

USC Technopreneurs
University of Southern California

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A: NAME

Part 1. The official name for this organization is the USC Technopreneurs.

Part 2. This organization will use the name in all publicity materials and correspondence.

Section B: PURPOSE

Part 1. The purpose of this organization is to foster collaboration between students of engineering and business backgrounds, weekly in an open, forum environment. We connect ideas with means, by connecting business ideas with developers and connecting developed products with business people. We've established a networking environment that extends beyond our weekly meetings. Our community website allows members to follow up with one another and present ideas and development updates. Our organization has collaborated with other student organizations to promote relevant events on campus. Additionally, as an organization, we have managed to establish working relationships with groups and individuals from the Los Angeles business community.

Part 2. All activities of this organization must be directed toward this purpose.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section A: REQUIREMENTS

Part 1. All USC students are eligible to be voting members.

Part 2. All members are required to demonstrate support for the purpose of this organization.

Part 3. Membership decisions will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion or creed, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.

Section B. RIGHTS

Part 1. All members are eligible to attend all meetings and events of this organization.

Part 2. If a fee is charged to attend a particular event, the membership will establish a fee scale for members and non-members, as appropriate.

Section C. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Part 1. Members may have their membership withdrawn for failure to adhere to the requirements for membership as stated above.

Part 2. A simple majority vote of the quorum of membership at a regular or special meeting shall be sufficient to withdraw membership.

Part 3. Members to be voted upon in this regard will be notified of the intention to do so in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section A: OFFICER TITLES

President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer

Program Committee Chair

Section B. DUTIES

Part 1. The President will chair all meetings of TECHNOPRENEURS and will call special meetings as needed. The President will vote on TECHNOPRENEURS matters only in case of a tie.

Part 2. The Vice President shall chair any ad hoc committees or task forces of the organization.

Part 3. The Secretary/Treasurer will take, record, and file meetings minutes; produce all official correspondence for the organization, and maintain records and report on the financial transactions of TECHNOPRENEURS.

Part 4. The Program Committee Chair will direct the planning of the organizations education and social programs.

Section C. REQUIREMENTS FOR RUNNING FOR AND HOLDING OFFICE

Part 1. All officers and candidates for office must be currently enrolled USC students.

Part 2. All officers must be voting members of TECHNOPRENEURS.

Section D. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Part 1. Nominations for all offices will be taken from the floor of the third-to-last regular meeting of the spring semester each year.

Part 2. Any members may nominate any other member, including himself or herself.

Part 3. Elections will be held at the second -to-last meeting of the spring semester.

Part 4. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting itself, prior to closing of nominations and taking the vote.

Part 5. A simple majority vote of the quorum present at that meeting will be sufficient to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates and no candidate receives a majority, there will be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients in the general meeting.

Section E. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Part 1. Officers may be removed from office for failure to perform duties or for violation of membership clause.

Part 2. Officers to be voted upon in this regard will be notified of the intention to do so in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

Part 3. A two-thirds majority of quorum present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall be sufficient for removal from office.

Section F. TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

Part 1. The term of office shall be from the last meeting of each spring semester until the end of the second-to-last meeting of the subsequent spring semester.

Part 2. Should a vacancy in office occur, there will be another nomination procedure and election for the vacant office.

Part 3. In the meantime, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer will assume the duties of the Vice President, and the Program Chair will assume the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer should those offices be vacant.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section A: Regular meetings will be held every Monday.

Section B: Special meetings may be called by any combination of three of the officers. Notice of special meetings must be communicated to all members at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Section C. To conduct business at any meeting, one half of the entire voting membership must be present to form quorum.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section A. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Part 1. The only standing committee of TECHNOPRENEURS is the Program Committee, whose purpose is to plan events and programs for the organization.

Part 2. All decisions of the Program Committee involving committing organization funds in amounts greater than \$25.00 will require the approval of the majority of those members present at the regular or special meeting of TECHNOPRENEURS. Similar decisions, but for \$25.00 or less may be approved by the Program Chair with consent from all other officers.

Section B. OTHER COMMITTEES

Part 1. Other committees may be appointed by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting of TECHNOPRENEURS.

Part 2. In appointing such committees, TECHNOPRENEURS members must specify the purpose and chair or co-chair of that committee, and establish its duration.

ARTICLE VI. AFFILIATIONS

Section A. USC

Part 1. This organization is a recognized student organization at the University of Southern California, but is not part of the University itself.

Part 2. In all correspondence and business transactions, it may refer to itself as an organization at USC, but not as part of USC itself.

Part 3. TECHNOPRENEURS accepts full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors.

Part 4. TECHNOPRENEURS agrees to abide by all pertinent USC policies and regulations. Where USC policies and regulations and those of TECHNOPRENEURS differ, the policies and regulations of USC will take precedence.

Part 5. This organization recognizes and understands that the University assumes no legal liability for the actions of the organization, and that the University is not providing blanket indemnification insurance coverage for any activities of the organization, unless those activities expressly benefit and further the goals of the University, and have received prior review, approval, and consent of Campus Activities, Risk Management, and/or General Counsel.

ARTICLE VII. FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

Section A. ADVISOR REQUIREMENTS

Part 1. As a recognized student organization at the University of Southern California, TECHNOPRENEURS is required to have an official advisor from the USC faculty and/or staff.

Part 2. Other persons may serve as special advisors as needed.

Section B. DUTIES

Part 1. The advisor must sign the recognition application each year, or whenever officer information changes or amendments are made to the constitution.

Part 3. An advisor may not vote in TECHNOPRENEURS matters, hold office or unduly influence decisions of the student organization.

ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

Section A. BY-LAWS

Part 1. By-laws can be added to this constitution by a simple majority vote of the entire membership at a regular meeting of TECHNOPRENEURS.

Part 2. This constitution takes precedence over any and all by-laws.

Section B. AMENDMENTS

Part 1. This constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership at a regular meeting of TECHNOPRENEURS.

Part 2. Notification of such a motion must be made to members at least one meeting in advance of the one in which the actual vote is taken.