

# Program Constituents of the Mechanical Engineering Program

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**PROPOSED:** (Version 1.0)

The Constituents of the Mechanical Engineering program are:

1. Students currently enrolled in the program
2. Alumni of the program
3. Organizations that currently employ alumni or are identified by the faculty of the program as potential employers of alumni.

(the following text is the most recent version discussed and is to be deleted after approval of draft by Department)

3. Industrial Partners who currently employ graduates of the program, who are likely to employ graduates of the program, or for whom the program strives to prepare its graduates.
4. Graduate Programs that have currently enrolled graduates of the program, that have recently graduated graduates of the program, or for which the program strives to prepare its graduates. (Agreed at meeting to strike 3<sup>rd</sup> subgroup, replace first comma with “and/or”, and reword statement to make it more readable).

Note: This document will be reviewed and, if appropriate revised, at least once every two years. Adoption of a new Version requires approval of the revision by a majority vote at a Faculty Meeting or comparable event to which all Department Faculty members are invited.

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## DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

### **Version 1.0** [adopted xx/xxxx]

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- 9/??/2006: review and comment by alumni on newsletter distribution list
- 9/??/2006: review and comment by student leadership
- 9/??/2006: considering input from the above sources, new version adopted at Department Faculty Meeting

Prior to Version 1.0, the only document identifying the Constituents of the Mechanical Engineering Program was the ABET Self-Study submitted by the program for the visit of 2003 Fall. That text follows.

**“Significant Constituencies:** The constituencies of the Mechanical Engineering program include:

- 1) students,
- 2) alumni, and
- 3) industrial partners.

The formal Advisory Board for the Department of Mechanical Engineering is populated by representatives from our industrial partners. Its purpose is to serve as resource that helps guide the Department and the Mechanical Engineering program in directions that best serve the needs of their organizations and thereby the needs of the Mid-South community.”

- - following to be deleted upon approval of draft

The following excerpts from the ABET Self-Study Questionnaire are the only guidance that could be found in official ABET documents on “constituent groups”.

... the achievement of institutional and program objectives, and should involve broad and appropriate constituent groups in its preparation and process.

... program educational objectives and assessment of outcome-competencies, and should involve broad and appropriate constituent groups in its preparation and process.

Therefore, we should identify “appropriate groups”, but be aware that we must involve each of them in definition and assessment processes.