

Constitution of the Student Chapter of the System Dynamics Society

§1 The Chapter shall be known by the name:

The Student Chapter of the System Dynamics Society. Hereafter referred to as the “Chapter”. The System Dynamics Society is hereafter referred to as the “Society”.

§2 The objectives of the Chapter shall be:

1. to help achieving the objectives of the Society with a focus on students and early career system dynamicists. The objectives of the Society are specified in the Articles of Organization (Paragraph 2) and include:
 - to identify, extend and unify knowledge contributing to the understanding of feedback control systems;
 - to promote the design of structures and policies to improve the behaviour of such systems;
 - to promote the development of the field of System Dynamics and the free interchange of information about systems as they are found in all fields of endeavour;
 - to promote the dissemination of information on such topics to the general public; and
 - to encourage and develop educational programs in the behaviour of systems.
2. to serve as a platform of communication among the Chapter’s members and the Society.

§3 Membership

All the members must be students or early career system dynamicists. At least ten (10) members of the Chapter must also be paid members of the Society at all times. All paid members of the Society who are students are members of the Chapter. The membership ends by the end of the year in which the member lost his/her student status, unless the member is an officer of the Chapter. In this case the membership is granted until the new officer is elected.

§ 4 Officers of the Chapter

1. The Chapter shall be governed by Officers of the Chapter. The Chapter has at least three (3) officers: *the President*, the *Vice President* and the *Faculty Advisor*.
2. The Chapter may decide to increase the amount of *Vice Presidents* if needed. All elected *Vice Presidents* have distinct duties and privileges that are published in the internal regulations before the elections.
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§ 5 Meetings

The Chapter shall hold a meeting at least annually. Such a meeting may be held during, but not interfering with, the International Conference of the System Dynamics Society. The Officers of the Chapter meet at least six (6) times per year. The officers' meeting may be held online. All members may attend the officer's meeting as discussants without voting rights. In order to attend the officer's meeting, regular members need to request attendance two (2) weeks before the meeting. The officers are obliged to inform the member who requested attendance at least one (1) week before the officer's meeting is taking place about the location and formal requirements for attendance. Eventual costs for attendance are carried by the member who requested attendance.

§ 6 Elections

1. All members of the Chapter are voting members. All members in good standing shall be allowed to vote. All elections and votes take place at the annual meeting of the Chapter once a year. Only attending members can cast their vote in elections, the absence leads to loss of voting rights in the respective election.
2. All officers of the Chapter, besides the *Faculty Advisor*, shall be elected by a majority vote of at the annual meeting. The *Faculty Advisor* is appointed by the Policy Council of the Society.
3. The constitution may be amended in agreement with the Society.

§ 7 Publications

The Chapter may choose to publish a journal, newsletter, books or digitally in other forms. Such publications will:

- not represent themselves as publications of the System Dynamics Society;
- be related to the particular interests of the Chapter.

§ 8 Activities

The Chapter may choose to hold conferences and workshops as long as these:

- do not present themselves to be conferences of the System Dynamics Society;
- do not interfere with the annual conference of the Society.

The Student Chapter may organize events, webinars, publications, meetings and other measures as long as it is in accordance with its objectives.

§ 9 Dues

The Chapter might decide to charge dues in an amount and currency of its choice. Payment of the Chapter dues shall be made directly to the Chapter. The Society will not collect any dues on behalf of the Chapter.

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§ 10 Chapter-Society interaction

1. The Society Policy Council will review annually a report of activities, finances, and membership submitted by the Chapter. The report will include the names of all officers for the Chapter. Attached to the report will be copies of all publications of the Chapter, as well as a complete membership listing.
2. The Chapter-Society Representative of the Chapter shall be informed of, and invited to, all meetings of the Society Council except under extraordinary circumstances.
3. The Chapter-Society Representative shall receive minutes from all meetings of the Council.
4. The Society will, upon request and up to twice per year, provide the Chapter with a list of its members.