

Interview Consent Form
Investigation of Information Consumption, Production, and Need
in Minority-Serving University Student Organizations

Purpose and Procedures:

This study is researching information consumption, production, and need in minority-serving student organizations by providing a limited case study of the Society of Women Engineers. You will be asked give 30 minutes of your time for an interview today in this location.

Voluntariness:

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may refuse to participate, discontinue participation, or skip any questions you don't wish to answer at any time without penalty or loss of the benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your decision will not affect your grades or status at this university.

Risks and Benefits:

You should not experience any risks from participating in this research other than those encountered in everyday life. You will most likely not receive any personal benefit from partaking in this research, however, your participation may help researchers understand information consumption, production, and need in minority-serving student organizations. Additionally, your participation may be of some benefit to the Society of Women Engineers in helping to determine directions for its information-related endeavors.

Identifying Information / Limits of Confidentiality:

The research being conducted will be significantly enhanced through the association of your title (such as "Webmaster", "President", "Member", etc) with the contents of your interview. For members, the title given would simply be "Member", or, in the case of a member whose previous experience as a SWE officer potentially influences his or her opinions regarding the subject(s) of the interview, he or she may be identified as "Member/Previous XXX", where XXX would be the title of the officer position formerly held (as in "Member / Previous Webmaster").

While only your SWE title will be used in publications arising from this interview, it is important to note that current and historical SWE membership rosters could be used to tie your title back to your name. Thus, while publications arising from this research will only utilize your title, it would be possible for a determined individual to tie that title back to your name and we must therefore ask your permission for the use of both your name and title in publications arising from this interview in a manner that associates them with the contents of your interview.

By participating in this interview, you are granting permission for your SWE title and your full name to be associated with your interview contents.

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Who to Contact with Questions:

Questions about this research study should be directed to the lead investigator, Kalev Leetaru, or his professor, Carole Palmer. They can be reached at leetaru@uiuc.edu, or cpalmer@uiuc.edu. Questions about your rights as a research participant should be directed to the UIUC Institutional Review Board Office at 333.2670, irb@uiuc.edu. You will receive a copy of this content form.

I certify that I have read this form and volunteer to participate in this research study.

(Print) Name

Signature

Date