

ENGINEERING SOCIETY EXECUTIVE REPORTS / FEDS

Summer flies...



NICK LAWLER
PRESIDENT

How the summer term flies by. I can't believe this is my last exec report of the term. I'm sure everyone had an excellent time, as we did a term of summer school. Congratulations and thanks to all the people who helped out this term, filling directorships and coming out to events.

We are already getting ready for another exciting term next winter. It will prove to be a very exciting time, with the Class of 2006 (that includes yours truly) graduating and receiving our Iron Rings. Be on the lookout for more great GradCom events, and the grads try to raise funds to support

their graduation activities. On top of all the grad events, the winter term is very busy with lots of EngSoc stuff going on. Events will include the Bus Push, Explorations, PI Day and many more.

Before any of us can move on we have to write those exams. Remember if you would like to relax and enjoy the end of term video make sure to attend the End of Term Pub, happening this Friday at 9pm in POETS. Speaking of exams, this will be the first run through with the new 2.5 hour format. If you have any problems during exams with how it is done, please let either myself or Melinda know, and we will forward your complaints on to the proper people.

Well I'm off for now, I'm looking forward to another successful Frosh Week, and wish all the leaders good luck. I wish everyone a safe and happy work term.

Concerns? Send 'em here.



MELINDA HURD
VP EDUCATION

SCHOOL IS OVER! I don't know about you, but this term flew by! As excited as I am about the upcoming holiday, I am dreading finals! Thanks to everyone who participated in the debt load surveys and those who attended the reading party for course critiques.

I don't really have much more to say – good luck on exams and have a fantastic summer “holiday”! Feel free to email me during your work term if you have any new ideas for our directors or if you have any concerns / questions! For those embarking on another journey through PDEng, good luck – hopefully PDEng 25 will come through with improved delivery and greater due date flexibility! Otherwise, enjoy your work terms! PARTY ON!!! My party time starts at Aug. 10 at 6:30. See you there.

Get your money. Now.



SABRINA GIOVINAZZO
VP FINANCE

Well, not much to say. There are still some donations cheques which need to be picked up, so make sure you come in to get yours if you haven't already.

There are lots of things on sale in nov-

elties, including some very stylish t-shirts and very, very useful screwdrivers and tape measures so make sure you stop by on your lunch! Novelties is only open for one more week until next term!

Once again, make sure you submit your expense forms. They are due in the Orifice by Friday, July 29 at 4:30. Just put them in my box or on my desk. Forms can be found in the orifice or online.

Well, good luck on exams and get ready to spend more money next term!

Engineering Feds Councillors

Including the newly acclaimed Janet and Joske, your Feds Councillors are:



Janet Yip



Jon Fishbein



Joske van Leeuwen



Rajat Suri



Matt Strickland

"The Council is the body responsible for proposing and approving referenda, elections, and discussing issues such as enrollment growth, tuition, and other university policies." So tell them about the beef you've got.

Highlights of Joint Council

JOSKE VAN LEEUWEN
4A CIVIL

On Sunday July 24, 2005, the annual Joint EngSoc Council was held. A small group of dedicated (and well fed!) students were on hand. The main items discussed are summarized below. If you are looking for more details, please refer to the meeting minutes, or contact the exec responsible.

1. Personalized beer steins will be available from novelties, sign up to get your name engraved; an email with details to follow.

2. There are two conferences in September where members of the exec will interact with other execs from around the country and province.

3. A-Soc VP-Ed Melinda Hurd suggested that B-Soc organize a forum for the first-year students to discuss the PDEng program in September. This was done by A-Soc in May to listen to the students' concerns.

4. WEEF will have extra money available for the Fall term, so be sure to submit proposals.

5. Novelties is looking into selling items online. Volunteers are needed to help setup and maintain this feature.

6. Senate is considering a proposal that would enable Engineering to have a full reading week and a minimum of two study days prior to exams. This may cause an extra early start in January or exam

days extending further into April. These changes will be voted on at the September Senate meeting. Look for a poll on the issue on the EngSoc website soon. The change would be implemented in 2007 at the earliest.

7. Talk to Brandon Malleck regarding UW's CEC bid for 2008.

8. Kate Kelly is looking for people to help with an international CFES CE course for the summer of 2006. B-Soc'ers are especially needed.

9. Mechanized blinds will be installed in POETS by Christmas. The windows will also be tinted and "POETS" will appear in yellow vinyl, in imitation of the current look (which must be removed due to code issues).

10. Finally, Nick Lawler proposed a change to the Constitution of the Engineering Society to consider that Architecture is in Cambridge, but part of Engineering. This change is intended to provide WASA (Waterloo Architecture Student Association) with funding to provide services to the Architecture students in Cambridge. Travelling 30 km to use the Orifice photocopiers isn't working for them. The proposed changes are likely to be a referendum question during the B-Soc elections in the Fall, or else at next year's Joint Council meeting.

Minutes to the meeting should be available on the web soon. A-Soc's final meeting of the term will be July 27, 2005.

Newly acclaimed Feds councillors!



JANET YIP
FEDS COUNCILLOR

My name is Janet and I will be representing Engineering as a Feds councillor for 2005-2006. I am in 3A Electrical Engineering, and am fairly involved with various school groups.

It was the referendum last term that prompted me to run for FEDS. During the Winter term, it seemed that many students, especially engineering students, were not satisfied with the refundable fees system. There is certainly plenty of room for improvement, but FEDS has been slow to adopt recommendations it has received.

The diversity of student services that

we have available enriches the entire university environment. However, under a system that students are unhappy with, there will only be ongoing conflict. Thus, my first goal will be to bring back the issue of refundable fees and to urge FEDS to take action on creating a more suitable system where students can have an easier time learning about student services and obtaining refunds.

On a broader scope, engineering students generally feel that FEDS is not relevant to them. If this is indeed the case, there is no reason for this to continue. As we make up such a large portion of UW, it is very possible for us to have a strong influence on FEDS. All we have to do is let them know.

Please let me know of any questions or suggestions you may have. Thank you, and may all of us enjoy a safe sun-burn-free summer.

probably seen me selling Boggan Burgers Thursdays at lunch (only \$2!!), but I wanted more. My becoming a Canadian citizen early 2004 made me want to take an active role in the democratic process, which is where FEDS fits in.

As Feds Councillor I want to present my views and those of my constituents (you guys and gals). I want to make sure you are informed of what's going on in Council. Part of that is this introductory/profile article. I also want to write articles about the Council meetings every month. I want to keep an up-to-date web site and put this kind of information there as well (once I figure out how all that works).

So if you have any questions or concerns about what the school or Feds is doing, let me know about it. Just search for 'Joske' in the UW directory (I'm the only one), or email me at jvanleeu@engmail.uwaterloo.ca. Thanks, and good luck on exams!



JOSKE VAN LEEUWEN
FEDS COUNCILLOR

Hello! My name is Joske and I am one of the newly acclaimed Feds councillors representing Engineering for the 2005-2006 school year. I'm a 4A Civil, looking forward to graduating in April. I'm also looking forward to the end of this term, because it is the last bit of a 12 month academic stint. From September 2004 until April 2005 I was on an exchange term to the Netherlands. (It was an amazing experience which I recommend to everyone.) My experience at a strange school showed me how much I enjoy being involved in school activities. I'm already fairly involved with EngSoc, and you've