# NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AT RALEIGH The Society of Black Engineers

### Constitution

### Article I. Name and Purpose

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Society of Black Engineers.
- Section 2. The purposes of this club shall be
  - (1) to help students make the transition more readily from high school to college.
  - (2) to inform high school students about the many fields and advantages in engineering.
  - (3) to keep students abreast of changes made in the engineering field.
  - (4) to keep a resume on students, containing current addresses, courses taken, etc., to help students enrolled in said courses.
  - (5) to set up tutoring for interested students.
  - (6) to set up "Big Brothers or Sisters" for incoming freshmen in engineering.

# Article II. Membership

- Section 1. Membership shall be open to all students who are interested in the activities of the club.
- Section 2. Anyone enrolled in the school of engineering is welcome to become a member in the organization.

# Article III. Officers

- Section 1. The elective officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year, beginning the fall semester of each school year.

# Article IV. <u>Dues</u>

Section 1. Dues for the club shall be \$2.00 per semester.

# Article V. Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

All sections remain the same; no revising necessary.

# Article VI. Meetings

Section I. The club shall meet once-a-month and in case of urgent business, emergency meetings may be called.

# Article VII. Committees

Section 1. The president and organizational members will vote for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.

# NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS CONSTITUTION

#### Preamble

The North Carolina State University Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, as a student-based organization, does hereby dedicate itself to the development of intensive programs for increasing Black and other ethnic minority participation in the field of engineering and engineering technology. These programs will be initiated both within and outside the university community and will serve to strengthen relations between professional industry and the Black community. Members of this organization are encouraged to join and participate in their individual professional societies. This organization will endeavor to provide general counseling to all.

#### ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. The name of this nonprofit membership organization is the North Carolina State University Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, hereafter called the Society.

# ARTICLE II - Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of the Society shall be to stimulate and develop student interest in engineering; to strive to increase the number of students studying engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; and to endeavor in the advancement of the ethnic minority engineer in professional industry.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, ethnic group, or national origin.

Section 2. Membership in the Society shall be designated as Affiliate Member, Member, Associate Member, Senior Associate Member, or Honorary Member. Members of the Society shall also be members of the National Society of Black Engineers.

Section 3.

- (a) Affiliate Member An Affiliate Member shall be defined as a person of high moral character who has received a registered membership card through payment of dues and who is studying for or has received a degree in the Physical Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, etc.)
- (b) Member A Member shall be defined as a person of high moral character enrolled in an educational institution that grants an Engineering, Associate Engineering or Engineering Technology degree who has received a registered membership card through payment of dues to the Society and who:
  - Is working to complete a degree as Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Engineering Associate or Engineering Technology, or the equivalent.
  - ii) Is working to complete an advanced degree in Engineering.
- (c) Associate Member An Associate Member shall be defined as a person of high moral character who has received a

registered membership card through payment of dues to the Society and who:

- i) Is a certified engineer in training.
- ii) Has completed studies and received a degree as an engineer, associate engineer, engineering technologist, or its equivalent.
- (d) A Senior Associate Member A Senior Associate Member shall be defined as a person of high moral character who:
  - i) Has been employed in an engineering or a Physical Science capacity for at least twelve (12) years.
  - ii) Is duly registered as an engineer by the Society of Professional Engineers.
- (e) Honorary Member An Honorary Member shall be defined as a person of high moral character who is neither an engineer nor Physical Scientist but who has contributed through their efforts to the goals of the Society.

#### ARTICLE IV - Voting

Section 1. Each <u>Member</u> in good standing is entitled to one vote at all meetings, except as otherwise noted in this Article.

Section 2. Affiliate Member, Associate Member, Senior Associate Member, and Honorary Member, shall not be entitled to vote at any meetings of the members of the Society.

Section 3. A quorum of the voting body must be present at any meeting in order to officially conduct the business of the Society.

#### ARTICLE V - Dues

Section 1. The amount of annual dues of the Society shall be determined by the Executive Board of the Society and shall not exceed:

- (a) Senior Associate Member- \$20.00/yr. \$15.00/semester
- (b) Associate Member- \$20.00/yr. \$15.00/semester
- (c) Affiliate Member, Member- \$5.00/yr. \$3.00/semester
- (d) Honorary Member, exempt from dues.

#### ARTICLE VI - Administration

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board of the Society which shall consist of the elected officers (President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian), and the Chairpersons of the standing committees.

## Section 2. The Executive Board:

- (a) Shall determine all questions of policy and shall administer the affairs of the Society under these By-laws and the general provisions of the law under which it is incorporated.
- (b) Shall direct the investment and the care of the funds of the Society and shall make appropriations for specific purposes.
- (c) Shall make and change regulations not inconsistent with these By-laws, for the management of the Business and Affairs of the Society.
- (d) Shall not receive any stated salary for their service as a member of said Board, but by resolution of the Executive Board, expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at meetings for the Society.

Section 3. There shall be Advisor(s) of the Society.

The Advisor(s) shall be bound by the policies of N.C. State University concerning the Advisors of University recognized organizations.

Section 4. The Advisor(s) will serve to guide and advise the Executive Board and thereby the Society in achieving its stated objectives.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order shall be implemented at all official meetings of the Society unless suspended by a majority of the <u>Members</u> present.

#### ARTICLE VII - Committees

- (a) Corporate Liason, charged with:
  - i) Acting as intermediate contact between industry and the Society.
  - ii) Helping to arrange programs, presentations, and interviews with industry.
  - ii) Working with the Programs Chairperson on common duties.
- (b) Charter/membership, charged with:
  - i) Planning membership drives for the Society.
  - ii) Chartering the Society and its members with the National Society of Black Engineers.
- (c) Publicity, charged with:
  - i) Informing students and members about the functions and programs of the society.
  - ii) Providing students with necessary information concerning the society.
- (d) Programs, charged with:
  - i) Planning the annual banquet of the Society.
  - ii) Planning all social activities, programs, and presentations, of the Society.

ii) Working with the Corporate Liason on common duties.

Section 2. The chairpersons of the four standing committees will be appointed after the chapter's election by the President-elect. The committee chairpersons will report directly to the Vice-President.

Section 3. The President will appoint members of the Society for a special committee(s), should such special committee(s) become necessary.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Officers

Section 1. All elected positions will be held by  $\underline{\text{Members}}$  as defined in Article III, Section 3(b).

Section 2. The elected positions of the Society are:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Recording Secretary
- (d) Corresponding Secretary
- (e) Treasurer

Section 3. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President and must be a  $\underline{\text{Member}}$  as defined in Article III, Section 3(b).

Section 4. Any  $\underline{\text{Member}}$  of the Society is eligible for an elected position who:

- i) Has a minimum classification of freshman undergraduate status or the equivalent for the elective year;
- ii) Is a full-time student/co-op students are accepted.

Section 5. The President-elect and remaining officers elect shall take office at the end of an academic semester, and they shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 6. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the President, his unexpired term shall be filled by the Vice-President.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in any remaining elected position(s), the unexpired term shall be filled by selection of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE IX - Duties of Officers

Section 1. Duties of the elected officers are:

President:

- (a) Shall schedule and preside over all official meetings of the Society.
- (b) Shall serve as the representative of the Society.
- (c) Shall appoint members of all standing and special committees, except the nominating committee.
- (d) Shall keep a journal of all activities and actions engaged in concerning the Society.
  - i) The journal becomes the property of the Society upon termination of office.
  - ii) Journal shall be used to promote a smooth transition in the office of President.
- (e) Shall be an Ex Officio Member of all committees. Vice-President:
  - (a) Shall preside in the absence or the inability of the President.
  - (b) Shall develop programs of interest for the Society in cooperation with the Executive Board.
  - (c) Shall perform any activities, duties, and responsibilities as designated by the President.
  - (d) Shall oversee the activities of all committees.

- (e) Shall supervise production of the annual Resume Booklet. Recording Secretary:
  - (a) Shall fill out and countersign all certificates issued and make proper entries in the books of the Society.
  - (b) Shall serve all notices required by law or the By-laws of the Society and in case of absence, refusal or inability to act, the duties of the office may be performed by any person whom the President may direct.
  - (c) Shall record accurately the minutes of the Executive Board meeting, compile all official documents, and make these available to all members upon request.
  - (d) Shall report the minutes of the previous meeting at the present meeting of the Executive Board.
  - (e) Shall require from the Executive Board, standing committees, and special committees of the Society, a record of the activities of said body.

# Corresponding Secretary:

- (a) Shall type all necessary material for the Society.
- (b) Shall assist the Recording Secretary in compiling all official documents of the Society.
- (c) May be compensated for work if approved by the Executive Board.

#### Treasurer:

- (a) Shall keep accounts and deposit organization funds of the Society Treasury.
- (b) Expenditures made for Society business shall be in a manner approved by the Executive Board.
- (c) Shall maintain the membership roll and collect annual

dues of the Society in a manner developed along with the Executive Board.

## Parliamentarian:

- (a) Shall determine all questions of Parliamentary Procedures.
- (b) Shall develop workshops with the assistance of the Programs Chairpersons to assist the members in implementing the Robert's Rules of Order.

## Committee Chairperson:

- (a) Shall act as director of the committee's activities, including communication within the Society.
- (b) Shall represent the thoughts and wishes of the Committee Executive Board and General Body Meetings.

Section 2. There shall be a Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall serve only to compile and disseminate slates of members seeking Offices.

In the event an elected member of the Nominating Committee is unable to fulfill his functions, the President shall declare the position vacant and appoint a member from the Society. Additional nominations for the Nominating Committee may be made by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for the ensuing administrative year, to be reported to the membership as provided in the By-laws.

Section 4. Election of officers shall be made at a General Body Meeting. Nominees interested in an elective office shall send their petitions for office to the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE X - Termination of Officers

Section 1. Any Member, Elected Officer, or Faculty Advisor(s)

may be removed from his/her position by the affirmative vote of:

- (a) No less than two-thirds of the Members in good standing;
- (b) All remaining members of the Executive Board of the Society.

## ARTICLE XI - Headquarters

The headquarters of the Society shall be designated as North Carolina State University, Box 5494, University Station, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

#### ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:

- (a) A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, or
- (b) One-half of the voting Members through a referendum.

Section 2. Ratification of any amendment to this constitution shall be subject to a three-fourth vote of the registered voting <a href="Members">Members</a>.

Section 3. The amendment must be submitted in a written proposal to the Executive Board to be reviewed. The proposal must be clearly stated and justified in a written form.

#### ARTICLE XIII - Effective Date

This code shall become effective immediately after it has been adopted by an affirmative vote of a quorum of the Executive Board and a majority of the voting members. The quorum of the Executive Board must include all elected officers.

Mr. Norris Cole, President Society of Black Engineers 324 Tucker, Box 04755 MCSU Campus

Dear Mr. Cole:

We have reviewed the Constitution submitted for your organization and wish to inform you that this document has been accepted, and we are pleased to recognize The Society of Black Engineers.

All student organizations are expected to work within the policies of the University and with the Student Government.

In extending recognition, neither the University nor Student Government accepts any financial responsibility for any liability, fiscal or otherwise, which may be incurred by your organization; nor does either guarantee that permanent University facilities will be available. The University, however, will endeavor to make meeting rooms available to your group.

I shall be pleased to be of assistance to you and your organization in any way possible.

Sincerely.

John A. Poole Dean of Student Development

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cc: Ms. Lu Anne Rogers, President, Student Government Mrs. Corinne S. Philbrick, University Student Center

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March 20, 1987

Tahitha Hooker, President Society of Black Engineers 514 North Hall NCSU Campus

Dear Ms. Hooker:

Since you completed the update form for your organization there has been a change. Each registered group must now complete and sign the new information form indicating they have read the new alcohol policy. Please complete and return the attached campus organization information sheet by April 6, 1987.

Sincerely,

Martha Newton

Martha Newton Student Development Mr. Wadye E. Morton President, Society of Black Engineers 1846 S. Dixie Trail Raleigh, NC 27606

FROM: Larry W. Gracie, Director Student Development

We have reviewed the Constitution submitted for your organization and wish to inform you that this document has been accepted and will be placed in your file located in the Office of Student Development.

If I can be of assistance to you or your organization, please let me know.

April 23, 1981

Society of Black Engineers

Officers Of The Society Of Black Engineers - 1979-1980

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