

CELC Delegate Report

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Overview

- CFES (Canadian Federation of Engineering Students) conference
- Teaches students how to improve personal and professional skills, their Engineering Society, and their faculty as a whole
- January 2nd-7th
- Hosted by the University of Calgary

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Pros:

- Generally well organized
- Good accommodations
- Productive sessions
- Good variety at career fair
- Creative socials (e.g. arcade night, food crawl, karaoke)

Cons:

- Not the best food
- Not much free time
- Socials not inclusive to not drinking

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Attended for the governance stream:

- Gave feedback on Exec updates
- Gave feedback on strategic plan progress
- Voted in annual CFES Exec elections
- Heard conference bids by TMU and University of Calgary

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- Voted in plenary, notably:
 - A membership fee refund mechanism
 - New EDII Training at CFES conferences
 - Registration buffer time
 - Iron ring stance (next slide)

Iron Ring Discussion

- CFES abstained from signing the original letter
- Decided this is an undergrad issue they should be advocating for
- Mandated CFES Exec to create a stance - potentially to commission a new, more inclusive poem

Danielle Rivard

Rating out of 5 (and reason why)

Notable sessions and what you learned from them

Anything you think is applicable to EngSoc

Was it worth it in your opinion

Simon Yung



Pros:

- Got to meet a lot of student leaders with unique personalities and perspectives
- The conference felt professional and was very well organized
- The choice in speakers were genuine, motivating and personable

Cons:

- Lack of downtime
- Portions of the food – sometimes the quality was not the best
- Occasional pressure to drink



Notable Sessions



How Resilient Companies Succeed in Uncertain Times (and How You Can Too) – Daryl Hass

Life, Leadership and Happiness – A simple model for improving all three – Gord Aker

- Both very similar sessions. They used examples of how successful companies follow certain expectations and traits that was supported by books and consistency. All statements were backed up by examples and have a general pattern they follow. They connected everything back to our own personal lives and made me think about what I want out of it.

(Re) Engineering Innovation Towards Sustainable Communities – Dr. Kerry Black

- The speaker I think with the best audience engagement. She was also a part of the failure forums which she did a fantastic job. Dr. Black really shifted my perspective of the career path I want to take on. She was realistic and she shared personal experiences of her struggles and how she's still figuring out the career path she wants to take.

Application to EngSoc

- Professional development notes – technical job interviews and Startup advice.
- I received a better understanding and perspective outside of Ontario. Transparency is something that is still a struggle within the Ontario student board.
- Within the conference there was struggle in the representation for the French student body, both from Quebec and the Maritimes. This is a call for action to make sure students don't feel this way at Queen's.



Worth it? For me, yes.

I think it is important that we continue our partnership with ESSCO and the CFES. In future conferences, especially larger conferences like this, the engineering society should push for financial support to send more students to these conference. I feel that sending several first years would have benefited their population the most from this type of conference. I am thankful that I was able to take a lot out of it but imagine the number of students with less exposure within the engineering society who can gain from attending a conference like CELC.

