

Canadian Federation of Engineering Students President's Meeting 2011

September 22nd-25th, 2011

Kelowna B.C.

Delegates:

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Canadian Federation of Engineering Students President's Meeting took place on September 20th -September 23rd 2011 at the UBC Okanogan campus in Kelowna, B.C. The conference was a meeting of VP Externals or other school representative, CFES Ambassadors, and CFES executive. It offers the opportunity to have accountability for CFES executives, commissioners, and regional ambassadors, plenary to decide changes to the policy manual and duties for the exec to complete, and Congress discussion. The following is an overview of the events and discussions from CFES PM 2011.

CFES Overview:

CFES purpose for engineering students

- Help create well-rounded students
- Offer bilingual services
- Represent engineering students as a national whole
- Facilitate the exchange of ideas

CFES Goals for the year 2011

- Communication
- Effectiveness
- Leadership

CFES is made up of:

- 55 000 engineering students
- 50 Student Societies
- 23 Officers
 - 4 Executives
 - 3 Activity Managers
 - 4 Ambassadors (ACES, CREIQ, ESSCO, WESST)
 - 2 National Councillors
 - 8 Commissioners
 - 1 NCWIE Chair
 - 1 Chair

Communication between members and CFES is facilitated through:

- CFES Link
- Members Link
- Website (new one being launched soon)
- Ambassadors
- Twitter
- Facebook

Steps and projects for the year:

Congress → Sessions, networking, career fair and plenary, January 4th-10th in White Horse, YU

Canadian Engineering Competition → UBC Vancouver March 8-11th

Pro Mag → Engineering magazine, twice a year, Western is at the end of their 3 year mandate, new schools can bid for it

Complimentary Education Courses → Engineering related topics

National Conference of Women in Engineering → November 18th-20th 2011 at McMaster University, presentation on diversity issues

Leadership Training program → soft skills training, runs during Congress (Jan 4th-10th)

CFES PM → Sessions, plenary, bid on at Congress

Mandates for Executive from Congress and their status

- VP Finance and Administration release a financial report halfway through the year → sent out July 31st
- A report be released by the International Relations Commissioner
- VP Communication produce a mail-out for 1st years about CFES → Completed, but needs to be redesigned to be more effective
- VP Communication compile contact information of all Eng Soc's and their societies → Completed
- VP Communications design a new website → New website was presented at CFES PM
- Look into a way of storing information of societies best practices
 - This was discussed in depth with the Canadian schools and decided the best course of action was for VP Communication to send out a question each month for each school to answer, then document the answers for further use. → First question was sent out this month
- For the Executive to create a strategic plan rather than an interim report

Accountability:

Here is a brief overview of the executive's accountability for the year.

President Nicolas Blanchet:

-Meetings: Engineers Canada AGM, Quebec Regional Meeting, Leadership Summer Sschool with a report to follow, weekly meetings with the bod.

Projects or ideas: working with Beaker Head international engineering company, fan fare NCWIE trial (for registration and payment), leadership in engineering for students, CFES officer awards (fund travel), update fees, outsourcing translation to company, representation achieved through ambassadors.

VP Communications Lauren Brunet:

-worked on developing the new website, compiling reports, compiling information and working on translation.

VP Finance and Administration Alexandra Dozzi:

-going through invoices from past years, updating policy manual, developed partnership plan.

VP Services and Development Ray Chen:

-Created Leadership Summer School which was aimed internationally this year.

Sean Heisler CEC Activity Manager:

- Found sponsorship, will be fully funded by the end of November, developed rule changes, allow participants to submit resumes, National Council of Deans' AGM is at the same location.

Ryan Taal Congress:

-Found \$86 000 sponsorship, enough money, all of the events are figured out, asked schools to email number of delegates expected, the activity fee was dropped, industry tours will be included with registration.

Julie Hemily NCWIE:

-removed the career fair, created round table discussion, and registration will be through fanfare.

National Councillors Rob Stalker and Mark Walker:

-Working with Policy Manual Review Committee, creating a report on similar organizations, working on deal with Enterprise car rentals with no age limit

Promag:

-Up for bidding, Jeet created bid package, updated mailing list.

Academic Commissioner Michael Ross:

-Created Academic Survey and results will be presented at Congress, making a list of what each school has for coop, report on Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

National Capital Liaison Kevin Atkins:

-Defining his role and transitioning

International Relations Commissioner:

-Cut money from position

Canadian Engineering Competition Rule Changes:

The following are the rule changes that were discussed and voted on. For the most accurate list please see the rules when they are released two months prior.

-For consulting engineering category, giving everyone access to the internet rather than one per team.

-Adding written feedback forms from judges after winners are announced.

-Consistent information between the two competition rooms.

- Three attempts are given per speech.
- Rules are released one month prior PLEASE CHECK THESE AS THEY WILL HAVE MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS
- Digital camera now on list of what to bring.
- Junior design required to make presentations based off a template.
- Restricted list given out before the competition.
- Presentation schedule posted 30minutes prior.
- Marks docked for over time presentation.
- Rule changes must be posted.
- All testing will be videotaped.
- No props are allowed for presentations.

Website:

New website was presented and feedback was given, new website will be released soon. Wordpress has replaced Drupal.

New Ideas:

- Awards at Congress
- Best practices included at the exhibition

Congress:

- Waterloo bid for 2013 and won, bids for 2014 are open at this coming Congress in 2012.

CFES Partnership Plan:

This would involved getting sponsorship for CFES with a company and would provide financial security, industry ties, commitment, and create centralized program on the national level.

Concluding Remarks:

Overall _CFES PM was a success and a great preparation for Congress. It gave me a better perspective of what happens at the national level, as well as with schools across Canada. I hope this report was informative, and not too long. For any questions please email Jolene at vpx@ress.ca