

Constitution of the Roden Leadership Program

Article I: Mission Statement

To make a positive impact on the world around us by developing leadership in ourselves and inspiring leadership in others.

To achieve this, the Roden Leadership Program commits to:

1. Cultivate the skills necessary to address real world problems.
2. Stimulate creativity and new perspectives to promote innovative contributions to society.
3. Provide experiences and resources that will initiate and drive changes.
4. Ensure that members place integrity at the forefront of all their actions.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Active Members

Active members of the Roden Leadership Program are herein referred to as Roden Scholars. Roden Scholars shall consist of selected undergraduate and graduate students enrolled full-time in the College of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. Active membership should not exceed 20 Seats during the academic year. Roden Scholars commit to make a change or tangible influence through their Seat. Active members have voting privileges.

Section 2: Expectations of Members

- A. Requirements: Requirements of membership include attendance at regularly scheduled general meetings. If a Roden Scholar has to miss a meeting, they are expected to contact all Roden Scholars in advance and inform them of their absence via the list serve. If a Roden Scholar fails to do this, the absence will be counted as an unexcused absence. If a Roden Scholar has more than 5 unexcused absences per academic year, the Roden Leadership Program will review their membership status by March of each year to consider them for early alumni status.
- B. Responsibilities: All active Roden scholars are expected to fulfill the responsibilities they undertake and will be accountable to the Roden Leadership Program. Should a Roden Scholar require assistance in accomplishing these responsibilities, they are expected to seek it either from individual Roden Scholars or from all active Roden Scholars by means of the listserv or verbal proclamation at a regularly scheduled general meeting. Those members not fulfilling the aforementioned responsibilities are subject to review by the Roden Leadership Program, and shall be encouraged to take early alumni status.

Section 3: Other Membership

A: Inactive Members

Active Roden Scholars who must take extended leave from campus for reasons such as co-op employment or study abroad may retain their Seat but are considered inactive. Inactive members do not have voting privileges.

B: *Early Alumni*

If a Roden Scholar no longer fulfills their commitment, they are encouraged to take Early Alumni Status. Early Alumni Status is hereby defined as a former member who remains a current full time student at The University of Texas at Austin but is no longer considered an active Roden Scholar. Members with Early Alumni status do not have voting privileges but may attend Roden Events at the discretion of the Roden Leadership Program.

C: *Alumni*

Alumni are no longer students at The University of Texas at Austin. They no longer have voting privileges, but are encouraged to be involved with Roden Events at the discretion of the Roden Leadership Program.

Section 4: Membership Selection Criteria

Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in the College of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin with at least two long semesters remaining before graduation is eligible for membership. New members will be chosen at the end of each spring semester to fill vacant Seats.

Section 5: Selection of New Members

New member selection to fill the vacated Seats will occur each spring by an application and interview process. Final selections shall be made before the third Friday of April and presented at a Roden general meeting before candidates are informed of their status. From time to time, the Roden Leadership Program may alter this process to meet new membership goals.

Section 6: Quorum

Quorum at any general meeting of the Roden Scholars is defined as 50% or more of the active members. Quorum must be met before voting can take place.

Article III: Leadership

Section 1: The Roden Chair

- A. Responsibilities: The Roden Chair is responsible for arranging and presiding over general meetings and ensuring that the mission statement and goals of the Roden Leadership Program are being furthered. The Roden Chair is also in charge of compiling an annual budget for each calendar year, handling banking duties and reimbursements, and preparing and submitting any requested budgets to school administration. The Chair has the same voting privileges as other members but may cast a second, deciding vote in the case of a tie.
- B. Selection of and Term: The Roden Chair is elected for a calendar year term by majority vote of Roden Scholars at least two meetings prior to the final meeting of the fall semester. Chairs are limited to one term.
- C. Removal: The Roden Chair may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the Roden Scholars at a general meeting.

Section 2: Roden Vice Chairs

- A. Responsibilities: Vice Chairs are charged with assisting the Roden chair in various administrative tasks, and serving in the absence of the Chair. The Chair may also delegate other duties to the Assistant Chairs.
- B. Selection of and Term: Vice Chairs are appointed by the Chair at the Chair's discretion and may serve until the expiration of the Chair's term. The Chair also has the discretion to appoint and remove as few or as many Vice Chairs are needed.

Article IV: General Meetings

General meetings will be held weekly during the academic year or as deemed appropriate by the Chair. The Chair and Vice Chairs are responsible for deciding on a time and place and preparing an agenda.

Article V: Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any active member of Roden Scholars and approved by 2/3 vote of all active Roden Scholars