

WOMEN IN COMPUTER SCIENCE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Women in Computer Science. This organization is hereafter referred to as WICS.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The purposes of the chapter are:

- to promote communication among women in computing
- to further the professional development and advancement of women in computing
- to promote the education of women of all ages in computing
- to create a social network for women in computing at the University

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP

1. Student Activity Status: WICS must qualify as and maintain the status of a recognized student activity of the sponsoring educational institution.
2. Advisor: WICS shall have a Faculty or Staff Advisor, who attends organization events and activities and provides guidance and leadership to its membership.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility: Membership is open to all registered students at the University who support the purposes of the WICS regardless of age, sex, race, religion, or national origin. Membership is automatically extended to all new female CS and pre-CS majors at the beginning of each Academic Long Session. Individuals not automatically extended membership shall apply for membership by submitting a membership request to the WICS Administration. Membership requests will include the prospective member's name and preferred email address. Membership in WICS is effective upon addition to the WICS mailing list. There may be individuals on the mailing list who are not student members.
2. Classes of Members:
 1. Student Members – Student members shall be WICS members whose duties and privileges include: the right to vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of WICS; and the duty to notify WICS of any change in name or preferred e-mail address.
 2. Other Classes of Members – There will be no other classes of members in a Student chapter.

3. Professional Affiliates:

1. Advisor(s) – The WICS Advisor must be a faculty or staff member in the Department of Computer Sciences at the University.
 2. Working Professionals – Other working professionals may participate in organization activities in various ways, as mentors, role models, speakers, “friends of the organization” or to learn from the students about continuing their own education. While this participation is welcomed and encouraged, these people may not be *members* of the student organization.
4. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of WICS shall be July 1 to the following June 30 (corresponding to that of the University).

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Chapter shall be President, Corporate Liaison, Academic Chair, and Social Chair. In addition, the Administration may approve for election or appoint further officer positions as it may choose on a year by year basis.
2. The duties of the President shall be:
 - To preside at meetings of the membership, and the Administration.
 - To provide general leadership and direction for the activities of WICS.
 - To represent WICS to other organizations and agencies.
 - To maintain order at organization functions.
 - To reregister the organization with the University as necessary to keep the organization active.
3. The duties of the Corporate Liaison shall be:
 - To serve as a point of contact for corporate recruiters and sponsors.
 - To oversee corporate events on and off campus.
 - To provide members with information regarding corporate resources and opportunities.
4. The duties of the Academic Chair shall be:
 - To serve as a point of contact for department faculty.
 - To oversee regular faculty lunches.
 - To provide members with information regarding academic resources and opportunities.
5. The duties of the Social Chair shall be:
 - To promote social interactions between members.
 - To oversee organizational social events.

ARTICLE VI. STUDENT CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

1. WICS Administration shall be composed of the current officers (elected and appointed) of WICS.

2. A majority of the Administration, at least two of whom must be elected officers, shall constitute a quorum.
3. Issues before the Administration shall be decided by a simple majority of those voting.

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Elections of Officers shall take place in the spring of each academic year.
2. Members shall be nominated and voted on by other members.
3. The Term of Office will officially start the day after Commencement with summer semester and run through the following spring semester.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

1. Organization Meetings: The members shall meet on a regular basis during the academic year. The time and place of meetings will be determined by the President, with notice to the members.
2. Administration Meetings
 - The WICS Administration shall meet regularly every month.
 - The President shall provide notice of all Administration meetings.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the organization, providing the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and made available to the full membership before voting.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

1. WICS may be dissolved at a special meeting of the membership called for this purpose.
2. Upon dissolution of WICS, any property or money remaining after the satisfaction of all obligations of WICS shall be transferred to the Department of Computer Sciences.

ARTICLE XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

These bylaws shall take effect on November 20th, 2009.

ARTICLE XII. HISTORY OF CHANGES

These bylaws were approved by a vote of members in attendance on November 11th, 2009.