



Guelph Engineering Society



Report on ESSCO AGM at the University of Toronto,

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1. Purpose of Conference

The purpose of this conference was to sit as a delegate for the University of Guelph Engineering for ESSCO AGM. As well, there were chances to contribute and collect new ideas and ways for running events and other engineering activities to bring back to your schools.

2. Personal Goals for Conference

Some of my personal goals were to be an effective delegate for our school, bring back new ideas on how to run more effective events and vote in away that would benefit our school as much as possible. As well, to accomplish networking and gain some important contacts from some of the other schools delegates to help us run a successful OEC for 2009 at Guelph. I feel these goals were met and that I came back from this conference representing Guelph Engineering in a true 'Guelphite' way with setting up some good relations with some of the other students sitting on the board of advisor for OEC with me.

Some experience I hoped to gain from this conference was on the process and protocols of annual general meetings, following constitutions and raising effective motions, and learning how to run a successful conference. This was all accomplished by participating and observing in all the events offered throughout the weekend.

The one type of issue I was hoping to get a bit more knowledge on from this conference was the relationship we as engineering schools have with the PEO and OSPE and what services they have to offer us as engineering students. I came back with a few things but to summarize, ESSCO is growing there relation with the PEO and OSPE more each year. The PEO is encouraging engineering students to enroll in the Engineering in Training (EIT) program to work towards gaining a P-Eng. There offer is if you enroll in the program within 6 months after graduating an undergraduate ENGG degree all registrations and membership fees would be waived for that year. With OSPE they offer a few services like car insurance, etc. It was brought up that maybe they could look at services that would target students more, and they might gain a higher membership enrollment.

I aimed to bring a few things back to Guelph but the main thing was how we can effectively involve more students in different events run through out the

year here at Guelph and gain more interest with students in helping to run OEC 2009. Through some of the sessions at the conference we talked about running dry and non-dry events and how to accomplish the 'impossible' in terms of gaining permission (want more details please ask me). We talked about running engineering newspapers, unfortunately we are a small school and don't have a paper but we have something even better 'SNAPPED' so we came back with some good ideas to maybe include in snapped which include a few more serious sections.

3. Summary of Events

Meet and Greet Dinner/Einstein's/Jays Game/etc.

- Met with the other delegates over food and drinks started gaining relations with other schools
- Worked towards some of my goals seen above
- Got Guelph Engineering out there with the other schools as a participating and active school

PEO /OPSE Presentations

- Learned about the relation ESSCO and the engineering schools have with these two organizations
- Learned the benefits of these two organizations to bring back to Guelph including the PEO wanting to come to schools and giving presentations

RIM Workshop

- Promoting students to work for Rim, gave us the benefits and what kind of student program they run

Engineering Humor Papers

- Talked about how different schools run their newspaper, potential ideas to include in our snapped.

Forget Bridges, Let's Build Teams!

- Learned how to build stronger teams, finding people's roles in a team and how you can be an active participant.

Social Events - Good and Bad

- Discussed some of the different events that the various schools run and how they get permission to run those events

Plenary

- Meeting discussing constitution and various other policies, passing motions and indulging in 'big discussions'.
- Conference bidding had some trouble finding schools to host various conferences, maybe something to think about for the next year if anyone is interested.

4. Evaluation

i) Conference Organizers

The conference was run very well, everything was run smoothly and there was lots of time to discuss important issues. Something to be improved would be morning start time, even though the night before was fun and late, starting on time is still important so delegates can't leave on time at the end.

ii) Delegate

My own personal performance I felt to be effective and appropriate for the role that I held. I felt I represented our Engineering School very well and helped to get our name out there with the other schools. As more of an observer I was still able to give my opinion and support to the head delegate on decisions and be an active participant in each of the sessions.

I gained good communication and networking skills from this conference as well knowledge on how ESSCO is run and what it is all about.

I felt I achieved all my goals and more through out the conference which can be referred to above.

If I were to participate in another conference I might try and become more knowledgeable before I get to the conference so that I know what to expect. This would allow me to input more in discussions and get even more out of them.