ASEE action newsletter - November 2002

ASEE colloquium a success

ASEE hosted its first international meeting abroad in Berlin with SEFI and the Technical University Berlin. It was a successful and informative meeting that addressed topics of accreditation, entrepreneurship, and technology in education. There were a number of excellent speakers, and their presentations will be posted to ASEE's web site in November. The second ASEE International Colloquium will be held next year with the 6th WFEO World Congress on Engineering Education in Nashville, TN, June 20-23, just prior to ASEE's Annual Conference.

2003 ASEE Annual Conference - Submit abstracts now

The deadline for submitting an abstract for the 2003 ASEE Annual Conference is right now. It may be hard to believe, but ASEE is currently in the final days of the abstract submission process for the 2003 ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition to be held June 22-25, 2003 in Nashville, Tennessee. Abstracts will be accepted through November 1, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please note that the deadline is firm, and late, faxed, or regular mailed abstracts will not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding abstract submission, please contact Mike Dingman at 202/331-3523 or Email: conferences@asee.org.

New “personal benefits” page on ASEE web site

Direct links to special member benefits are now available on a new page in the members-only area on ASEE's web site. See: http://www.asee.org/members/resources/benefits.cfm. Log on and click through to get quotes on discounted automobile and homeowners insurance from Liberty Mutual, connect to information of ASEE Group Life and Health Insurance, and save money on AVIS car rentals.

ETLI focuses on distance education

The Engineering Technology Leadership Institute this year was held in Norfolk, VA. Attendees discussed the role of distance education in engineering technology education from many perspectives, including student needs, range of available programs, delivery methods, marketing, and assessment. Old Dominion University hosted the event, and Gary Crossman, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology, and former ASEE Board Member, chaired the program committee. ASEE headquarters was represented by Eric Iversen, Public Affairs.

Online learning explored

In October, the House Information Technology Forum held a briefing titled, "Online Learning:Expanding Access to Education and Training." The House Forum is a bipartisan working group whose purpose is to facilitate discussion and educate Members of Congress, policymakers, and the public on important tech-related issues. Frank Mayadas, Program Director at the Sloan Foundation, gave an overview and observed that there are different kinds of online learning for different applications: "instructor-led" (entirely online, asynchronous, relatively expensive to develop courses); "hybrid or blended" (partly online plus classroom or fully online plus synchronous); "rich learning materials" (some instructor involvement, relatively more expensive courses; and "very rich learning materials" (no instructor, can be very expensive, self-paced, inexpensive to deliver). Copies of the presentation can be obtained from Eric Iversen, Manager of Public Affairs at publicaffairs@asee.org.

WEPAN launches faculty for the future internet site

FacultyfortheFuture.org offers universities the opportunity to post positions and graduate/undergraduate research opportunities while recruiting from a diverse group of candidates. Register at the site to post and manage position openings, search the resume database, and receive applications from interested candidates. Launched by the Women in Engineering Programs & Advocates Network (WEPAN), it is the only web site dedicated to linking women and under-represented minority candidates in engineering, science, and business with faculty and research positions at universities across the country. WEPAN's collaborators in FacultyfortheFuture.org include MentorNet, Penn State University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Texas A&M University, and Tufts University. For more details, see: http://www.engr.psu.edu/fff/.

Finance, Executive Committees meet at ASEE

The ASEE Finance Committee, chaired by Arthur Murphy, Vice President for Finance, and the ASEE Executive Committee, chaired by ASEE President Eugene DeLoatch, met in Washington, D.C., October 17, 2002 at ASEE headquarters.
COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS HOLDS SYMPOSIUM

The National Symposium on Competitiveness and Security, co-sponsored by the Council on Competitiveness and Carnegie Mellon, was held in October. The goal of the Symposium was to bring to the attention of business, government, university and labor leaders the fact that competitiveness and security are the twin pillars supporting our nation's prosperity. The Symposium drew approximately 300 attendees that included university presidents and chancellors, members of Congress, and an array of private industry CEO's. ASEE is a member of the Council on Competitiveness.

CHINA DIALOGUE

A fourth seminar in a decade-long series of dialogues between representatives from sectors of the science and technology communities of the U.S. and China was held in Shanghai and Beijing in October. The three sessions were, "Innovation and Creation in Engineering Education," "Lifelong Learning & Distance Education," and "Globalization of Engineering Education." The U.S. Delegation included representatives from NSF and from the private sector. Academia was represented by speakers from the University of Michigan, Iowa State, University of Florida, Texas A&M, George Mason, and UmassOnline. Frank Huband, ASEE Executive Director spoke on Entrepreneurship Education for Engineering Students.

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