

MEGA

Mechanical Engineering Graduate Association

Election Procedure

Election of Officers

1. Only MAE graduate students who have acquired 30 petition signatures will be considered for the officer positions.
2. The election will be held on Busch campus at a time that all candidate officers are available.
3. The date and time of the election will be announced to the graduate student body at least 1 week prior to the elections.
4. Elections will proceed in the following order
 - a. President (if vice president chooses not to or is unable to be the new president)
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary / Treasurer
 - d. Social Chair
 - e. 1st Year Representative
5. If a candidate loses an election, the candidate may choose to run for the next officer position, but will not be allowed to give a new speech.
6. Candidate officers will each be given the opportunity to deliver a 3 minute speech to the members who attend the meeting. No questions are allowed to the candidates after the speech.
7. Candidates must wait outside of the room during opposing candidates speeches, and during the vote.
8. After all speeches for a given officer position, the voting members and the President may make comments about the candidates to the voting members.
9. A candidate for office must receive a simple majority, (50% + 1), vote of the voting members in order to be elected. In the case of an election between three or more students, in which the candidate with the most votes does not achieve a simple majority of the votes, the candidate with the least votes will be eliminated from the election, and the ballots recast, until a simple majority is achieved.
10. The President shall be responsible for counting of all ballots, and shall not vote in the elections unless the ballots cast represent a tie.
11. New officers shall take office at the turn of the calendar year, or immediately in the case that the officer position is vacant.
12. To elect an officer, 15 MAE graduates must be present. **This is quorum. Quorum must be maintained at all times for voting purposes.**