

Vol Computing Constitution

A. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

- a. This organization shall be called Vol Computing, where “Vol” is a direct reference to the term “Volunteer Computing”.

B. PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of this organization shall be to learn about and contribute to the fields of volunteer and distributed computing by:
 - i. Creating and running a computing lab using donated hardware, software, and funding.
 - ii. Learning about and contributing to existing volunteer and distributed computing projects.
 - iii. Creating new volunteer and distributed computing systems and projects.

C. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership must be open to all students, and faculty/staff members where appropriate, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

D. OFFICERS

- a. Officers
 - i. President: Oversees all club operations.
 - ii. Vice President: Assists president with club operations.
 - iii. Secretary: Records all meeting minutes, assists in planning meetings.
 - iv. Treasurer: Responsible for maintaining records and creating reports pertaining club finances and donations.
 - v. Focus Group Directors: Multiple members who oversee the operations of focus groups within the club. These groups may include but are not limited to: hardware, software, donor communications, research and statistics, public and web communications.
- b. Officers must be in good academic standing with the university and will be judged ineligible for office if he/she is on disciplinary probation for violating Student Standards of Conduct.

E. TERM OF OFFICE

- a. Officers shall remain in office for a term of one school year.
- b. Elections for the following school year shall be held at the first meeting in March. Candidates must be elected by a plurality vote of club members. Candidates may run for multiple offices, but may only be elected to one office. Faculty members are ineligible to hold office. Current officers shall remain in office until the end of the current school year. Elected officers shall begin their term at the start of the following school year.

F. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a. Meetings shall be held every two weeks.
- b. Meetings may be called more frequently to work on specific projects.

G. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- a. No yearly dues shall be collected.
- b. Expenses and payments for voluntary participation including but not limited to events, conferences, travel, and projects shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by officers.
- c. All funds received will be deposited and disbursed through the Student Organization Business Office.
- d. All donations in the form of hardware, software, and funding are property of Vol Computing.
- e. A yearly financial statement shall be provided to the student organization advisor for review.
- f. In the event of dissolution of the organization, any equipment and funds on hand shall be contributed to the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department.

H. ADVISOR

- a. The club advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member at UT.
- b. The club advisor shall be approved by a plurality vote of club members.
- c. Faculty advisors shall remain in office for one year.
- d. It is the advisor's responsibility to review the budget and financial statements with the officers.

I. USAGE OF DONATIONS

- a. Donations to Vol Computing may include but are not limited to hardware, software, and funding.
- b. All donations made to Vol Computing are property of Vol Computing.
- c. Records of all donations shall be maintained and included in yearly reports. Hardware donations shall be tagged with serial numbers provided by the university.
- d. Donations shall be used exclusively for the purposes stated in Article B.
- e. Vol Computing shall adhere to all requests made by donors when determining the usage of donations for the entirety of the school year during which the donation is made.
- f. Vol Computing may revise the usage of its donated equipment at any point by a plurality vote of members but must adhere to statements d and e.
- g. Vol Computing members may choose by majority vote to sell existing club property to purchase other property for reasons including but not limited to saving physical space, improving computing performance, consolidating outdated equipment.