ARTICLE I: NAME
The name of this organization shall be officially known and designated as the Engineering Student Leadership Council, herein referred as the ESLC.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE
The purpose of the ESLC is to coordinate selected activities common to all engineering organizations, to promote professional and academic goals for the benefit of all engineering students, and to provide a forum for communications between College of Engineering administration and students.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. The membership comprising the ESLC shall be:
1 Any independent or joint Student Engineering organization which is geared toward the advancement of its members in engineering and are a registered organization with the University s Student Development Office.
1.2 Any sanctioned engineering student committee that is part of a student organization not included in Article III, Section 1.1.

Section 2. The process for determining the status of a Student Engineering Organization shall be:
2.1 The status of organizations shall be one of the following:
a) Joint
b) Independent
2.2 Every student engineering organization shall be independent unless Article III, Section 2.1 a) applies.
2.3 A student engineering organizations shall be joint if three of the following five criteria are met:
a) Same President
b) Fifty percent of the same officers
c) Similar description or purpose
d) Joint meetings
e) Similar Constitutions

Section 3. Requirements for committee membership:
3.1 The committee must be comprised of at least five engineering students that are members of the student organization.
3.2 A proposal must be submitted to the ESLC chairpersons for approval.
3.3 Approval for membership must be the unanimous decision of the four ESLC chairpersons.

Section 4. The allocated seats for the entire academic year shall be:
4.1 Two seats for representatives of each organization included in Article III, Section 1.1.
a) One seat must be filled by the president of the organization or an appointed designee who can speak on behalf of the president.
b) One seat must be filled by an appointed member who will serve as the ESLC representative for the organization.
4.2 One seat for each committee in Article III, Section 1.2.
4.3 One seat for each of the chairpersons of the ESLC. Section 5. The chairpersons shall maintain a roster of designated seats.

Section 5. The ESLC is open to all UTEP students regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, sexual orientation, political affiliation or belief.

ARTICLE IV: LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND DUTIES
Section 1. The leadership of the ESLC shall consist of four equally powered chairpersons.

Section 2. The chairpersons shall preside over all meetings, and represent the ESLC on all official business. The chairpersons shall coordinate all activities and approve all activity participants. It is their responsibility to register the ESLC each semester with the pertinent administrative office.

Section 3. Specific duties of the chairpersons shall be defined in a plan of action that will be approved by the advisors at the beginning
of each team.

**ARTICLE V: ADVISORS**

Section 1. Members of the ESLC will approve two advisors.

Section 2. One advisor will be chosen as representatives from the:
- 2.1 Engineering Dean’s Office.
- 2.2 Engineering or Computer Science Faculty.

**ARTICLE VI: NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSONS**

Section 1. Engineering students who meet the following criteria are eligible for chairperson nomination:
- 1.1 Must be of at least 60 hours toward an engineering degree at the time of nomination.
- 1.2 Must have at least two consecutive long semesters remaining in their academic studies.
- 1.3 Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- 1.4 Must not be a president of any student organization for the upcoming term.

Section 2. Nomination can be through:
- 2.1 Peer nomination
- 2.2 Self nomination
- 2.3 Faculty or staff nomination

Section 3. Nominations must be accepted no later than one week before the elections.

**ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS**

Section 1. All chairpersons shall be elected annually, to serve from June 1 to May 31.

Section 2. All voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3. Elections must be held no later that the last week of April.

Section 4. All chairpersons will be determined by a majority, which constitutes 50% plus one vote of all ESLC members present as defined in Article III, Sections 4.1 and 4.3.

Section 5. No absentee voting is permitted.

Section 6. In the event of a tie, the four ESLC chairpersons must come to a consensus to deliver the deciding vote.

Section 7. Chairpersons are eligible for reelection provided they meet the criteria in Article VI, Section 1.

Section 8. Chairpersons can only serve for two terms.

Section 9. In the event a leadership position becomes vacant, a special election will be held as described in Article VII, Sections 2 through 8.

**ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Ad-hoc committees shall be formed and approved by a majority vote by the council.

Section 2. Each committee shall select a leader who will be accountable for the status of the committee before the council.

Section 3. An ad-hoc committee may become a permanent committee if necessary as defined by Article VII, Sections 4 and 5.

Section 4. For an ad-hoc committee to become a permanent committee, a mission and goal(s) shall be presented to the council.

Section 5. A majority vote will approve the change of status of the committee.

**ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS**

Section 1. Regular meetings will be held.
Section 2. The chairpersons will decide time, date, place, and frequency of the meetings after discussion with the council.

ARTICLE X: DECISION MAKING

Section 1. Decision shall be determined by voting at meetings.

Section 2. Decisions will be made by fifty percent plus one vote of all ESLC members present.

Section 3. No absentee voting is permitted.

Section 4. Only the seats designated in Article III, Section 4 shall be allowed one vote.

Section 5. There must be seventy-five percent of the council present for any voting to occur.

ARTICLE XI: FINANCES

Section 1. Each member organization shall submit a one-time registration fee to the ESLC within thirty days of their acceptance into ESLC.

Section 2. The ESLC chairpersons and advisors shall determine the registration fee.

Section 3. The office of the Dean shall submit a one-time fee of $250.00

Section 4. All financial transactions will be the responsibility of one of the chairpersons.

Section 5. The chairperson responsible for finance shall construct/revise financial guidelines, which must be approved unanimously by all the chairpersons and advisors at the beginning of their term.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Motions to amend this Constitution and Bylaws can be made by the council.

Section 2. Motions shall be discussed and approved by a two third majority vote from the council.