



WESST Administrative Council Meeting

Date: Wed. March 4th, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm Pacific

Location: Skype

Attendees: Joel Mertens, Morgan Tien, Shahrzad Pedram, Stephanie Mo, Ryan Laing, Matt Steen, U of M, Liam Butters, Daryl Tran, Dan Bennett, Chris McCann, Jordan Stosky, Nicole Winstanley

Meeting Start: 7:00PM PST

Items on Agenda:	Action Items:
<p>7:00 – Hello and Welcome. Ground rules. Shahrzad: Not a Formal Meeting – Robert’s Rules – 1 for new topic – 2 – for on topic – 3 – for circular</p>	
<p>7:05 – WESST EM Update (Daryl Tran) Daryl: Sent out sponsorship package to exec –Budget for hotels only so far –looking at about \$50/ person Sean: sponsorship package revised edition? Shahrzad: – ideas for sessions –need people to run sessions –email Daryl with positions Daryl: need to know when elections are Shahrazad: Dates in mailouts Daryl: Set deadline for 1st week of April for number of delegates and positions Daryl: Registration is now open at www.ess.ualberta.ca/wesst</p>	<p>All: Want to run session? Send email to Daryl: ddtran@ualberta.ca</p> <p>All: Send numbers and positions to Daryl for WESST EM before 1st Week of April</p> <p>All: Registration live at www.ess.ualberta.ca/wesst</p> <p>Jordan: Add registration link to wesst website.</p>



<p>7:15 - National Council of Deans' Engineering Song Competition</p> <p>Issue at hand:</p> <p>Shahrzad: Song competition by National Council of Deans' and Engineers Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part of a huge marketing campaign by Engineers Canada -Purpose is for engineering students to submit a theme song about professional engineers. -Win prize -Some people were told that this song was to replace Lady Godiva's Hymn -while outdated, some students value history -Biggest concern: CFES supported competition without ANY prior conversation with the entire confederation -CFES may exert there power in a similar fashion in the future -CFES logo was used on the poster -Long discussion at congress during plenary where to place the logo - Had a chat with CFES president - Deans brought up late January, didnt take off until 2 weeks ago - CFES discussed internally and decided on - Engineers Canada offered 5-year partnership deal with top sponsor - Kyle turned offer down when we can easily get other sponsors - Council of Deans came up with idea of song competition - Kyle decided to take this on for 2 reasons (without consulting anyone) - *Joel disconnected. Will be fixed in a second. No Liam* - #1: Decision that doesn't involve movement of funds. May be made by elected executive without consultation. Shahrzad: would like to see clause - #2: Both Engineers Canda and the National Council of Deans has given X amount of money to congress '09 and CEC. Should be willing to partner with them since they supported us earlier. Also less of a commitment than a 5-year partnership - *Joel and Liam back* - Never posted anything on the e-bulletin about this. "Didn't think it would be controversial" - <p>Sean: -found out from Kim Yeats, who found out from Dr. Cannon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lots of uncertainty - Got ahead of myself when I assumed the worst - Made a bunch of phone calls. <p>Shahrzad: Kyle didn't give me the full extent until I pressed him</p> <p>Sean: I would be cautious about Kyle's method of disclosure</p>	<p>Letter Committee: work on letter:</p> <p>letter ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: strongly worded to discourage kyle from pulling stuff like this again 2:WESST would like to delay competition to gauge support via: 3: an online confidential vote, to determine the accuracy of CFES position 4: until then LOGO TAKEN OFF <p>[4: Clarification, an official statement on whether it's complementary or replacement]</p> <p>Shahrzad: Get in touch with other regional organizations and Kyle.</p>
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Kyle Said it would be an innocent song competition
- Got this reply:

Mr. John Kizas, P.Eng., Secretary of the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science (NCDEAS), has informed me that you contacted him w/r to the joint initiative of developing a new engineering song that is spearheaded by the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES), Engineers Canada, and the NCDEAS.

As the current chair of the NCDEAS, I can confirm that this initiative is the result of discussions that took place at the Fall 2008 meeting of our organization and that its purpose is to encourage the Canadian engineering student body to replace the current offensive and inappropriate lyrics of the Engineering Hymn (or Godiva's song) that refer to alcohol, excessive drinking, belittling of women, etc. by something that is more positive and respectful and that the entire engineering community, as well as the general public, can enthusiastically relate to. In our opinion, this is something that is long overdue and that can positively affect the image and the perception of the engineering profession.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information if necessary.

Sincerely,

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P Est-ce vraiment nécessaire d'imprimer ce courriel ? Pensez-y !

Is it really necessary to print this email ? Think about it !

Sean: share link?

Shahrzad: yes

Daryl: 57:02 unt onwards

Sean: <http://fm-openlearn.open.ac.uk/fm/3cc3cf-5891>

- Kim, Will, and I got the same story that it was an innocent competition that we shouldn't be worried

-Admits that he is doing this for money

-Doesn't think Godiva's Hymn is doing for money

-If anyone asks, say it's an innocent competition and that it's a big idea

-Kyle was not upfront, may not have acted in CFES (or at least WESST's best interest)

-Misleading by believing in this competition

-No problem with deans running competition, but need support of student (leaders)

-Can't have it forced down our throats when CFES exec thinks it's a good idea

-Godiva's Hymn one of the most important traditions, just after iron ring

Jordan: Dean Cannon said the purpose was more to complement but not replace. But other information says otherwise.



Chris: – need exec that will communicate ie not in CFES link
– how to convince the exec and kyle that they do have responsibilities to ask people things
Sean: 1. CFES internal
2. Where do we stand on the song?
Shahrzad: personally, I don't think we as a federation decides where money goes.
–we're here as wesst to decide as communication
– if we just decide to put money, we're not functioning as a federation
– needs to be a line drawn where cfes makes executive decisions
–need to consult entire confederation
– needs to be specified
Jordan: Does a constitutional amendment need to be changed?
Chris: What are we going to do in the meantime?
Uvic would like to see this competition, if not delayed, at least the CFES name removed from it entirely
– strong worded letter to kyle, don't make mistake like that again
Shahrzad: (y) on letter
Daryl: UofA would like to see contest delayed, to make sure that it has equal promotion, and that everyone supports it
Sean: – Suggest to Kyle: see if CFES supports this
– CFES need to consult with entire federation body to see if we have a majority one way or another, even with online voting system
– can't pledge full force behind it without having some support behind on an issue like this
– Online confidential vote, to determine cfes position
Shahrzad: would like to discuss with other regions, but haven't done yet
Sean: called atlantic, but no answer
Shahrzad: Regardless of what other regions think on the issue, the fact remains that no one was consulted before a decision was made. Null what Atlantic or Quebec or Ontario thinks
Joel: CFES has been allowed to do what it wants internally.
– allowing them to continue mandates that they can do these decisions again
– dangerous precedent

–Another song *may* be beneficial
Sean: Can we get a show of thumbs to see competition put on hold until issue is resolved?
Y – Liam, Stephani, Ryan, Dan, Shahrzad, Daryl, U of M, Nicole, Chris, Matt, Jordan, Joel
A – Chris



<p>Kathryn: – make sure it's strongly worded and inappropriate without consulting regional ambassadors and interactions with National Council of Deans and Engineers Canada (misrepresenting them) Sean: Need a letter committee Steen: Put competition on hold? Leave decision to council? Sean: letter, talking to chair, pulling logo, contacting other regions Shahrzad: I can contact other regions Sean: contacting kyle –WESST is unanimous in seeing competition delayed –who will talk to kyle? – won't support until we have time to consult a bit more – don't have to be **** you kyle you're ***** ** Joel: need to mention why we don't support it (what is the purpose of this competition) Shahrzad: cover everything Sean: nominate Shahrzad Shahrzad: I accept and nominate sean to accompany Sean: accepts Liam: can edit Jordan: can edit Shahrzad" good on this?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Note: Sean apparantly can't spoke english</p>	
<p>7:45 – Miscellaneous Items</p> <p>Shahrzad:–most addressed in spring mailout – video: input email me, have some – need work on wiki! include new wesst code of conduct Sean: will fix these and send these again to shahrzad Shahrzad: Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>All: work on wiki. Email Jordan: vp-comm@wesst.ca</p> <p>Sean: Email new WESST Rules to Shahrzad</p>
<p>8:00 – Adjourn</p>	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM PST