ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Civil Engineering Faculty shall consist of all persons whose personnel records identify them as being employed by the College of Engineering and Science and who are appointed in the Department of Civil Engineering to a Regular or Special Faculty Rank as defined by the Faculty Manual. Voting members of the Civil Engineering Department are those appointed at least half-time to the Department of Civil Engineering and hold the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Senior Lecturer, or Lecturer.

ARTICLE II. FUNCTIONS

The Faculty of the Department of Civil Engineering shall establish the will of the Department concerning academic matters; shall evaluate the credentials of current and prospective members and recommend their appointment, reappointment, tenure, and promotion in accordance with the University Faculty Manual and the College of Engineering and Science TPR Guidelines; shall select representatives to College of Engineering and Science committees as required; and shall consider any matters that may affect the welfare of its members or the teaching, research and public service policies of the Department of Civil Engineering.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering shall serve as presiding officer. The Chair, when necessary, shall appoint a presiding officer to serve in the absence of the Chair.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty shall be held at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. Additional meetings will be called when deemed necessary by the Chair or when a written request is made by at least three (3) Civil Engineering faculty members. Notice of meetings and their agendas shall be given at least three (3) working days in advance. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Civil Engineering faculty members. Minutes of all
meetings shall be forwarded to the Dean of the College of Engineering and Science and to all members of the Civil Engineering faculty.

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of meetings and the adoption of resolutions, motions and reports, with the exception of those rules specified in the by-laws or any special rules of order adopted by the Faculty. All resolutions, motions and reports that will commit the faculty to any policy positions must be submitted to the Department Chair in sufficient time so that either a copy will be placed in the departmental mail box of each faculty member, or an electronic mail message will be sent to each faculty member, at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at which action on the resolution(s), motion(s) or report(s) is (are) contemplated. On the call of any member of the faculty, voting on a motion shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Structure and Membership

The composition and membership of Department of Civil Engineering faculty committees created to effect the functions of the Faculty as delineated under Article II shall be designated by the Department Chair. No faculty member may be required to serve on a given committee for more than three (3) years in any given five (5) year period without his or her agreement.

Section 2. Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Department of Civil Engineering shall consist of an Advisory Committee, a Graduate Program Committee, a Curriculum Committee, a Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment Committee, a Post Tenure Review Committee, an Assessment and Accreditation Committee, and a Scholarship and Awards Committee. Other standing committees may be added by action of the Civil Engineering Faculty. The functions of the committees include providing advice to the Department Chair and serving as a petitionary forum for Civil Engineering Faculty members. Any written faculty inquiry will require a written reply from the committee addressed within ten (10) working days.

Section 2A. Advisory Committee — The Advisory Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty. The members and Chair of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Department Chair at the beginning of each Fall semester. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Department Chair on matters of interest to the department. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once each Fall and Spring semester.

Section 2B. Graduate Program Committee — The Graduate Program Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty appointed by the Department Chair. The Department Chair shall select the Chair of the committee who shall also serve as Graduate Program Coordinator. The Graduate Program Committee is responsible for providing recommendations to the Faculty on matters relating to the graduate program in the Department. The Graduate Program Committee shall advise the Department Chair on acceptance of applicants and offers of financial assistance.
Section 2C. Curriculum Committee — The Curriculum Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty appointed by the Department Chair at the beginning of each Fall semester. The Department Chair shall select the Chair of the committee who shall also serve as the Civil Engineering representative on the College of Engineering and Science Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee shall serve as the primary body for review of curricular matters within the Department and is responsible for providing recommendations to the Civil Engineering Faculty on all matters relating to the Civil Engineering curriculum.

Section 2D. Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment (TPR) Committee — The TPR Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty appointed by the Department Chair during each Fall semester. The Department Chair may not serve on the TPR Committee. The Department Chair shall select the Chair of the committee. The TPR Committee shall recommend the tenure, promotion, or reappointment of prospective or current Department faculty members as provided in University, College, and Department policies and procedures.

Section 2E. Post Tenure Review (PTR) Committee — The PTR Committee shall be selected by the Department Chair and shall consist of three (3) tenured faculty from the Civil Engineering Department and one (1) additional person from outside the Civil Engineering Department. The Department Chair may not serve on the PTR Committee. The Department Chair shall select the Chair of the committee. The PTR Committee shall review tenured faculty members as provided in University, College, and Department policies and procedures.

Section 2F. Assessment and Accreditation Committee — The Assessment and Accreditation Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty. The Department Chair shall appoint the members and Chair of the Assessment and Accreditation Committee at the beginning of each Fall semester. The purpose of the Assessment and Accreditation Committee is to analyze any measures and information that are required as part of any accreditation process for the Department, and to coordinate the preparation of any documentation required for accreditation.

Section 2G. Scholarship and Awards Committee — The Scholarship and Awards Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty. The Department Chair shall appoint the members and Chair of the Scholarships and Awards Committee at the beginning of each Fall semester. The purpose of the Scholarship and Awards Committee is to select the recipients for all Civil Engineering Department student honors and awards, as well as to identify and nominate qualified Civil Engineering students for appropriate College, University, State, regional, and national awards. The committee shall also identify Civil Engineering Faculty to nominate and promote for appropriate College, University, State, regional, and national awards, and to assist in the preparation of necessary documentation to submit for these awards.

Section 3. Ad-Hoc Committees
The Department Chair may appoint Ad-Hoc Committees as required. Suggested committees include, but are not limited to, Search Committees for new faculty and a Computer Committee. The Department Chair will suggest procedures to govern the various Ad-Hoc Committees.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at a meeting of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the entire Department of Civil Engineering Faculty. The proposed amendment must be recommended by at least two (2) members of the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty and distributed by the Department Chair to the faculty via their departmental mailboxes at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled meeting. An amendment shall become effective when approved by the Department of Civil Engineering Faculty.