. Another GBM should take place at the end of the semester to recognize the different projects of members and their accomplishments. GBMs throughout the semester should be used to provide members with updates about ongoing projects, funding, and opportunities.

2. Workshops and Course Topic Meetings (WCTM) will occur at a minimum frequency of once per month at the discretion of the current executive board. Topics for WCTMs will vary based on the majority interest of members. WCTMs will be recorded and uploaded to the Emory Robotics YouTube channel for the greater community.
3. Emory Robotics will work with the [Georgia FIRST Collegiate Alumni and Advocacy Alliance](#) (GFCAAA) to provide members with real-world experience through volunteer opportunities with FIRST Robotics teams in the greater Atlanta area. These opportunities will vary in skill and time-commitment based on team need, and they will be open to any member through an application. Emory Robotics remains committed to exemplifying the [core pillars of FIRST Robotics](#).

Executive Board

Emory Robotics will be managed by an Executive Board. Defined through the following,

- a. **Designation of Officers:** The Executive Board shall consist of a: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Marketing, Student Engagement Chair, and Freshmen Ambassador, and Director of Events.
- b. **Executive Board Selection Process:** All Executive Board members shall be selected through an application process at the end of the academic school year. Executive Board members will be chosen through a majority vote of the current Executive Board members.



- c. **Tenure:** Tenure for members of the Executive Board shall be for one calendar year. The Executive Board shall assume their responsibilities on the last day of the academic semester in which they are elected. Current Executive Board members shall mentor incoming Executive Board members after they are elected.

Duties of the Executive Board

Each member of the Executive Board shall be responsible for the duties assigned to his/her office outlined below:

- a. **President:** The President shall be committed to the prosperity, diversity, and inclusivity of the club. The President shall preside at all meetings and events. The President shall act as the FIRST Robotics and Georgia FIRST Collegiate Alumni and Advocacy Alliance Ambassador.
- b. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall be committed to the prosperity, diversity, and inclusivity of the club. The Vice President shall be responsible for club communications and engagement with FIRST Robotics. The Vice President shall be responsible for raising awareness to current members about opportunities with FIRST Robotics and the Georgia FIRST Collegiate Alumni and Advocacy Alliance Ambassador.
- c. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monetary matters pertaining to Emory Robotics, its events, and sponsored projects. The Treasurer shall be responsible for creating a yearly budget, the purchase of club resources, the purchase of project materials, inventory, and maintaining an itemized account of all expenses and disbursements.
- d. **Director of Marketing:** The Director of Marketing shall be responsible for the management of Emory Robotics' social media accounts. The Director of Marketing shall be responsible for the creation of marketing resources for Emory Robotics and raising awareness of the club's mission statement.



- e. **Director of Events:** The Director of Events shall be responsible for the organizing and planning of club events for the academic calendar year. Logistical planning shall include dates, space, capacity, funding, resources, etc. The Director of Events will work closely with the Treasurer and Student Engagement Chair to execute events as well as record feedback for future events. These events include but are not limited to the events listed in the Clarification of Events.
- f. **Student Engagement Chair:** The Student Engagement Chair shall be responsible for the engagement of current and potential members. The Student Engagement Chair is responsible for ensuring students feel that Emory Robotics is a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. Any feedback, disputes, or concerns shall be directed towards the Student Engagement Chair to be addressed. The Student Engagement Chair is also responsible for the future recruitment of new members.
- g. **Freshmen Ambassador:** The Freshmen Ambassador shall be responsible for communications and marketing relating to the Freshmen class.

Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution of Emory Robotics can be amended or revised by any member and can be ratified through a majority vote by the current Executive Board.

Anti-Discrimination Statement

Emory Robotics maintains its commitment to creating a diverse, inclusive environment for all students. Emory Robotics will not tolerate any discrimination or bias in any regard. It will accomplish this through active reminders of Emory's Anti-Discrimination Statement at the beginning of all events and encourage all participants to report any incidents to the Executive Board; more specifically, to the Student Engagement Chair.



Furthermore, Emory Robotics will stay committed to exemplifying the core values of FIRST Robotics:

- a. **Discovery:** We explore new skills and ideas.
- b. **Innovation:** We use creativity and persistence to solve problems.
- c. **Impact:** We apply what we learn to improve our world.
- d. **Inclusion:** We respect each other and embrace our differences.
- e. **Teamwork:** We are stronger when we work together.
- f. **Fun:** We enjoy and celebrate what we do!

Emory University is an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged, and diverse community dedicated to the ideals of free academic discourse in teaching, scholarship, and community service. Emory University abides by the values of academic freedom and is built on the assumption that contention among different views is positive and necessary for the expansion of knowledge, both for the University itself and as a training ground for society at large. Emory is committed to the widest possible scope for the free circulation of ideas. The University is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of unlawful harassment and discrimination. Pursuant to the University's commitment to a fair and open campus environment and in accordance with federal law, Emory cannot and will not tolerate discrimination against or harassment of any individual or group based upon race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran's status, or any factor that is a prohibited consideration under applicable law. Emory University welcomes and promotes an open and genuinely diverse environment. This policy is a republishing of the Emory University Equal Opportunity and Discrimination.

