ACD-101: Academic Council – April 17, 2011

The Academic Council (AC) is the “Voice of the Academic Community” for INCOSE. The AC is that subset of the Corporate Advisory Board (CAB), consisting of organizations who offer academic degrees (bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate) in systems engineering and systems engineering related programs and who may also conduct academic research in systems engineering and systems engineering related fields. As members of the CAB, the members of the AC will participate in CAB meetings and activities and receive all benefits accorded CAB members. In addition, the AC shall meet separately under the leadership of the Director for Academic Matters, who will serve as the Chair of the AC.

The AC shall:

(a) Evaluate and make recommendations regarding policy issues of relevance to the academic community to the Director for Academic Matters and the Board of Directors, via the Director for Academic Matters.

(b) Encourage and enable engagement among academics who belong to INCOSE, and

(c) Reach out to academics outside INCOSE to enhance their awareness on related INCOSE initiatives

(d) Facilitate discussion and exploration of issues the AC members deem important to their institutions

Meetings

The AC shall meet physically at least twice annually in conjunction with INCOSE’s International Symposium and its International Workshop. The AC may hold additional virtual meetings at the request of the AC Chair. Physical meetings of the AC will normally be open to all interested parties attending the International Workshop and International Symposium. However, at his discretion, the Director may establish an executive session of the AC restricted to members only.

The Chair of the INCOSE Fellows Group shall attend meetings of the AC as a non-voting member of the AC.

Membership and Dues
Current qualified CAB members automatically become members of the AC when this policy becomes effective. Universities with systems engineering and systems engineering related degree programs automatically become members of the AC when they join the CAB. The First Year Sponsorship Fee for universities to join the CAB shall be waived. Universities shall pay the Annual CAB dues as defined in the INCOSE Price List.

Voting

Only members of the AC in good standing may vote. An affirmative vote by a majority of the members attending a meeting is required for a motion to pass.

Benefits

In addition to the normal benefits of CAB membership defined in Policy CAB-100, each member of the AC shall have the right to enable each student who participates in a systems engineering course or program access to an electronic copy of all INCOSE publications, INCOSE Symposium Proceedings, Regional Conference Proceedings, and “information copies” of Working Group interim products. Those materials distributed to a student are for that student’s sole use and may not be redistributed further. Materials may only be distributed to a student during that student’s active enrollment in a systems engineering course or program.

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MAINTAINED BY: Director for Academic Matters