

REGINA ENGINEERING STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Congress Report

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Sharing is Caring

- Formal: Physical form- issue with this method is that people don't write down things with meaning
- Informal: Blogging, twitter, EngSoc publications
 - Not allowing delegate to release photos of conference, as these photos generally show the partying. Having the Council release photos of activities and sessions can help with the image of conferences.
- Holding a one day conference at university put on by students that attended national conferences can aid in sharing of knowledge

Fun without Alcohol

- Non Alcohol event: Mocktail ingredients can be purchased for under \$30.
 - By a fruit pop, grenadine, lime pop, cola, clear pop, and favoured syrups
 - Drink mixes can be found online
- Running non alcoholic events during the day makes them more acceptable
 - It's a good way to get people out and socialize during hours people may not usually socialize
- Giving industry tours, Resume building workshop, Lunch and learns, or playing trivia games where the prize is candy are non alcoholic events
- We should also offer non alcoholic options at our alcohol events, this gives others the image that being in engineering isn't just about drinking and supports designated drivers

Managing Tradition

- Where should Exec stand on tradition? If unofficial plans are taking place it is important to keep it separate from the EngSoc
- As members for Exec we have to be careful of our action at unofficial events, and may have to avoid these events all together
 - Being at an unofficial event could come back to hurt the EngSoc and faculty if something bad happens at the event

Conference Policy: How are delegates chosen to attend conferences?

- Questions to ask: What does the student know about the conference?
Ask how they perceive them self, what Disney character do they relate to?
Skill testing question
What are their personal goals?
- Fees: Having delegate pay a certain amount for every conference or having delegates pay a fee and they get it back when they hand in a report

- Having fees associated with a conference means that a delegate will be more likely to attend, and if they don't they will lose their money
- Have a way to deal with people that don't show up to conferences, there should be consequences
 - Creating a black list of people who have put the EngSoc in Jeopardy should not be able to attend conferences or other events
- Conference reports can be put in to EngSoc publications or on website for members share what was brought back from a conference.
- Having a committee choose from the delegate that applied will take out bias
 - Choose 25% first years, 50% middle years, 25% last year

CFES Green Policy

- We can take some of this green policy and use it with our own EngSoc's
- Use digital instead of paper
 - Instead of giving out paper in delegate packages have a sponsor give USB sticks and give copies of these flyers on the USB stick
- Using reusable plastic cups or giving out steins can minimize the amount of plastic cups that are used at events
- Using branded ping pong balls encourages people to keep ping pong balls, and take care of them

Risky Business

- The best part in dealing with a scandal is to have a plan of action before hand. Have a list of number in the office of people to call, and who to talk to. Council members may have certain jobs they need to do when a scandal breaks
- When a Scandal does occur get everybody on the same page
 - Saying "no comment" to media will make it look like there is something to hide
 - Enter meeting with the mentality that something was wrong and you are willing to fix it. If you enter a meeting defensive faculty or media can make things look worse

External Media Relations

- Media representative should be the only person to talk to the media.
- Prepare a media plan before a crisis
 - Have a book of people to contact when something is happening
 - Avoid flip flopping views, and be reliable
- When releasing a statement make sure your EngSoc knows that it is being released

- If somebody asks for a statement and you are not ready to give one, tell them you are not ready. It is better to take time and get everybody on the same page and evaluate the situation instead of saying something to soon

Academic Report

- Not many profs and professionals responded to the report
- Over 1440 students responded.
 - Academic officer went above and beyond to get this response
- Report find that student feel prepared in maths and sciences, but soft skills are not taught
 - This is where the EngSoc can come in and help to increase students Soft skills

Suiting Up and Dressing Down

- Cocktail wear is along the same lines as business casual
- Casual does not mean Uggs and Lululemons
- Cocktail Casual- Change out once piece add accessories, no jeans
- Summer Cocktail- Can show more skin, wear colour, shorts okay, have hems on clothing
- FIT IS IMPORTANT!!!!
- Business casual- Cover skin, wear tights
- Cocktail/ Business – No jeans, a bit more skin is okay.
 - Girls: Nave and brown go together
- Semi Formal: Ladies Glitz it up; keep skirts longer, less skin. Go fun with makeup and accessories
- Business formal- suit up
 - Women: make shoulder disappear, fitted blazer, small accents, less skin
- Black Tie: Mess in tuxedos, cummerbund is good
 - Women: in evening gowns, long dress, colour is good
- White Tie: Military, Monocle, Gloves, Pocket watches
 - Women: Gloves, Ball gown. Crown mean you are married

Accreditation

- Engineering Canada
 - Federation of provincial and territorial engineering regulated
 - Sask have 7000+ engineers, 8% women
 - Accreditation formed in 1965
- Advisory: development of new engineering programs
- International Role: asses existing accreditation systems in other countries
 - Higher education institutes (HEI)
- Criteria: Emphasis on quality, safety is a big deal, Students need to be creative, resourceful and responsive

- Students need to be able to work independently exposed to professionalism, and engineering economics
- Dean, professors, chairs and faculty members should be licensed professionals
- Lifelong learning is about maintaining what has been learnt and wanting to learn more
- Procedure of accreditation: Invitation from university, Questionnaire, visit, report, decision (18 month process)
- Washington accord is signed by many countries where engineering degree from different countries are treated as same

Risk Management

- The more prepared we are the more likely faculty will support us
- Risk Management is one massive spread sheet
 - Risk ID: Way to identify risk
 - Risk Statement: What is the risk?
 - Risk Dependencies: Are any other department, clubs, organizations or people also impacted by risk
 - Risk Class: Operational, Financial, Hazard, Academic, Reputational, Strategic
- Risk Rating: probability of occurring
 - Very likely(1), Unlikely(2), possible(3), likely(4), almost certain(5)
 - Severity of impact: minimal(1), minor(2), significant(3), major(4), Massive(5)
- Risk Control: Existing control rating; extensive(1), Robust(2), Adequate(3), Weak(4), Non-existent(5)
- Risk Tolerance Monitor (M), treat(T), Avoid(A)