



## **Engineering Governing Council**

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### **2007 - 2008 Mission Statement Engineering Governing Council**

#### Mission Statement

The responsibility of establishing and solidifying the preeminence of the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) in the University environment rests squarely upon our shoulders. We must build upon our many accomplishments from the year passed, and ensure that our activity and efficacy is established in the minds of our constituents in the School of Engineering, our peers in other colleges, and administration throughout the entire University community.

As the oldest and most aggregately experienced governing association at Rutgers University, it is our responsibility to assume the mantle of leadership and take on positions which engineers have historically been excluded from. We must propagate an image of professionalism to the University, while at the same time, ensure that our number one priority is service to our professional school constituency. These two goals, however, are not mutually exclusive, as accomplishing the latter will most certainly entitle us to the former.

In addition to setting a precedent of engineering leadership university-wide, we must also focus on cultivating leaders from within our ranks. We must ensure a steady supply of students who are interested in serving others through freshman outreach. Over the past year, we have seen increased interest and highly contested elections from the classes of 2009 and 2010. This is attributable entirely to our outreach early on. We must approach students upon first arrival, and while they are establishing in their minds what it means to be a Rutgers engineer, we must instill and intertwine the importance of the EGC to the vitality of the undergraduate engineering community.

We must never lose sight of the fact that we are here to serve: to serve the students, to serve the societies, and to serve the profession of engineering. By empowering our students, we ensure the leaders of tomorrow will be composed of brilliant, like-minded individuals who see the necessity of encouraging and supporting our discipline. By supporting societies, we promote the activities which mold students into professionals and industry leaders. Finally, by supporting the profession of engineering, we ensure that the world which many of us will soon enter into will welcome us with sense of awe and level of respect indicative of our necessity to society. We exist to serve, and in many senses, we serve so that we may continue to exist.

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### 2007-2008 Strategic Plan Engineering Governing Council

#### Engineering Affairs (Tom Nangle and Ayaka Koshibe)

*The Engineering Affairs Committee is charged with finding and acting on the behalf of the best interests of the students of the School of Engineering as it pertains to engineering-specific matters.*

- ❖ Suggestion Box: Continue and improve our methods of soliciting student input through suggestion box placement and work to create surveys which attract students either through incentives or by addressing poignant issues.
- ❖ ARC Study Room: Continue and promote the usage of the ARC study room as a permanent quiet study lounge for students, and particularly, for engineers
- ❖ Preferential Housing: Fight for engineers' rights obtain preferential housing on Busch campus should they desire. Consider working along with Pharmacy students and other science-related majors.
- ❖ Interdepartmental Senior Design: Investigate the advantages of an interdepartmental design program and take steps to set in motion such a program by working with faculty and administration.
- ❖ International Experiences for Engineers: Work with administration to establish a more streamlined program by which engineers can obtain international experiences and internships during non-semester periods of time. There needs to be a global option of education possible which does not impede our ability to graduate on time.

#### University Affairs (Wajdi Kanj)

*The University Affairs Committee is charged with finding and acting on behalf of the best interests of the students of the School of Engineering as it pertains to university-wide matters. University Affairs is also responsible for overseeing the Council's envoys to other governing associations and university-wide bodies.*

- ❖ Speakers: Locate and arrange for officials to come to our meetings and speak before the council. Required speakers include President McCormick, Dean Klein, and Vice President Blimling. Speakers should represent a variety of backgrounds, both inside and outside the university
- ❖ Engineering/University Committees: Locate and place engineers on important school and university committees to ensure our voice is heard. (RUdots, Campus Center, Dining Services, etc)
- ❖ Support of Undergraduate Research: Work alongside other associations and student groups to push administration to better support undergraduate researchers and to more adequately recognize the accomplishments of our constituency.
- ❖ Envoy System: Establish an envoy system to other governing associations (excluding BCC and RUSA) in order to bridge relations and facilitate increased GA interaction.

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### Society Affairs (Eleanor Okubor)

*Society Affairs is charged with looking into and acting upon the best interests of the societies recognized by the EGC, and organizing Society of Presidents meetings.*

- ❖ Society Envoy Program: Each recognized society must be visited at least once and the status and concerns of each society must be recorded in a formal report.
- ❖ Society of President Meetings: Responsible for organizing four (4) Society of Presidents meetings throughout the academic year (2 each semester). Rooms must be reserved, invitations sent out, and presentations planned.
- ❖ Rentals: In charge of the table and grill rentals and rental forms.
- ❖ New Societies: Responsible for deciding whether a group applying for society recognition will aptly serve the students in the School of Engineering.
- ❖ Leadership Conference: In charge of planning and coordinating the leadership conference that occurs each spring. Must coordinate with Teaching Awards Subcommittee.

### Publicity / Public Relations (Ted Soyosa and Adarsh Dasika)

*It is the Publicity Committee's job to adequately promote all EGC events and to keep the public informed of the EGC's activities through advertising and outreach events.*

- ❖ Outreach events: Midnight Munchies, Stress Free Days, Game Night, Ice Cream Social
- ❖ Bulletin Board: Responsible for updating the bulletin boards in the Engineering building and the Busch Campus Center
- ❖ Publicizing: Responsible for posting advertisements and sending emails to keep the public informed of all things EGC (elections, events, reforms)
- ❖ Tabling: Responsible for all tabling EGC does at public events.
- ❖ Press Releases: Once drafted/approved by the executive board, all press releases are to be taken care of by Publicity.
- ❖ Mascots: Continue branding the EGC with a physical identity.

### Events (Divya Harjani and First Year needed)

*The Events Committee is responsible for organizing events designed with the students of the School of Engineering in mind.*

*The First-Year Subcommittee organizes the annual Convocation and Majors Night and the Open House Subcommittee organizes the School of Engineering's participation in the Rutgers Open House.*

- ❖ Engineering Convocation: Responsible for coordinating with the Dean's office to plan the event and have societies present.
- ❖ EGC Fall Retreat: Will be worked on by an ad-hoc subcommittee composed of Events committee members.
- ❖ Brownie/Cookie night at Barr Hall
- ❖ Engineering Cup: Responsible for the planning, setup, and execution of the Engineering Cup.

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- ❖ Majors Night: Responsible for working alongside the Dean's office to plan and execute the event.
- ❖ Engineering Open House: Will be worked on by an ad-hoc subcommittee composed of Events committee members.
- ❖ Responsible for running additional small events that specifically target freshman and promote the EGC.

### Finance (JC Bernardo)

*The Finance Committee handles and distributes all funds to the EGC and the recognized engineering societies.*

- ❖ Allocations: Responsible for applying a point system to fairly allocate funding to societies.
- ❖ Point System: Revisit the point system and compose a method that does not preferentially hurt either large/active societies or small/active societies
- ❖ Food Caps/Travel: Investigate a way to establish acceptable levels of funding requests for food and travel.
- ❖ Tracking: Responsible for tracking all societies expenditures through a receipt system while at the same time keep track of EGC's own account and operations budget.
- ❖ Take-backs: Responsible for taking back unused allocations from societies.

### Internal Review Committee (Rohit Sodhia)

*The Internal Review Committee reviews governing documents and monitors EGC members for breaches in rules. The IRC is also responsible for deciding internal awards and running elections.*

- ❖ Attendance: Responsible for keeping track of all attendances and absences from council and committee meetings. Also responsible for contacting societies regarding poor attendance and punitive measures.
- ❖ Ethics: Responsible for ensuring that the ethics guidelines are followed.
- ❖ Elections (Ad-Hoc subcommittees): In charge of all non-in-body elections. Responsible for running informational sessions, candidates meetings, administering the website, and announcing winners. Only members not on the Ad-hoc subcommittee may be involved in an appeals process.
- ❖ Constitution/Standing Rules: In charge of proposing changes for referendum to governing documents, should they need changing.

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