

## **Expectations for Communicating Affiliations in Publications, Presentations, and Patents**

### **Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering** **Approved September 11, 2024**

**Background:** The Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME) is an intellectually diverse community. Many ME faculty are affiliated with multiple institutes, centers, and graduate programs that are external to ME. Nevertheless, all members of ME benefit from the technical, financial, and administrative support provided by the Department.

Publications are the primary mechanism by which researchers communicate their innovations. The quality and quantity of these publications draws positive attention to the department, attracts high-caliber students and faculty, and serves as input to national and international rankings. The use of incomplete affiliations in publications creates a missed opportunity to communicate our accomplishments and diminishes the benefits to be derived therefrom.

**Statement of expectations:** The affiliations of ME faculty, research staff, and students should be accurately reported in publications, presentations, and patents (collectively ‘publications’) authored by ME-affiliated personnel.

For the benefit of the department and in recognition of the support it provides, all ME faculty, staff, and students shall include the text “Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering” as one of their affiliations on any publication where they appear as an author. The position of the “Walker Department...” affiliation within the affiliation list (first, last, etc.) is at the discretion of the author(s).

This expectation applies to all core ME faculty (those whose tenure home lies within ME) and to all affiliated faculty who have permanent courtesy appointments in ME. Faculty who are members of the ME GSC are expected to list the “Walker Department...” affiliation on publications that include ME students as co-authors.