



41st Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students

January 8-9, 2009
Ottawa, ON



Agenda

1. Opening of the assembly/Call to order
2. Call for Quorum
3. Election of the plenary chair, CRO and secretaries
4. Adoption of the agenda
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14. Closing of the assembly/Adjournment

Chair: Explanation of the rules

Session opens at 12:31 pm EST

NE: Thanks for the translators, Matt Marleau (chair), the CRO, minute takers, officers, Mark and Cindy for organizing this congress, the OL commissioner, and everyone else for behaving.

Adjourned at 1:36 PM EST.



1. Opening of the assembly/Call to order

The chair calls the assembly to order at 12:31 pm EST

2. Call for quorum

The number of voting members present is 37 out of 47

3. Election of plenary chair and secretaries

	Proposal
	41-CFES-1
Title:	Election of the plenary chair
Mover:	National Executive
Language :	Français

Goal:
To elect those individuals that will lead the plenary.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:
Matthew Marleau be elected as plenary chair.

Result: Passed
For:
Against
Abstain



Proposal
41-CFES-2

Title: Election of secretaries
Mover: National Executive
Language : Français

Goal:

To establish who will be the individuals taking the minutes for Congress plenary 2009.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

Simon Desrosiers and Marie-Claude Hamelin (French) as well as Julia Coleman and William Fraser (English) be elected as secretaries for the plenary session.

Result: Passed

For

Against

Abstain



4. Adoption of the agenda

	Proposal
	41-CFES-3
Title:	Agenda
Mover:	National Executive
Language:	Francais

Goal:
To establish the order of proceedings for Congress 2009 plenary.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:
The agenda be adopted as circulated.

Result: Passed
For
Against
Abstain



5. Adoption of PM 2008 minutes

	Proposal 41-CFES-4
Title:	Adoption of PM 2008 minutes
Mover:	National Executive
Language :	French

Goal:
To provide the members with documents that inform them of the discussions on the previous plenary motions.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:
The membership adopt the minutes of President's Meeting 2008 as detailed in the document "2nd General Assembly at President's Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students".

Result: Passed
For: 37
Against:0
Abstain: 0



6. Adoption of Congress 2008 minutes

Proposal
41-CFES-5

Title: Adoption of Congress 2008 minutes
Mover: National Executive
Language: French

Goal:

To provide the members with documents that inform them of the discussions on the previous plenary motions.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

The membership adopt the minutes of Congress 2008 as detailed in the document "40th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students".

Result: Passed

For: 37

Against: 0

Abstain: 0



7. Receipt of the Interim Report

	Proposal 41-CFES-6
Title:	Interim report
Mover:	National Executive
Language :	Français

Goal:

To adopt the 2008-2009 CFES Interim Report.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

The Interim Report of Canadian Federation of Engineering Students be received as distributed.

Result: Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0



8. Elections and ratifications

	Proposal 41-CFES-7
Title:	Vote tallies
Mover:	National Executive
Language :	English

Goal:
To increase interest in the election as well as understand the level of membership support for elected individuals.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:
The number of votes for each officer candidate and event bidder be noted at the end of the election.

Result: Passed
For : 37
Against : 0
Abstain : 0

Queens: If the goal is to have is repeated year after year why are we not putting it in the policy manual?
NE:
Carleton: McMaster made a motion that will cover this
NE:



Proposal **41-CFES-8**

Title: Board of Directors for 2009-2010
Mover: National Executive
Language : English

Goal:

To ratify the CFES BOD for 2009-2010.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

The CFES Board of Directors for 2009-2010 be :
(For/Against/Abstain)

<u>Kyle Ruttan</u>	<u>President</u>
<u>Elika Mahdavi</u>	<u>V.P. Finance & Administration</u>
<u>Julia Coleman</u>	<u>Atlantic Ambassador</u>
<u>Laura Meimari</u>	<u>Québec Ambassador</u>
<u>Sarah Patterson</u>	<u>Ontario Ambassador</u>
<u>Shahrzad Pedram</u>	<u>West Ambassador</u>
<u>Ashkan Eshaghbeigi</u>	<u>Congress Activity Manager</u>
<u>Karen On</u>	<u>CEC Activity Manager</u>
<u>Shaunvir Sidhu</u>	<u>ProMag General Manager</u>
<u>Simon Desrosiers</u>	<u>National Councilor</u>
<u>Daryl Tran</u>	<u>National Councilor</u>

Result: Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0



Proposal
41-CFES-9

Title: Vice-Presidents 2009-2010
Mover: National Executive
Language : English

Goal:

To ratify the Vice-Presidents for 2009-2010.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

The following Vice-Presidents be ratified for 2009-2010:

Julien Lapointe

VP Communications

Cat Czynryj

VP Services & Development

Result: Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0



Proposal

41-CFES-10

Title:	Commissioners 2009-2010
Mover:	National Executive
Language :	English

Goal:

To ratify CFES Commissioners for 2009-2010.

Where as:**Be it resolved that:**

The following commissioners be ratified for 2009-2010:

Marie-Claude Hamelin (Sher)	<i>Official Languages</i>
Emily Fay (Queens)	<i>Social Issues</i>
Samantha Pinto (Waterloo)	<i>International Relations</i>
Rob Stalker (Carleton)	<i>National Capital Liaison</i>
Open	<i>Information Technology</i>
Kevin Liu (Waterloo)	<i>Charity</i>
Open	<i>Academic</i>
Mark Lindstrom (Concordia)	<i>Complementary Education</i>

Result: Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0

NE: (Cat) 4 commissioners will work under me. CE commissioners will work with me to encourage the energy of this. Mark Lindstrom from Concordia. Commissioner of charities particularly difficult job. Kevin Liu. Commissioner of social issues is something that is very controversial. Emily Fay from Queens . (Julien) The new IR commissioner will be Samantha Pinto from waterloo. The official language will be Marie –Claude from the University of Sherbroke. I would love to work with some of the tech savy people in the room.

(Kyle) One commissioner works under me. This person is responsible for seeking out organizations to interact with. They require a large amount of professionalism. It will again be Rob Stalker.

Academic Commissioner position will be reopened. Please apply.

(Kyle) Please apply. Thank you to all applicants. We want to ensure there is a way for everyone to be involved in the organization. We always need more people to complete our duties.



Proposal

41-CFES-11

Title: Event Hosts
Mover: National Executive
Language : English

Goal:

To ratify who will host CFES events in the coming years.

Where as:

Be it resolved that:

The following CFES activities and services be hosted by the following members:

MUN	<i>CFES Congress 2011</i>
McGill	<i>CEC 2011</i>
VIC	<i>PM 2009</i>
Western	<i>Project Magazine 2009-2012</i>

Result: Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0

NE: tabled until tmw

NE: Congrats and thanks.

McMaster: Is PM 2009 a joint effort or is it just Vic A.

Vic B: I will not be there but it will be a joint effort.



9. Amendments to CFES Structure, Constitution and Policy Manual

Proposal
41-CFES-12

Title : Acceptance of the Policy Manual
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal:

To adopt the changes to the CFES policy manual that rationalize the differences between the diverse set of events the CFES offers.

Whereas:

The Policy Manual does not adequately reflect the current state of the CFES events.

Be it resolved :

The Policy Manual changes be adopted as circulated, and document organizational details be updated to reflect these changes.

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain : 0

NE: section 6 became section 5. Clarifies the roll of CFES events. French version will be available soon. Would like to remove bullet about NCWIE in section 5

Queens: I don't think section 6 should be taken out completely.

NE: agree. Table this motion until tomorrow.



Proposal
41-CFES-13

Title : Acceptance of the Audit
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :

Whereas :

An audit was performed on the 2007-2008 CFES financial records.

Be it resolved :

The auditor's report on the 2007-2008 financial year be accepted as presented.

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain: 0

NE: The year before the CFES had been instructed to perform an audit.



Proposal
41-CFES-14

Title : CE Commissioner Position
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :

To add the position of Complimentary Education Commissioner to the Policy Manual.

Whereas :

The position has been undefined to date.

Be it resolved :

The description for the Complimentary Education Commissioner position be added to the policy manual as section 4.6, as described below.

The primary duty of the Complementary Education (CE) Commissioner is to support and develop the Complementary Education Program of the Federation. The Complementary Education program is designed to help develop Canadian engineering students by providing informative courses which allow participants to build networks, experience industry applications, and learn about current research and recent innovations.

To this end, the Complementary Education Commissioner's duties include, but are not limited to:

- * Issuing calls to members to host CE courses.
- * Acting as the primary contact of the CFES to the CE Course Organizers
- * Working in coordination with CE Course Organizers and the International Relations Commissioner to offer invitations to CE courses for international partners
- * Maintaining the CE archive
- * Exploring new projects and ideas to help expand the CE Program

Additionally, the CE Commissioner should ensure all members are aware of CE opportunities through use of CFES publications and mail outs.

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain: 0



10. Hearing of Proposals

Proposal
41-CFES-15

Title : Project Magazine Policy Documents
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :
To adopt the Project Magazine policy documents into the CFES Policy Manual.

Whereas :
Project Magazine needs to institutionalize some of the changes that were made over the past year and add legitimacy to the publication.

BIRT :
BIRT the following paragraph be added to services section of the policy manual:

"Project Magazine will adhere to its four policy documents: Code of Ethics, Editorial Policy, Complaints Policy, and Advisory Board Terms of Reference. These documents can be edited by Project Magazine staff with approval from the Board of Directors."

Result : passed
For : 37
Against : 0
Abstention : 0



Proposal
41-CFES-16

Title : Student Advocacy
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :

To adopt the attached documents as a CFES position to take action on.

Whereas :

Engineering students should have the opportunity to defend the quality and caliber of their education.

BIRT :

The 'Ottawa Declaration' be adopted by the Federation.

Result : Passed

For : 27

Against : 5

Abstention : 5 (STFX, UQTR)

NE: This is a suggestion. Move to committee of the whole.

NE: Motion tabled until after lunch (3:10pm)

Waterloo B: Move to committee of the whole about releasing statement

NE: Returned from committee of the whole (3:58). Suggest counter proposal for tomorrow. Counter proposal be on restricting federation from lobbying.

Ottawa: Call Question

NE: Second.

Passed



Proposal
41-CFES-17

Title : Examine Membership Fees
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :

To investigate the current membership fees for any necessary changes.

Whereas :

Membership fees have not increased since 2005, but services offered have expanded significantly.

BIRT :

A committee chaired by the VP Finance and Administration and comprised of the President, ex-officio, and five member representatives (Sean Walsh, Patricia Boivin, Charlise Searle, Jordan Black and Chris McCann) be struck to examine this issue and produce a report by CFES PM 2009 outlining the rationale and a recommendation for increasing, lowering or holding membership fees.

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstention : 0

NE: Vast majority of revenue on basic expenses. No more to pursue current or new projects. All issues in CFES come back to resources. This committee to see if more resources would be helpful or desired by members. Resources could be used to employee staffers, and assist in operational issues. Increased resources would allow CFES to become more legit in the eyes of other organizations. Urge members to look at this issue and bring forward a recommendation.

UBC: Lack of funding acknowledged. Concerned that an increase in resources would not improve and may hamper the CFES. Believes a misappropriation of funding for current events does not support a future further expense.

Calgary: This committee would explore all funding opportunity. Including sponsorship and student fees.

Queen's: Talk about committee and not the changing of fees.

NE: Idea of committee to look at only membership fees.

Saskatchewan: The where as clause is bias towards raising fees.

NE: This motion is based on maintaining current services. To be what the CFES is now it is under resourced.

This committee may review what the CFES is and what do the members need to pay to be part of this.



Move to Committee of the whole.

Ryerson: Justin Kaufman - Decline

Victoria B: Sean Walsh - Accept

Polytechnique: Patricia Boivin - Accept

Toronto: Charlsie Searle - Accept

Lakehead: Jordan Black - Accept

Victoria A: Chris McCann – Accept

Concordia: Would people support sponsorship to be added to this committees responsibilities?

NE: Not friendly to review sponsorship

Straw Pole. Rejected



Proposal
41-CFES-18

Title : Removal of the first delegate fee from congress registration
Mover : National Executive
Language : English

Goal :

Long term - completely remove the Delegate fees associated with our conferences.
Short Term - Remove the fees for the first Delegate attending our conferences.

Whereas :

The schools that typically need the most support in terms of leadership development and trainings are the small schools because of their smaller pool to draw volunteers from.

BIRT :

The first delegate fee is removed (no cost) for the 2012 Congress. This will be implemented by the Congress 2012 Chair. During plenary of congress 2012 a review of the delegate fee system be reviewed.

Result : Invalidated by a CP

For :

Against :

Abstention :

NE: This is to increase accessibility of the smaller schools to congress. This would allow the smaller schools to be better represented. Concern has been raised about this proposal as this would increase the burden on the host school.

CFES has a problem with involvement from the smaller schools.

UBC: To clarify that because the first delegate is free the next fee levels wont just be increased to cover the cost.

NE: I agree that this is important and that it would need to be looked into.

Queens: The money to make this happen has to come from somewhere. Possibly travel bursaries may be a better idea.

UVic A: Is it worth while for a medium size school if the larger schools are helping to pay for the smaller schools. Do to the success of this conference I see no reason to change the fees.

Laurentian: This conference was a large part of the budget for us. This means we have to do less this year such as attending FYIC.

NE: How do you determine who needs money.



McGill: This will also allow bigger schools to send another delegate. We set money aside for schools of less than 1000 students.

UNBC: It is important to keep in mind where the money would come from for the school.

Ottawa: I believe that the delegate fee is already set up to achieve the objective of this motion. This is just continuing what we are doing already.

UVic B: I don't agree with the way it is set up.

Carlton: When congress has a budget of 200,000 dollars. This motion would add another \$10,000 to the budget. This would be reasonable to add to the motion.

Polytechnique: We should look at if this is possible, how it is possible, and who it would effect.

NE: I have spoken to Ash about this. He is in support of this motion. He suggests on a note that if he has the money he would be willing to implement this.

Saskatchewan: If we are going to mandate this we need to ensure that we are not just causing deficits and this may more dependant on each event budget.

Calgary: It might be better to try this for a year and see if this is successful.

NE: We know the least about the little schools. Only once they come to congress will we be able to know if this is a good idea.

NE: (Ash) The organizing committee thinks this is a great idea. This will cause a complete change in the plan.

Mun: It is very expensive to fly to Newfoundland. This would make it more accessible to all schools.

Concordia: The motion is a good idea. However, the previous motion says we have no money and the next money says lets spend more money.

A lot of the smaller schools are paying membership fees and have not idea what they are paying for.

Uoit: new member, smaller school, good idea for encouraging sml schools, would feel guilty about applying for travel bursary, prefers rejecting first delegate fee.

Polytechnique: A lot of people agree with the spirit. Mandate Congress 2011, Newfoundland, to study the effect of this proposal.

UBC: Travel subsidies are a separate issue. 2011 would be a good test bed.

Alberta: Add that a review take place after 2012 to evaluate the effectiveness.

NE: If this is successful we will continue if it is not we wont. We are all rational.

Congress 2011: The absolute value is not so large. This will bring more people however, isn't the idea of congress to send more people. This may lead schools to bring smaller delegations in the future.

McGill: We think this will increase the number of delegates not reduce it. This will dilute the effectiveness of the event.

Mun: Small schools spend the majority of their budget for events is travel. This will actually only benefit the larger schools. If each larger school sends an additional delegate it will put a larger amount of strain on the organizers.

Western: This should be a decision made by the activity managers. The CFES has never before mandated activity managers. Congress should maintain the right to set the fees.

Alberta: Amend with a motion to review the fee system at the 2012 congress.

NE: "That seems friendly enough to me"



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Proposal
41-CFES-19

Title : Election Procedures
Mover : Ryerson
Seconders : Saskatchewan
Language : English

Goal :

To ensure the best candidates are elected to executive.

Whereas :

It is hard for less known members to get elected, and extremely hard to portray a platform and skill set during a 4-5 minute speech followed by a limited time for questioning;

There should be a period of time after speeches for campaigning to the member schools for purposeful discussion of a candidates ability to be a successful member of that executive position.

BIRT :

Next year as a trial for improvement of the election procedures; the elections include a 24 hour period between candidates speeches and voting;

If this method is found to be valuable, useful or successful it be the job of the VPFA, to write a motion to include this procedure in the policy manual.

Result : Passed

For : 20

Against : 13

Abstention : 4

Ryerson: Felt that after speaking to a nominated person after they were not elected that the electoral outcome may have been different.

Saskatchewan: Agree. If you were nominated on the second day delegates only had several minutes to prepare a speech. It would also allow other delegates to get a better idea of who they are voting for.

UOIT: I feel that most people who run for a position at congress come knowing they are running for a position. With this people could prepare a platform and this could be presented somewhere at congress.

UBC: I believe people may not come to congress knowing they want to do. When a delegate is nominated at congress this may allow them to consider the option of an elected position that had not considered otherwise.

Polytechnique: The next motion is similar and may be more consistent with the group.

Ryerson: Only one person came knowing they wanted to run for a position.

McMaster: The next motion has a different intent and is about technical proceedings.



Western: Against. A speech and a question period is sufficient time to convey a platform. A 24 hour campaign may lead to a popularity contest.

Ryerson: Popularity contests have always been a problem. I don't believe that the 24 hour period will change this:

UVic A: Call the question.

Saskatchewan: Secunder.

Pass



Proposal
41-CFES-20

Title :	Effective Elections Process
Mover :	McMaster
Seconder :	Carleton
Language :	English

Goal :

To create a better method for running elections

Whereas :

Election sessions have been run inconsistently from year to year, and sometimes illogically in the past; and
Whereas the CRO running the election may not be 100% familiar with the specifics of a 700+ page book.

BIRT :

The BoD come up with a consistent, fair, and easily understandable method for running elections.
BIFRT this method be discussed/presented at CFES PM 2009 for consideration of adoption by the CFES (for example, in an Elections Manual, the Policy Manual, or Constitution for example)

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstention : 0

McMaster: Didn't want to write policy for elections as this may lead to a long discussion. The reason that I submitted this proposal is because I fear there may be reason for contention of the elections. To stop this from happening and because not many people know Roberts Rules of Order we need to create something.

Carlton: Agree with this motion. Write down the precedent. This may not take much effort but should be done.

UVic A. Call the question.



Proposal
41-CFES-21

Title :	Requesting member sessions for Congress
Mover :	Queen's
Seconder :	Western
Language :	English

Goal :

Provide members the opportunity to request member sessions which will most benefit their Engineering Society and seek other members to share their expertise on these topics through sessions at Congress.

Whereas :

Members can greatly benefit from the experience of other societies,
And whereas member sessions are an excellent means through which to do this,

BIRT :

The National Executive solicit member requests for Congress workshops or roundtables that the members feel would benefit their societies. The National Executive will then forward the requested sessions on to all members no less than three months before Congress to solicit member facilitators who might have a high level of expertise concerning the requested topics.

Result : Invalidated by a CP

For :

Against :

Abstention :

Queens: In a member session it was discussed that many members would like to learn from other member societies. This would allow other schools to provide their expertise.

Western: This would provide incentive for smaller schools to attend.

NE: (Eamon) I believe the goal and the resolution are completely disconnected. No one responded to the call for sessions. Demanding the executive to supply member driven sessions without a strong implementation plan simply hurts the CFES.

NE: (Even) This was attempted this year without success.

Ottawa: You are the organizers of this event and you are telling us to find the speakers.

NE: (Kyle) We received requests to run sessions on Engineering Lifestyle ... and we worked to present those. We are not asking you to track down speakers. We asked for content and the majority of this conference was created from the responses. This is being done and we can only do so much. We need help to achieve the objective of this motion. The procedure of this motion is great but the goal is offensive.

Ottawa: This is not a criticism of the sessions this year. We are asking for more member based sessions so there is a guarantee.



UBC: This motion is not to force the executive to do more work. I would suggest that the deadline be pushed back to 3 or 4 months. If this motion takes effect in September no one will think about congress. IF you do it in the summer more people can think about it. There is a large amount of knowledge in this room. This mandate will ensure the increased value of next congress.

Propose friendly admendment to three or four months. Up to the mover.

Waterloo B: Call the Question.

Pass



Proposal
41-CFES-22

Title :	Increase French language content at Congress
Mover :	Toronto
Seconders:	Windsor
Language :	English

Goal :

To create a conference more accessible to francophone students and to have it more representative of the constituencies the CFES represents.

Whereas :

We have approximately 15 schools with francophone students, which are underrepresented at this conference.
And Whereas: Francophone speakers should be able to speak to all delegates in French should they so desire.
And Whereas: We are a fully bilingual organization and our AGM should be representative of this fact

BIRT :

The following be added to section 6.1.6 of the policy manual:
"The organizing committee shall work to ensure that at least 25% of all workshops and roundtables are presented in English and 25% of all workshops and roundtables are in French and emphasis on both official languages."

Result : Passed

For : 34

Against : 2

Abstention : 1

Toronto: This may not be the best way to achieve this objective. A speaker from the national council of deans spoke to the group in English although he is a franco. It occurred to me that there are many French schools not attending this event. Of those French schools who attend they have a large amount of bilingual speakers. This can be achieved by make translations the norm. I am concerned that if the French participation continues to decline it may not be able to return. Thus, to stop us from sliding we need to write something like this down. I know this might not be feasible for every school so this might be worded so that organizing this event may be possible.

Carlton: The word either is against the spirit of this motion. Amendment proposed.

Toronto: Friendly

UVic A: I don't know about this. I am hesitant as this might increase the cost of the event.

Ottawa: We are a bilingual organization. I don't think the cost should matter.

Carlton: Note that Edmonton had less budget and better translation "OOOOOOOOOOO"

*Crowd laughs

Carlton: Clarify that they had translators in sessions not just in plenary.



Toronto: On money we already have mandates in here for translation. We have translation but no one is using it.

UBC: I agree with the spirit of this motion. However, my opposition stems from the movers. I feel that under represented groups should be able to stand up. If this was moved by a francophone I would feel more comfortable.

ETS: I am a francophone. I am from Quebec. I feel under represented. Thanks.

Laurentienne: I am a francophone. It is my first language. Even though I don't speak it at school I am happy that French is represented here.

Manitoba: They are speaking out by not coming

Polytechnique: Toronto consulted a lot of francophone schools.

UOIT: straw pole would people be ok with reducing the French content. (Failed)

Carlton: This motion states to try with their best effort not that they have to.

UVic B: Call Question:

Pass



Proposal
41-CFES-23

Title :	Beware the Eyes of Facebook
Mover :	Windsor
Seconder :	Toronto
Language :	English

Goal :

To ensure that the professional image of the CFES and its member is upheld even to those who would look it up online and to ensure that communication between the CFES and its members is given the confidentiality and privilege it deserves.

Whereas :

The current Terms of Service (ToS) for facebook and other social websites are not transparent and not conducive to the goals of CFES. The current ToS of facebook and other such sites indicate that any content uploaded to their servers is free to be used by them in any capacity they see fit, without the expressed consent of the user. Getting content removed from facebook is quite a challenge. Professional organizations are increasingly utilizing facebook and other online social networks to look into employees and organizations.

And Whereas: Messages on Facebook (and similar sites) are no substitute for formal business communications. Any notifications made on Facebook are the property of Facebook (and similar sites), and as such are not given the privilege they deserve.

And Whereas: Facebook and other sites are not transparent in the use of the content uploaded by their users. Facebook and other websites are not transparent in the process of total removal of content from their servers. Facebook and other online networks do not provide the security required for official CFES communications.

BIRT :

No internal CFES documents may be posted to any other site than the official CFES website or websites of events affiliated with the CFES.

Facebook and other social networks may not be used by the CFES as a primary means of communication between it and its members.

No unprofessional/inappropriate photos may be posted to any official public CFES online social groups/event.

No inappropriate wall posts or photo comments shall be permitted. All inappropriate user posts on the group walls or photos must be removed.

BIFRT: This be re-evaluated at Congress 2010 for consideration for addition to the Policy Manual as part of an online use policy.

BIFRT: That the VP communications be responsible for the execution of this mandate.

Result : Invalidated by a CP



For :

Against :

Abstention :

Windsor: This motion has been updated. The purpose of this is to ensure that we are represented professionally on social networking sites.

Toronto: All has been said.

UVic A: Instead of making a rule we must decide what is professional and what is not. I would like to make an amendment. The last two parts are weak. We request people to remove inappropriate content and leave enforcement to the eng soc.

Waterloo B:

Windsor: I think this is not required as that is what the mandate states.

Polytechnique: We will not monitor personal accounts. How will we do this?

Windsor: This policy dictates that this will only apply to CFES group pages.

NE: (Kyle) I hope this wasn't launched by looking at my facebook. Some questions must be asked to effectively execute this mandate. Internal is not a well defined word. What would make facebook a primary form of communications. What defines professional and inappropriate? What should the online use policy entail. Define what is an official CFES facebook group? Does a motion have to define the group. Maybe Windsor could look into this.

Windsor: These are questions we considered last night. This is why I stated investigate and review at next congress. I would be willing to help with this.

Carlton: Legally it becomes official when our Logo is on it. Maybe we could control our logo better.

NE: (Kyle) Implementation of a motion like this will be almost impossible. If this is what people want then I would suggest that members perform this motion on their own. If the V.P. Comm is drafting this it could be a very large undertaking. It might be better if several schools drafted an online use policy and presented it at next congress.

Western: If we are going to protect the corporate culture of CFES we need to develop a corporate culture. If you don't want people to see what you do at conference then don't do it.

Windsor:

NE: (Eamon) I agree that we should have a policy to protect our corporate image. I disagree with the way you are getting there. How would this be enforced? If we can't police this we lock ourself into a cycle of failure.

Gulph: This mandate adds work to an already busy schedule.

Saskatchewan: Call the question

Pass



Proposal
41-CFES-24

Title: Financial Documentation
Mover: Saskatchewan
Seconded: Alberta
Language : English

Goal:

To aid financial transparency for CFES Exec, CFES Activity Committees, CFES Service Committees, and CFES Members.

Where as:

It is the policy of many of the CFES Members to always obtain invoice prior to payment. In many provinces it is provincial law for non-profit organizations (which many students' societies use as corporate status), for the organization to receive an invoice before payment is allowed. Also, this method is a generally accepted business standard.

Be it resolved that:

If a recipient requires a payment from a member of the CFES, the recipient shall submit an addressed invoice (electronic or postmarked) two (2) weeks prior to its due date.

Result: Invalidated by a CP

For

Against

Abstain

Saskatchewan: If we were audited and did not have an invoice from the CFES and had paid we would lose our non profit status.

Alberta: It's all pretty clear.

UNBC: Clarify Internal transfers.

Saskatchewan: Internal transfers include between members, committees and CFES internals. An addressed invoice is have your name on a piece of paper with the amount owed and the date and time of the issue.

NE: (Evan) I understand that you want invoices. There are two parts, invoices for members and for transfers. I think lumping it in now would have been silly.

Carleton: Fees were needed dec 1. As of one week ago ppl were still dropping delegates. Delegations would have to be picked a lot sooner, and schools would have to pay for missing students or get refunded

NE: would like to make an amendment to remove internal transfers

Sask: friendly, however,....

Lakehead: delegate fees were paid to CFES 2009???



NE: (Kyle) There are 8 different bank accounts in the CFES. Financial accountability is a great thing and I think we have been working at it. However, a 4 week lead time is a little much.

O: I would like to change the lead time from 4 weeks to 2 weeks.

Saskatchewan: Friendly.

McGill: Recipient and payee are the same.

Saskatchewan: Please fix that.

NE: (Kyle) Please think of this while you are writing a counter proposal. This would require the banning of students who do not register within two weeks of the deadline.

Alberta: Did we not just clarify this.

Ottawa: The executive attempts to perform this mandate however sometimes they may not be able to do so. We would not be able to grill them.

UBC: If we don't receive an invoice we can't pay the invoice. As for deadlines I think that is the problem of the schools.

Queens: Amend the motion.

Saskatchewan: Friendly

UVic B: UVic B is a member and congress is not.

McGill: Amendment. Clarify who the recipient is?

NE: (Eamon) I am confused and would suggest that the concerned party write a counter proposal and present it tomorrow.



Proposal
41-CFES-25

Title: **BoD Meeting Documentation**
Mover: McGill
Seconded: Alberta
Language : English

Goal:

To make BoD meeting agendas and minutes readily available to members in a timely manner

Where as:

The timely dissemination of BoD documents is necessary to keep BoD meetings relevant to CFES members

Advance notice of agenda items allows for necessary discussion to take place between members prior to BoD meetings, and fosters Board transparency and accountability

Posting the minutes enables members to remain abreast of BoD decisions and outcomes

Delay of the release of these two documents results in a less efficient Board of Directors

Be it resolved that:

The VPFA post a preliminary BoD meeting agenda on the CFES website in both official languages at least 48 hours before the meeting is scheduled to take place

The VPFA post BoD meeting minutes on the CFES website in both official languages no more than 14 days after the meeting

Result: Passed

For: 37

Against: 0

Abstain:0



McGill: We believe this will lead to greater accountability. As the agendas are available 24 hours before this should not be a problem.

Ottawa: Who is the appropriate BoD member.

McGill: We don't know.

Ottawa: Amendment replace "appropriate BoD member with VPFandA"

McGill: Friendly



Proposal
41-CFES-26

Title :	Adoption of NCWIE
Mover :	Queen's
Seconded :	Western
Language :	English

Goal :

To adopt the National Conference on Women in Engineering

Whereas :

- Members have expressed support for NCWIE,
- And the Commissioner of Social Issues has recommended CFES's adoption of NCWIE

BIRT :

CFES adopt NCWIE as a service, and the following be added to the Policy Manual:

6.4 National Conference on Women In Engineering

There shall be an annual conference entitled "National Conference on Women In Engineering" (NCWIE) open to all engineering students, both male and female.

NCWIE shall be hosted by a CFES member school each November. The host school shall be selected by the CFES member schools at the preceeding Congress, by vote during the Plenary session.

6.4.1 Aims of NCWIE

The aims of NCWIE shall be:

to encourage discussion between women and men about the changing environment in the workplace;

to foster a cooperative attitude towards dealing with the problems which still arise within the engineering profession; and

to provide a support network for women in engineering and to give the needed role models from both industry and the university community.

6.4.2 NCWIE Chair(s)

The chair(s) of NCWIE shall be selected by the host school;

The chair(s) shall maintain regular communications with the CFES Social Issues Commissioner.

Through this link, the chair(s) must keep the CFES apprised of the conference's progress and any issues that arise during the planning process.

The chair(s) may be asked to attend teleconferences and report to the CFES Board of Directors periodically.

6.4.3 NCWIE Language

The written information concerning NCWIE shall be available in both official languages;



The primary language of presentation at NCWIE shall be left at the discretion of the host school; Accommodations shall be made possible to present content in both English and French.

Result : Passed

For : 26

Against : 7

Abstention : 4

Queens: This was talked about last year and now we are looking to evaluate it.

Regina: Where will we draw the line. We wont help every special interest group.

NE: (Kyle) This is a setup so that we can help happens from year to year but we are not saying that the CFES will ensure its operation.

(Eamon) Did people have a chance to see this before today?

Western: The text was not. The spirit was. I believe they were well informed.

Manitoba: Concerns have been passed to me about the relavence and the content Of this event to western Canada. Is there any way that this can be ensured?

NE: To achieve this the best way would be to host the event your self.

Ryerson: I think this is a great event. I believe that the CFES should have a level of involvement. I fear if we bring NCWIE to the CFES we may hinder it and not help it. If NCWIE were to create its own steering committee it may be able to exist on its own. There may be a better response at NCWIE.

NE: (Mark) I believe this will help support and include western content. It will also make it a truly national conference.

Concordia: Amendment to remover where ever possible as it is always possible.

Western: I spoke to several groups who advocate for women's issues and they all suggested that the CFES should adopt this conference.

Calgary: We have a question. What benefit will there be to officially adopt this motion?

Queens: The reason this is being discussed is because we are evaluating if we should adopt it.



Proposal
41-CFES-27

Title : Director Accountability
Mover : Alberta
Seconder : Manitoba
Language : English

Goal :

To increase accountability of CFES directors by improving attendance at CFES board of directors' meetings.

Whereas :

In recent years attendance at BOD meetings has been unacceptably low resulting in cancellations due to lack of quorum. BOD meetings are necessary to the CFES and missed meetings negatively impact the productivity of the executive and commissioners.

BIRT :

The VPFA update monthly a document tracking attendance of directors and make available to members.

Result : Passed

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstention : 0

Alberta: This is an issue we have just talked about. I realize there is no mandate in this and no follow up. I wanted to create discussion here to see if we can adopt a mandate or a movement towards accountability. If there is no discussion then I will withdraw this motion.

NE: (Kyle) This is a great motion. This was a source of frustration. I liked to suggest an amendment. "The VPFA update an attendance chart available to all members after the meeting"

NE: (Kyle) Move to recess

UVic B: Seconder



Proposal
02-CFESPM-9

Title : Social Issues Commissioner Position
Mover : University of Western Ontario
Seconder : NATIONAL EXEC
Language : English

Goal :
To remove the position of the Social Issues Commissioner.

Whereas :
We have not seen many productive things come out of the position.

BIRT :
The Social Issues commissioner position be removed,
All references to the Social Issues commissioner position be removed from the Policy Manual.

Result : Failed
For : 0
Against : 32
Abstention : 5

Western: This motion was put form at PM because more information was required. Western does not support this motion. We strongly encourage we should reject this.
NE: We believe that we have a capable person in this position.
VicB: Call the question.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-16

Title : Alternative to statement regarding funding changes to engineering
Mover : University of Victoria A
Seconder : UBC
Language : English

Goal :

To adopt the attached document as a CFES position to take action on.

Whereas :

Engineering students should have the opportunity to defend the quality and caliber of their education.

The 'Ottawa Declaration' was not an effective message to properly advocate on behalf of the CFES' members

BIRT :

The following message be adopted as a statement regarding the cutting of funding to post secondary institutions and engineering programs in Canada:

"Engineering plays a vital role in our modern society. Canada's strategy of maintaining and advancing infrastructure to combat the economic downturn will require a significant contribution from well trained engineers. It is in the best interest of Canadians to ensure that this resource is readily and renewably available.

On behalf of Canada's engineering students, the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) strongly cautions the cutting of funding to engineering programs for fear of immediate and long term consequences."

Result : Failed

For : 10

Against : 22

Abstention : 5 (STFX, UQTR)

UVic A: I would like to appologies for not using a better word than effective in the whereas.
Waterloo B: Amendment. Change out to our.



UBC: I spoke to kyle about this yesterday. The specific wording or grammar of this can be changed later if there are grammatical errors.

NE: (Kyle) To clarify poor grammar and misused words are not worth correcting around this table. These errors can be fixed off line.

UVic B: Call the question.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-16A

Title : Advocacy Role
Mover : University of Victoria A
Seconder : UBC
Language : English

Goal :

To determine whether the CFES feels student advocacy on the issue of budget cuts to post secondary institutions and possibly engineering programs is appropriate.

Whereas :

The CFES needs to determine whether it feels it is appropriate to use its ability to advocate on the issue of post secondary cuts and its possible affects on engineering programs. In order to advocate, this motion would have to fail

BIRT :

The CFES will not advocate on the issue of post secondary cuts and possible cuts to engineering programs in Canada in the year 2009.

Result : Failed

For : 5 (VicA)

Against : 28

Abstention : 4 (STFX, UQTR)

Vic A: If this were to pass that would say that the others would fail. If you think that the federation should not advocate on this issue this must pass.

Manatoba: Support of this is due to the fact that if we can't agree we shouldn't submit anything at all.

Saskatchewan: Call the question.

Carleton: Point of Information. Don` t call the question if no one is on the speakers list.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-16B

Title : An alternative Ottawa Declaration
Mover : University of Toronto
Secunder : UBC
Language : English

Goal :
To present an alternative version of the "Ottawa Declaration"

Whereas :
Whereas as a national body the CFES should focus its advocacy to primarily national issues, and
Whereas the CFES should focus its advocacy on issues not represented by other national organisations

BIRT :
The following be adopted as a position by the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students:

Engineering plays a vital role in our modern society. Canada's strategy of maintaining and advancing infrastructure to combat the economic downturn will require a significant contribution from well trained engineers. Innovation by Canadian engineers makes existing industries more competitive, attracts investment, and creates entirely new industries.

Canada is the world`s fourth largest exporter of engineering services. This is made possible because Canadian engineers are known for the high quality of their education and skills. Many engineering professionals are approaching retirement, and in order to retain these opportunities for graduating students and industry continued investment in engineering education is required.

The Canadian Federation of Engineering Students urges all levels of government and educational institutions across Canada to continue to build on their strong support for science and engineering education and research, especially in light of the current economic challenges faced by Canadians.

The Canadian Federation of Engineering Students is a national organisation of engineering student societies with 47 member organisations representation 55 000 students across Canada.

Result : Failed



For : 6

Against : 28

Abstention : 3 (Stfx, UQTR)

Toronto: This was worked on by Ryan Campbell. We feel this is more positive, less on cuts. This is another alternative for discussion purposes.

Western: Is Toronto open to grammatical suggestions?

McMaster: Motion to Amend. This will be ineffective otherwise.

NE: Amend. There are three different approaches here and one approach to stop this totally. Is there discussion or is there no concern on this issue.

Ottawa: there has been much discussion. Yesterday's discussion was fairly discussion. Thus, we are moving to vote.

UBC: This statement is written well. I commend Toronto. I believe we should trust that our elected officials to understand the importance of engineering without having to spell it out to them.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-18

Title : Increase member attendance to CFES Conferences
Mover : University of Waterloo B
Seconder : McMaster University
Language : English

Goal :

To encourage and facilitate the attendance of smaller schools, and schools with low participation history, to attend CFES Conferences.

Whereas :

It is typically the same schools, and smaller schools, that do not attend conferences; and
The reasoning behind their lack of attendance is unknown.

BIRT :

The Regional Ambassadors contact the small schools and schools with low participation history and determine the common reasoning behind their lack of attendance.

BIFRT: With the results of their correspondence the Ambassadors look into potential solutions (such as travel bursaries, lowering/dropping delegate fees, etc), and present their considerations at CFES PM 2009.

Result : Passed

For : 27

Against : 8

Abstention : 2

Waterloo B: We support the motion yesterday. I don't believe that the larger schools should make assumptions and make a decision.

McMaster: I believe that yesterday we all supported the spirit of the motion. We did not know the reason.

Carlton: This information is already in the Ambassadors job description. I don't believe this needs to be included.

Ottawa: Allowing the Ambassadors to take this on may be a better way to approach the situation. This would be better than making next year congress to bare the financial burden as this may not be the problem.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-18A

Title :	Removal of the First Delegate Fees for Smaller Universities
Mover :	Université de Sherbrooke
Seconder :	McGill University
Language :	English

Goal :

To increase accessibility to Congress for smaller member schools, thus fostering increased participation in the CFES.

Whereas :

Budget should not limit the opportunity of member schools to be represented at CFES Congress;

A limited student enrolment can lead to underfunding;

Each member school has the right to be represented regardless of student enrolment;

Increasing the; number of member schools present at Congress increases the legitimacy of CFES decisions and initiatives

BIRT :

Member societies having fewer than 1000 engineering students be entitled to send one delegate to Congress with the delegate fee waived;

This policy take effect as of Congress 2012.

Result : Failed

For : 12

Against : 22

Abstention : 3 (Sask)

Sherbrooke: If the fees are taking off for the first delegate. We want to limit the fees to the smaller schools. As the size of the budget of an association should be correlated to the price of congress. This would help the smaller associations.

McGill: The number 1000 was determined after some research. It was found they are more dependant on their student associations and have a harder time justifying these conferences.

MUN A: would schools of two societies be considered separately or together.

Sherbrooke: It would be the faculty not the Eng Soc. I.E. the total amount of both.



UBC: This will still not solve the problem for the schools with two societies. As they have different budgets.

McGill: We hadn't actually discussed that. I do not support treating them as one. It depends on the association. I invite an amendment and discussion.

NE: (Kyle) Not for or against. Using enrolment numbers from 2007 this would qualify 52% of schools for this. If you were to modify this by Eng Soc and not institution this would include 55 or 56 percent of schools.

Saskatchewan: If we could clarify the difference of the two. Not all schools have mandatory enrolment in their Eng Soc.

Concordia: I believe in the eyes of the CFES each stream is a different schools. Thus grouping them as one would not be right. They must be considered separately.

McMaster; Amend

Sherbrooke: Friendly

NE: (Kyle) There is no reporting of engineering numbers based on societies there are only report on institution.

Western: Amend-to include students at their school

Sherbrook: Not friendly

Western:

Waterloo: Recognize that around half the schools are larger than 1000. I would like to see something that protects the larger schools so they are not turned way.

NE (Kyle): To clarify, using enrolment numbers there are 20 large schools and thus 27 small schools. If you have 27 small schools that get a free spot and this has to get made up somewhere. The total is 27×250 This is a small increase . If the cost is broken down over all the delegates this is a small fee increase and I would assume that congress could raise this money somehow.

UBC: There should be no concern about money.

MUN B: Using a number that is so high could divide cfes. This may cause some people to question their membership in this organization.

McMaster: As far as we know the CFES doesn't discriminate on enrolment numbers anywhere in the constitution or policy manual. I don't think we should start now.

Carlton: I am for the first motion where everyone gets the first delegate free. This would increase the increase for congress. This would be covered by an increase in all other fees and be equal in the end.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-21

Title : List of Member Sessions for Congress
Mover : McMaster University
Seconder : University of Victoria A
Language : English

Goal :

Provide members the opportunity to request member sessions which will most benefit their engineering society and seek other members to share their expertise on these topics through sessions at Congress.

Whereas :

Members can greatly benefit from the experience of other societies, And whereas member sessions are an excellent means through which to do this.

BIRT :

The National Executive solicit the members to create a list of requests for Congress workshops and roundtable discussions that the members feel would benefit their societies. The aforementioned list shall be posted in physical form at the Congress venue so members may add their proposed topics.

BIFRT;

The VP Communications will also create a form on the website where members can propose session topics, in addition to the physical list.

BIFRT;

The National Executive will forward the list of requested sessions to the CFES PM meeting to be voted on to determine which topics will be discussed at Congress.

Result : Passed

For : 17

Against : 15

Abstention : 5

McMaster: If there was a more structured way of picking member sessions that the member schools may be more satisfied with them. It would be posted as a running list where everyone could see the topics that everyone wants to see discussed. We would also like to do online posting so that the topics can be voted on at PM. This would stop complaints or dissatisfaction.



Toronto: This version has no time frames. Was that left out or is this a different motion.

McMaster: We stated congress and voted on at PM. This would be used for the next congress.

Polytechnique: This should be left up to the organizers.

Concordia: The congress organizing committee has full control of the conference. I think this is pointless as they do not have to listen.

UVic A: Call the Question.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-23

Title : Online Use Policy Round 2
Mover : University of Windsor
Seconder : University of Toronto
Language : English

Goal :

To protect the image of the CFES.

Whereas :

The CFES is a national entity representing engineering students in a professional manner.

Where as:

The reputation of the CFES is vitally important to future collaboration with other organizations, both local and national.

Where as:

The CFES has no policies regarding the use of its logo and name.

Where as:

The CFES should not be held accountable for the personal lives and choices of its members.

Where as:

There is no definition of what qualifies as an "official" CFES site/event/group.

Where as:

The CFES recognizes the personal freedoms of its members, this mandate does not impose on members any limitations as to content posted in their personal documents.



BIRT :

The VP Communications post a disclaimer on the www.cfes.ca website explaining that cfes.ca is the only official website of the CFES.

BIFRT:

The VP Communications be responsible for the investigation and development of a "Branding Policy" that defines how the name and logo of the CFES may be used by its members, directors, executives and affiliates.

BIFRT:

The results of the investigation into the "Branding Policy" be reviewed at CFES Congress 2010. If the "Branding Policy" is deemed fit, it will be adopted into the Policy Manual.

Result : Passed

For : 34

Against : 3

Abstention : 0

Windsor: This motion is of the same spirit as yesterdays however we feel it would be easier to implement.

Western: Amend- the second sentence of the first BIRT to be stricken

Windsor: Friendly

NE: (Kyle) Eamon has spoken to both Windsor and Toronto where the motion seems to be focused at the social networking sites. This motion might be better focused as an official branding policy. I would suggest that a member strike all BIRT except for the last one. As we should evaluate the whole branding policy.

Windsor: This was restricted to the online arena to try and limit its size and not take on too much.

Waterloo B: Amend- Second BIRT to change the online use policy to be a branding policy

Windsor: To ensure this is achieving its objective to you want to change the other BIFT?

Waterloo B: I would be in support of it however it may not be required.

Windsor: What do you think would be an acceptable time constraint.

Waterloo B: Keep the first section change the second part the third one can be stricken entirely. The last once state a review of the branding policy at congress 2010.

Waterloo A: The goal of the motion has changed quite a bit. Should the title have been changed.

Windsor: The name is just for the mandate and will not be present in the policy.

Manitoba: Does this cover both the French and English website?

NE: Yes.



Proposal
41-CFES-CP-24

Title : Financial Documentation
Mover : University of Saskatchewan
Seconder : University of Alberta
Language : English

Goal :

To aid financial transparency for CFES Activity Committees, CFES Service Committees, and CFES Members.

Whereas :

Whereas it is the policy of many of the CFES Members to always obtain invoice prior to payment.

And whereas in many provinces it is provincial law for non-profit organizations for the organization to receive an invoice before payment is allowed.

And whereas providing invoices prior to payment is a generally accepted business standard.

BIRT :

Be it resolved that all CFES activities and services requiring fees from CFES Members must provide an addressed invoice (electronic or postmarked) at least 2 weeks prior to the payment deadline.

Result : Passed

For : 33

Against : 2

Abstention : 2 (STFX)

Saskatchewan: Strike CFES Exec from goal. The spirit of this motion is to give schools advanced knowledge of their fees. This is not to ask for more information just that it is presented early. I agree that the CFES Exec should do whatever the VPF see fit. If delegations are changed within this deadline that is an issues between the school and the organizers.

Alberta: This counter proposal has worked out the previous problems.