

Bylaws

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This Document reflects the most recent governing Bylaws for *Machine Learning at the University of Memphis*, hereby referred to as “Organization”. All other Bylaws are immediately superseded at the time of publication of this Document. Questions regarding these Bylaws should be directed to the Primary Officer.

Article I: Name

The Organization will be officially called *Machine Learning at The University of Memphis*. Official Abbreviations include *Machine Learning at UofM*, *ML at The University of Memphis*, and *ML@UofM*.

Article II: Objective

The Objective of the Organization is to provide a consistent, educational, engaging environment for Machine Learning research and project collaboration.

Article III: Membership

Membership to the Organization is open to currently enrolled students of the University of Memphis, faculty, and staff, as well as community persons.

The Organization consists of *Members*, *Associate Members*, and *Officers*. Those that are not currently enrolled students at the University of Memphis shall be Associate Members. Associate Members do not have voting rights and cannot hold Officer positions.

Students seeking to join the Organization can apply for membership through [our website](#), through [TigerZone](#), or by contacting an Officer. Students must meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled as full or part-time student at the University of Memphis Main Campus, Park Ave, and/or Lambuth Campus
- Have a good standing with the University
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0+

The Organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, gender, religion, disability, or national origin.

Members of the Organization shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$20.00.

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Article IV: Officers

The Officers of the Organization, collectively denoted as the Board, shall be: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. In addition, a Faculty Sponsor is required. Other Officers may also be established.

Officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast at an election meeting at the beginning of each academic year or via electronic voting and serve for a minimum of one year.

Appointment or nomination of an individual to an Officer position shall be in general limited to two full consecutive terms in the same position. This recommendation is intended to encourage the continuing infusion of new volunteers into the organization and to encourage office holders to give thought to planning for their successor.

Article V: Duties of Officers

The *President* is the Primary Officer and is responsible for leading the Organization and managing its activities in accordance with these Bylaws.

The *Vice President* shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, assist the President in management of the Organization, and perform other duties assigned by the President.

The *Treasurer* shall maintain the Organization's financial records. Other duties may include collecting dues and paying bills, as well as performing other duties assigned by the President.

The *Faculty Sponsor* shall be a faculty member or full-time staff member of the University of Memphis. The Faculty Sponsor shall be generally responsible for the activities of the Organization. Specifically, the Sponsor:

- helps provide continuity from year to year as student leadership and personnel change
- promotes good student-faculty relationships
- helps maintain university standards in all activities of the Organization
- exercises financial supervision, if necessary, by promoting prompt payment of bills and collection of dues, and overseeing the settlement of all accounts in the event of dissolution of the Organization
- represents the Organization interests to the faculty and administration

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Article VI: Meetings

Meetings of all classes of members of the Organization, including members of the Board, will be held at Dunn Hall 206 on the University of Memphis Main Campus unless indicated otherwise. Meetings will take place on the last Friday of each month at 1:00pm, unless it falls on a University-recognized holiday in which the University will be closed, or unless indicated otherwise.

Members are not required to attend Meetings, but are greatly encouraged to.

Article VII: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

All Members of the Organization will follow the most recent [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) published by the University of Memphis.

Article VIII: Dissolution of the Organization

Dissolution of the Organization by consent of the Members shall consist of unanimous agreement of the Officers together with a majority vote at a meeting which has been publicized in advance to all members of the Organization for the purpose of taking this vote.

Should this Organization be dissolved, its assets and liabilities shall be transferred to the Association of Computing Machinery at The University of Memphis. Any funds transferred shall be used to purchase new furniture for the Association of Computing Machinery at the University of Memphis' use.