



# University of Alabama at Birmingham ITE Student Chapter Charter

## ARTICLE I – PREAMBLE

*Section 1.1* – As authorized by the Constitution of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Inc., hereinafter referred to as ITE, the Southern District Board, hereinafter referred to as the District, as recorded in the minutes of its meeting on September 21, 2022, grants this Charter for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Student Chapter of ITE, hereinafter referred to as the Student Chapter.

*Section 1.2* – The Charter shall be effective beginning September 21, 2022 and shall remain in effect, including any amendments, until rescinded by the District.

*Section 1.3* – This Charter shall, on the date it becomes effective, supersede any previous charter or constitution of a Student Chapter enrolling members from the designated area and shall annul any Bylaws of such a Student Chapter which may conflict with it.

## ARTICLE II – LOCATION AND PURPOSE

*Section 2.1* – The location designated as that of this Student Chapter shall be University of Alabama at Birmingham.

*Section 2.2* – The purpose of this Student Chapter shall be to promote the advancement of transportation by fostering the close association of students with the transportation profession and ITE.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

*Section 3.1* – Any student enrolled at the University of Alabama at Birmingham shall be eligible for membership in the Student Chapter and may become a member of the Student Chapter upon filing an appropriate application with ITE and the student chapter.

*Section 3.2* – Any Student Chapter Member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Student Chapter including the right to vote for Student Chapter officers.

## ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

*Section 4.1* – The elected officers of the Student Chapter shall (at a minimum) be President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for no more than one academic year and shall be members of ITE.

**Section 4.2** — The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers identified in Section 4.1, and the Student Chapter’s Faculty Advisor. In addition, the Student Chapter Professional Liaison may serve as an “ex-officio, non-voting” member of the Executive Committee.

**Section 4.3** — Should any elective office become vacant before the expiration of its term the remaining officers may choose to temporarily assign the respective duties of the vacant position among the remaining elected officers or host an election.

**Section 4.4** — A Student Chapter Faculty Advisor shall be appointed annually by the University and with the concurrence of the President of the District. The Student Chapter Faculty Advisor shall be a member of ITE.

**Section 4.5** — In addition to the elected officers and Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, it is recommended that a Student Chapter Professional Liaison(s) be appointed by the Section President for the purpose of coordination between Section activities and each Student Chapter.

## **ARTICLE V – RELATION OF STUDENT CHAPTER TO DISTRICT AND ITE**

**Section 5.1** — The Student Chapter shall not speak for the District or ITE unless authorized in the particular matter by the District Board or the International Board of Direction (IBOD).

**Section 5.2** — Student Chapters are encouraged to develop relationships with other not-for-profit associations at the same level in which the Student Chapter operates in the development of meetings and educational programs for ITE members. The Student Chapter shall not enter into any formal partnerships or agreements, with either national or international organizations, without consent from the ITE International Executive Director.

**Section 5.3** — Names and addresses of all elected officers of the Student Chapter and the dates on which the terms of each begins and expires shall be reported in writing to the Section, District and to ITE Headquarters within 30 days after election.

**Section 5.4** — The Student Chapter shall submit a written annual report to the District each year. The report shall include a summary of the Student Chapter's activities for dates to be determined by the District.

**Section 5.5** — The Section, District and ITE will not be responsible for debts contracted by the Student Chapter. No dues will be required to be paid by the Student Chapter to ITE or the Section or District.

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENT OF CHARTER**

**Section 6.1** — The Student Chapter will be notified in writing by the District of any proposed amendment to or withdrawal of this Charter so that the Student Chapter may have an opportunity for a hearing before the District concerning the proposed amendment or withdrawal. The amendment, with or without change, shall be submitted by the District to the IBOD for approval and shall become effective on the date determined by the District.

**Section 6.2** – The Student Chapter may petition the District to amend this Charter or rescind withdrawal action. The District shall meet and act on the petition within six (6) months of its receipt. If the petition is approved, the District shall then petition the International Board of Direction for approval of the proposed amendment. The IBOD shall act on this petition in the same manner as provided for amending the District Charter. Amendments to the Student Chapter Charter initiated by petition from the Student Chapter shall become effective upon approval by the International Board of Direction.


## **ARTICLE VII – ITE NAME AND LOGO USAGE**

**Section 7.1** - The Student Chapter may use the name Institute of Transportation Engineers, abbreviated to either ITE or ITE – a Community of Transportation Professionals, as a part of their student chapter name. The Student Chapter is encouraged to incorporate the ITE logo into their student chapter logo and should follow the “Logo Usage Guidelines” that are available at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org).

## **ARTICLE VIII – COMPLIANCE WITH ITE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Section 8.1** – The Student Chapter and the Student Chapter membership shall operate in accordance with all ITE Policy and Procedures including the ITE Canon of Ethics and ITE Diversity and Inclusion Policy as well as any University of Alabama at Birmingham student and organization policies.

Approved by the Board of the Southern District of the  
Institute of Transportation Engineers



Southern District ITE President

September 21, 2022

Date