



Guelph Engineering Society



Report on FYIC at Windsor
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1. Purpose of Conference

This conference was held to get people involved in ESSCO, and in engineering societies in general. The conference was also an opportunity to network with different first years and ESSCO members.

2. Personal Goals for Conference

The goals I had for the conference were just to gain as much knowledge and understanding of ESSCO as was possible in the short amount of time. I also wanted to meet other students from different schools so I could compare my experiences in the engineering program with theirs. An important part of the conference was learning how to get involved which is something that every engineering student should be aware of.

3. Summary of Events

- *Speaker Edwin Tam: Edwin spoke of why people choose an engineering and what our responsibility is once we have chosen engineering. He spoke of the importance of becoming involved in politics and also involved in the environment. I felt this was the most relevant speaker since he addresses issues that engineers don't always consider. Engineers may rule the world, but they do not run it and that is where the problem lies, which is what Edwin was trying to address. It is up to us to make sure our scientific opinions are heard by the non-scientific community.*
- *Speaker about ESSCO: This discussion was mainly directed to familiarize the delegates with the organization.*
- *Speaker from PEO: This was a description of what advantages to becoming a member of the organization there would be for students. This was helpful because the only information given to us about PEO was during our Engineering course first semester, which was less than helpful.*
- *Group Presentation of new ESSCO positions proposals: This presentation was describing the proposed new positions in ESSCO so that the organization would be better run. This was not very relevant to any of the first years since none of us had the slightest clue as to what they were talking about.*

4. Evaluation

- i) **Conference Organizers**

The conference was run very well since everything was on time. They also allowed us several breaks in the day to rest for the next sessions, which also allowed us to meet other delegates.

ii) Delegate

I feel I represented the University of Guelph well because I represented the mood of the University. I showed the other delegates how easy going, fun, and environmentally conscience or school is. I gained a lot of understanding of myself and of other engineers and the profession. I did achieve my goals in the sense that by the end of the conference I understood what the ESSCO was and what they did. I also networked and met lots of new people. I would improve by becoming more involved in the open discussions that took place in some of the sessions.