

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences
(INFORMS) Student Chapter
A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma
Constitution

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1 Name

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter, A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma

2 Purposes

This chapter is organized and shall be operated exclusively for scientific, educational, social, and charitable purposes. To promote such purposes, it shall be authorized:

- To encourage interest in the field of operations research (OR) and the management sciences (MS).
- To advance the art and science of OR/MS for addressing problems in engineering and societal good.
- To provide a means of communication among those interested in OR/MS.
- To provide a forum to the university community to gain insights into the OR/MS body of knowledge and profession.
- To promote fellowship among student members, faculty, and staff.

3 Ethics

The code of ethics of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Science Student Chapter, A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma, shall be the Canons of Ethics prepared for the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET).

- Any member convicted of conduct unbecoming a gentle person shall be dismissed and deprived of their membership.
- All members must abide by the OU Student Code, as well as local, state, and federal law.

4 Membership

- Membership in, association with, and benefits emanating from the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS) Student Chapter, and their related activities, shall be based upon such criteria related to the goals of the organization and purposes of the activities.
- Membership in, association with, and benefits emanating from this student organization and its related activities shall be based upon such considerations as performance, educational achievement, and other criteria related to the goals of this organization and purposes of its activities. Judgments in this regard based solely on an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or political belief are not judgments based on such considerations. Further, the purpose of this organization shall be consistent with public policy as established by prevailing University Community standards.
- The Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS) Student Chapter is a registered student organization that focuses on topics of interest to the operations research and management sciences enthusiasts in the OU community. The INFORMS Student Chapter welcomes all who may be interested in contributing to the dialogue. Any student attending the University of Oklahoma who has an interest in operations research and the management sciences is qualified to join this chapter.
- Persons who wish to join this student chapter of INFORMS and feel they meet the requirements may apply by filing an application with the chapter.
- Membership in the national INFORMS organization is not required to be a member of this student chapter of INFORMS.

5 Officers

- The leadership team of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science Student Chapter, A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma, are composed of elected officers.
- The elected officers are the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The terms of the officers run from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.
- The chapter will have a full-time member of the University faculty or staff from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering to serve as the full-time faculty advisor.

6 Election and Appointment of Officers

- All elective officers shall be chosen by all members of INFORMS at the University of Oklahoma.
- The balloting for all INFORMS officers shall take place at the same time.
- In case of a tie vote for any elective office, a runoff election will break the tie.
- In case of a vacancy for any office, the other officers shall choose a replacement by majority vote.

7 Finances

- Proper functioning of the financial affairs of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science Student Chapter, A Registered Organization of the University of Oklahoma, will be assured by the faculty advisor with assistance from staff in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.
- A budget for the coming year shall be completed by the Treasurer by the dates set by OU SGA.

8 Publications

- This student chapter of INFORMS plans to provide a variety of publications for the dissemination of information concerning OR/MS topics, news features, and matters of general interest.

9 Amendments

- Amendments may be proposed in writing by any member in good standing.
- The Secretary, in an official chapter meeting, will present amendments to this constitution.
- In order to become a part of the constitution, amendments must receive an affirmative vote from three-quarters of the members in good standing.

10 Roles of Officers

- The President is responsible for all activities of this student chapter of INFORMS. They represent the chapter to the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering. Their duties specifically include:
 - Call and preside at all regular meetings.
 - Call and preside at all leadership team meetings.
 - Prepare and post an agenda for items (a) and (b) above.
 - Ensure that the OU student chapter of INFORMS is well-represented in appropriate meetings and events organized by the national INFORMS organization.
 - Represent the chapter on external affairs.
- The Vice-President, along with assuming presidential roles in the president's absence, shall oversee the following duties:
 - Organize membership drives and keep an updated roster of members with contact information.
 - Give a presentation at one regular meeting per year explaining the chapter development program.
 - Assist other officers and members as to the specific requirements of the faculty advisor.
 - Liaise with other student organizations who have similar or complementary interests.
 - Initiate and secure points for the following items for the faculty advisor:
 - * Governing organizational flowchart.

- * Publishing of Chapter Officer's Report.
 - * Publicity.
 - * Obtaining articles for publication.
 - * Listing officers of other organisations.
 - * Listing faculty membership in INFORMS.
- The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the chapter, with the following specific duties:
 - Report the chapter's financial status at the meetings.
 - Maintain the chapter's banking account.
 - Ensure a budget is prepared by the deadline provided by the OU SGA.
 - Prepare the financial statements for the faculty advisor.
 - Ensure that the chapter requests funding from the student congress.
 - Ensure the chapter has sufficient funds.
 - The Secretary has the following responsibilities.
 - Record minutes for all meetings.
 - Writing official correspondence for the chapter except as part of a project.
 - Notify the national INFORMS organization of all graduating students each semester.
 - Complete the preliminary Status Report and submit it by the end of May.
 - File annual chapter report to the national INFORMS organization that describes chapter activities.
 - Update and maintain the social media presence.

11 Additional Governing Principles

- The INFORMS Student Chapter is subject to Local, State, and Federal Laws.
- If there is a conflict between the national INFORMS or parent organization's rulings, constitution, or direction and the University of Oklahoma's Student Code, the Student Code preempts the national or parent ruling.

Faculty Advisor Signature



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