Aspiration Policy

Electrical Student Division

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1 General

The aspiration is the recruitment period for the societies, the study committee and the student division board, E-styret, and all of these are referred to as societies in this document. During the aspiration period, the societies showcase their activities to show the members of the division what they do. The purpose of the aspiration is to select new members for the societies for the upcoming year. An event during the aspiration period, organized by a society with the aim to showcase its activities to the aspirants, is referred to, in this document, as an aspiration event. The aspiration is open to all members of the Electrical Engineering Division, which should permeate all events.

2 Purpose

The purpose of the Electrical Engineering Student Division’s aspiration policy is for the division to have a general document forming a basis for how the aspiration should be organized. The policy aims to ensure that all aspirants and societies are included and have equal opportunities during the aspiration period.

3 Aspiration schedule

The aspiration schedule is determined at a presidential meeting. Based on that, E-styret creates an official aspiration schedule that is made available to the members of the division no later than the ”asp pub” or a corresponding event.

Bookings where two aspiration events occur at the same time should be avoided when creating the schedule. E-styret can make exceptions for booking two events at the same time, only if the affected societies approve of it. If multiple societies are interested in the same date and time, and no compromises or other solutions can be found, E-styret will determine which society gets the desired slot. When making such a decision, E-styret should consider how well the planned events reflect the activities of the societies as described in the divisions regulations.
All societies have the right to their own aspiration slot without having to share the time with another society.

4 Representation

The aspiration module should include the official aspiration schedule and a presentations of all the societies that are organizing an aspiration event. The aspiration module should be made available to the members of the division no later than at the ”asp pub” or a corresponding event.

5 Aspiration event

During an aspiration event, those in charge of the society have the ultimate responsibility for the event. They also have an obligation to inform the aspirants of when the aspiration event starts and finishes. If activities continue after the aspiration event is finished, it should be made clear that the participation will not affect the outcome of the aspiration process.

The societies are only allowed to have one limited-capacity aspiration event. On this occasion, a form is sent out to the aspirants, by E-styret, who then randomly allocate the spots for the event. If a society wish to have more than one limited-capacity aspiration event, this must be approved by E-styret.

It should be voluntary to consume alcohol during the aspiration period, and there should be no pressure to drink. If the society organizes multiple aspiration events, at least one of them should be alcohol-free. It is also a requirement that all events during the aspiration period offer satisfactory non-alcoholic alternatives.

6 Finances during the aspiration

The events of the aspiration period should be payed for by the aspiration budget. The aspiration period should be free of charge for all aspirants, including food and transportation costs. E-styret can make exceptions to this if the event reflects the activities of the societies as described in division’s regulations. If the society does not provide food during the event, this must be communicated to the aspirants in advance. The budget is exclusively for the aspirants and those involved in the society, and must not be spent on other people. The budget should not be used for alcohol. During aspiration events that fall under the division’s regulations, the aspirants should be provided with food in accordance with the financial policy.
7 Approach during the aspiration period

During the aspiration period, it is not acceptable to speak ill of other societies, their activities, or events. It is not allowed to discourage electrical engineering students from applying to specific societies or participate in specific events. No form of favoritism is allowed. Active members of the societies have the right to remove aspirants who misbehave from ongoing aspiration events. Only E-styret has the authority to suspend aspirants from the aspiration period.

Any discussions regarding the selection process should be kept within the society. If there are notes from meetings where aspirants have been discussed, these should be deleted once the aspiration period is concluded.