STC Student Chapter Ceases Operations

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) filed for bankruptcy in August 2025, although it had been inactive since January. The Missouri S&T student chapter was dissolved with the national organization.

Founded in 1953, STC served for more than 70 years as the leading professional organization for practitioners of technical communication. Its membership reportedly declined from about 20,000 in the early 2000s to around 1000 at the start of 2025.

Meanwhile, the Missouri S&T student chapter was created by a group of technical communication graduate students working with faculty advisor Dr. Ed Malone and STC's national office. The prime organizer of the chapter was Melissa Wampler (MS Tech Com, 2013), who saw the chapter through formation in 2011-2012 and served as its first president in 2012-2013. Wampler is now a business tech analyst-specialist in the University of Missouri system.

Chapter officers and their guests gathered at Ocean Buffet in St. Robert to celebrate the end of the Spring 2021 semester. Clockwise: Martha Bentil (treasurer), Mariter White (president), Daniel Ochekwu, Joy Amponsah, Kenneth Bansah, Desmond Adu Brempong, Vivian Asigri, Vivian Barnes, Taylor Schubert (secretary), and Agaba Ame-Oko.

The STC chapter was never a recognized student organization (RSO) on campus. That would have prevented the chapter from having non-student members such as working professionals in St. Louis. A short-lived sister organization, the Tech Commies, was organized by Misty Adams (BS, 2011, MS, 2013) in spring 2013 and served as technical communication students' RSO until 2017. Adams is now a senior technical editor for The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine.

More active in some years than others, the STC chapter sponsored a variety of activities, including annual trips to the regional STC conference in Springfield, occasional guest speakers and alumni panels, bake sales, webinar screenings, and resume workshops during S&T's career fairs. There was even an annular solar eclipse viewing. Chapter officers and members worked campus events, such as Miner Mingle and the Spooky Fall Festival.

Malone was not the only faculty advisor of the student organization. Dr. David Wright served as temporary chapter advisor in Fall 2012 when Malone was teaching in London and took over as permanent advisor in Fall 2023.

Historical List of Officers

2012-2013
President: Melissa Hollingshead (now Wampler)
Vice President: Shubhangi Vajpayee
Secretary: Megan Kean-O'Brien
Treasurer: Misty Adams
Chair of Recruitment Committee: David Young

2013-2014
President: Razmus Kerwin
Vice President: Neha Koolwal
Secretary: Adrienne Neckermann
Treasurer: Kenneth Wampler

2014-2015
President: Ellie Biswell
Vice President: Emily Seals
Secretary: Kholood Alharbi
Treasurer: Michael Slusar

2015-2016
President: Michael Slusar
Vice President: Katherine Upchurch
Secretary: Snehal Shirke
Secretary: Tyler Neff
Treasurer: Razmus Kerwin

2016-2017
President: Amruta Ranade
Vice President: YeonKyung Lee
Secretary: Mariah Thomas

2017-2018
President: Kayleigh Rogers
Vice President: Tristan Dauer

2018-2019
President: Tristan Dauer
Vice President: Scarlett Watters
Treasurer: Amy McMillen
Secretary: Stephen Buechter

2019-2020
President: Stephen Buechter
Vice President: Mariner White
Treasurer: Priyanka Ganguly
Secretary: Tristan Dauer, secretary

2020-2021
President: Mariter White
Vice President: Acheme Acheme
Treasurer: Martha Bentil
Secretary: Taylor Schubert

2021-2022
President: Iveren Akula
Vice President/Visual Media Officer: Asebi Bofah

2022-2023
President: Tammy Korte
Vice President: Olivia Cheek
Treasurer: Frederick Sunkpal
PRO: Felix Nyikwagh

2023-2024
President: Felix Nyikwagh
Vice President: Frederick Sunkpal
PRO: Jude Enete
Treasurer: Daniel Agbo

2024-2025
President: Daniel Agbo (sole officer)