Engage Leadership Team

The Engage Leadership Team (ELT) is a team of upperclass engineering students committed to providing positive experiences and support for first-year engineering students living in the Engage LLC. Members of the ELT are current engineering students who understand the challenges of being a first-year student in an engineering program. The ELT is committed to providing Engage LLC students with mentoring, academic support, personal and professional development, and a connected community in their first year of engineering school. The ELT has several primary responsibilities:

1. Serve as a connection (mentor) to first-year students in the Engage LLC
2. Encourage and support academic achievement
3. Provide personal and professional development opportunities
4. Give back to the UTK and Knoxville community through structured community service and outreach
5. Provide a strong sense of community and support through social activities
6. Be positive and visible

Each member of the ELT will:

1. Connect with LLC mentees once per month
2. Staff Study Session Hours
3. Serve on one ELT committee and complete the requirements of committee participation
4. Participate in EF302, our 1-hour leadership course, including our Summer Training Program the week of the engage LLC move-in

ELT Mentoring

The first year of college is difficult for any student. Pursuing a challenging curriculum such as engineering adds to the complexity and difficulty many students experience in their first year. In an effort to provide support to first-year students in the Engage LLC, all ELT members will be assigned a subset of Engage LLC students to contact on scheduled intervals during each semester. The purpose of connecting ELT members (mentors) with assigned Engage LLC students (mentees) is to provide a connection for mentees to seek support and ask questions of a peer that has already been through the first year experience. ELT mentors will reach out to their mentees at least once per month (4 times per semester). Any face to face meetings with mentees should be conducted in group settings (at least 3 or more people per meeting) to insure safety and comfort level of all involved. Mentoring training will be provided in ELT training.

ELT Study Hours

To provide a common time and place for Engage LLC members to seek help from ELT members, ELT members will staff office hours in Orange Hall on weekday evenings. Each ELT member will staff one 90 minute office hour session every 3 weeks.
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ELT Committees

ELT committees will have the primary responsibility for programming in the Engage LLC. The following committees are available for participation by ELT members. ELT members will participate in one committee each semester. Committee membership can change between the Fall and Spring semesters. Event coordination includes including room and equipment reservations, food provisions, sign-ups, advertising and staffing.

Academic Support Committee (ASC)

The purpose of ASC is to provide programming that supports the academic development of students in the Engage LLC. Members of the ASC will lead study review sessions for the larger engineering courses (EF 151 in Fall & EF 152 in Spring) before each module exam and the final (5 per semester) and organize Math 130 and Honors (EF157/158) study groups. While support for engineering courses is the basis for the ASC, other courses that could be supported may include (but are not limited to) EF 105, MATH 141, 142, and CHEM 120,130.

Personal/Professional Development -- Outreach/Service Committee (PPD / OSC)

The purpose of PPD/OSC is to provide personal and professional development opportunity for students in the Engage LLC. In addition, as we are growing this organization, this committee will also coordinate Outreach/Service events. Each semester, members of PPD/OSC will coordinate (1) a field trip, (2) an activity before the Engineering Expo, (3) a community service event, and (4) a mental health boosting event during finals. In addition, they will support the Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration's TCE Major Focused Alumni Panels event (only in Fall).

Social Activities Committee (FUN)

The purpose of FUN is to provide opportunities for Engage LLC members to socialize with other students in the Engage LLC. At a minimum, each semester members of FUN should coordinate 1) one off-campus fun event, 2) one on-campus fun event, 3) one in-dorm fun event, and 4) facilitate food/snacks for ASC exam reviews.

EF 302, ELT Leadership Training Course

ELT members will be enrolled in EF302, the ELT Leadership Course. As part of the course, all ELT members participate in the Summer Training Program the week before Fall classes begin, led by ELT faculty liaisons Dr Biegalski and Dr Ellestad. (Typically ELT students move in the Monday before engage LLC move-in, ELT Training begins on Tuesday, and ELT members lead engage LLC welcome activities on Thursday and Friday.) In addition to the training program, ELT members meet once per week for leadership skill building, LLC programming planning, and to discuss concerns of the community. As part of the course grade, ELT members complete reading assignments and weekly online progress checks. ELT members can earn course credit for each semester they enroll in the course.
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Scholarships

After one year of service, returning ELT members that commit to a leadership role in the ELT may be eligible for an ELT scholarship, subject to the availability of funds.