

The Constitution of the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Association

The International Honors Society for the
Computing and Information Disciplines

Article I: Name

Section I.

The formal name of this organization is **Upsilon Pi Epsilon - Beta Chapter of Connecticut**, hereinafter referred to as “UPE”.

Article II: Purpose

Section I.

The purpose of UPE shall be to promote high scholarship and original investigation in the several branches of the Computing and Information Disciplines. UPE will work toward its goal by holding events, including a semesterly induction ceremony, performing community service to enrich the computer science program at UConn, and inviting guest speakers to discuss topics in computer science and related fields.

Article III: Membership Composition

Section I.

Any person may attend UPE meetings. However, to be a member of UPE, one must be inducted into the group. All eligible members must meet the following three criteria, as well all National Criteria as described in the International Constitution.

1. A Junior or Senior by credit
2. Top $\frac{1}{3}$ of their class
3. Maintain a 3.2 GPA (if a Senior) or a 3.6 GPA (if a Junior)

Membership implies paying membership dues.

Article IV: Organization Officers

Section I. Duties

- (a) President: Spokesperson of the group that regularly interacts with other student organizations and University officials. The President runs all meetings, unless unable to attend. The President is also responsible for external communication, including, but not limited to, maintaining contact with the National UPE Organization.
- (b) Vice President: This person is responsible for assisting all other officers in club related activities, and performs any tasks delegated to them by the President.
- (c) Treasurer: This person will be primarily responsible for the organization's finances.
- (d) Secretary: The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at meetings and distributing them to members after the meeting. The secretary is also responsible for all forms of club communications to members.

Section II. Officer Election Process

All elections must be declared one week before the Election Meeting. Officers shall be elected in the Spring semester, before the third week of April, and will serve a term of one year. Organization officers must be nominated by a member of UPE at the Election Meeting. After nomination, there will be a discussion period. To be elected, a nomination must be voted upon by a majority of presiding members by a blind vote or secret ballot. In the event that there is no majority, a separate election will be conducted between the top two candidates. If there is a tie after the separate election, the tie shall be broken by the highest ranking officer, not being voted on, based upon the following ranking scheme:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary

The time between elections and the new term shall serve as a transition period for new officers.

Article V: Organization Decision Making Model

Section I.

As a general rule, UPE shall use majority vote among officers to make its decisions.

Article VI: Meetings

Section I. Frequency

The day of the week and time of meetings will be chosen via majority vote among members. Meetings will be held, at minimum, once a month on the chosen day and time.

Section II. Structure

The meeting will begin by being called to order by the President. Minutes will be taken by the Secretary, and distributed to the organization's officers the following week. The meeting will be ended by the President. Officer communication determines who runs a meeting in the absence of the President.

Article VII: Organization Advisor

Section I.

A full time faculty member from the Storrs University of Connecticut campus is eligible for the faculty advisor position. The faculty advisor will be chosen by the officers and their term will last indefinitely, with an annual reappointment.

Section II.

The advisor's duties shall include

- (a) Meeting with the organization officers on a regular basis.
- (b) Attending organization meetings and activities.

Section III.

The advisor shall not have voting rights

Article VIII: Organization Funds

Section I.

Means of acquiring funds will include collection of dues, application to USG for funding, and implementation of fundraising events throughout the academic year.

Article IX: Amending the Constitution

Section I.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of present members. A quorum of officers (defined as 50% of officers plus one) must be present to vote on a proposed amendment. Upon receiving the two-thirds vote in favor of a constitutional amendment, the organization advisor, as well as the Involvement Office, will be informed of the amendment (by the President).

Article X: Beneficiary Addendum

Section I.

In the event that this organization's account remains inactive for 12 consecutive months, the following beneficiary will receive the balance of the organization's funds:

Beneficiary Name: UCONN ACM

Beneficiary Address: 371 Fairfield Way, Unit 4155, Storrs, CT, 06269

Beneficiary Contact: Ion Mandoiu, ion@engr.uconn.edu

Phone: (860) 486-2672

Article XI: Enabling Clause

Section I.

This constitution was voted on and put into effect on Monday, April 14th, 2014

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary