EDC APPROVES STATEMENTS ON ASEE CAMPUS REPS, FACULTY ASEE ACTIVITIES

At the recent ASEE Annual Conference in St. Louis, the ASEE Engineering Deans Council (EDC) approved a statement on Campus Representatives, which expresses EDC support for the appointment of active, committed ASEE Campus Representatives. The EDC also approved a statement for faculty members' participation in "the fullest possible range of activities" sponsored by ASEE. Copies of the statements will be published in forthcoming issues of Prism Magazine.
To read the full text of the statements, go to: http://www.asee.org/policy/statements/

ASEE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ASEE offers several postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in cooperation with the Department of Defense. One such opportunity is offered under The Office of Naval Research (ONR) Post doctoral Fellowship Program. Keep in mind that October 1st is the upcoming application deadline for this Program.
The ONR Program is designed to increase the involvement of creative and highly trained engineers and scientists from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of relevance to the Navy. It provides 40 new postdoctoral appointments a year, and selected participants will work in a Navy laboratory environment, while interacting with senior laboratory scientists and engineers. Participants receive competitive stipends, conference travel, relocation allowance, and good benefits. Candidates are accepted year round through the Internet or by mail, but the next deadline is October 1.
For much more information, see: http://www.asee.org/onr.

GUIDELINES FOR DIVISION/COUNCIL BEST PAPER AWARDS

The ASEE Board of Directors recently approved guidelines for developing Division/Council Best Paper Awards. The guidelines, which were prepared by a special committee composed of several members of the ASEE Awards Policy Committee and PIC Chairs, provide a uniform standard for creating new awards of this category. Several ASEE divisions are currently in the process of establishing new Best Paper Awards using these guidelines. Those awards will be announced in the fall of this year.
To see the Guidelines, go to: http://www.asee.org/awards/guidelines.htm

REDESIGN OF ASEE WEB SITE

ASEE's web manager, Tracy Guthery, has been working on the redesign of ASEE's Web site. The object is to make it even easier to navigate, better the organization, and improve visual appeal. This is the second major site redesign, and the goal is to have it in place by September. Before then, however, you should check out the welcome messages from ASEE President Wallace Fowler and Executive Director, Frank L. Huband at: http://www.asee.org/welcome.
SEPTEMBER PRISM/GOOD SUMMER READING

Be on the lookout for your September Prism, which is a good and entertaining issue. The cover story is about the bold experiment of Olin College - a college starting from scratch that aims to establish an institution without academic departments and where engineering and entrepreneurship meld. (Sherra Kerns, Olin's VP for Innovation & Research, joined the ASEE Board of Directors in June). There is also a profile on the new President of Cooper Union, George Campbell, Jr. (previously CEO of NACME), and a new column by Henry Petroski of Duke University. Petroski is the noted author of the recent "The Book on The Bookshelf," and his column will appear in Prism several times a year.

FIE NEXT MONTH IN KANSAS

The Frontiers in Education 2000 Conference is scheduled for October 18 - 21 in Kansas City, KS. See: http://www.ukans.edu/~fie/

SLOAN FOUNDATION OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is seeking academic candidates for Sloan Industry Center Fellowships. The Fellowships provide funding for both recent PhD's and faculty to undertake research at one of 15 Sloan Industry Centers located at leading universities in the United States. The deadline for nominations is October 1, however, prospective Fellows should contact Center Directors by September 1 if they wish to be considered for nomination. Details may be seen at: http://www.sloan.org/

CONSIDER A FULBRIGHT

The Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals is offering more than 54 awards in Engineering for lecturing and/or doing research abroad during the 2001 - 2002 academic year. For information, visit: www.cies.org. The award listings and application materials can be downloaded, or printed versions can be requested from apprequest@cies.iie.org. The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

RIGEL GRANTS FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Rigel Corporation builds and supports embedded control hardware and software for the 8051 and C166/ST10 16-bit processors. Every year Rigel gives away equipment to
students for senior projects, engineering fairs, etc. This 2000-2001 school year, Rigel is requesting formal proposals for equipment/software grants from engineering students. These grants will be given to students throughout the year. You may want to direct your students to the proposal form (short, easy) which can be found on Rigel's web site at: http://www.rigelcorp.com/proposals.htm

MAGAZINE CALLS FOR MANUSCRIPTS

The 21st Century Engineer, an international peer-reviewed online journal, is seeking manuscripts, book and software reviews, editorials and commentary from professionals in universities, 2-year colleges, and industry. Articles must be original and relevant to the engineering/engineering technology profession. For further manuscript guidelines, go to: http://www.21centuryengineer.com/. The next issue of this journal will be published in fall 2000, and submission deadline is October 15, 2000. Submissions should be emailed to: Sohail Anwar, Ph.D., Penn State University-Altoona College, Manuscript Editor, email: sxa15@psu.edu.

OSTP, RAND RELEASE REPORTS ON RESEARCH COSTS

The RAND Corporation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) recently issued linked reports that find universities are recovering less of the indirect costs associated with federally funded research projects than they are entitled to. The RAND study states, "Overall, we estimate that universities are providing between $0.7 and $1.5 billion in facilities and administration costs that would be eligible for reimbursement based on their negotiated F&A rates. We estimate that universities are recovering between 70 and 90 percent of the facilities and administrative expenses associated with federal projects."

The full reports are available online at the following URLs:
http://www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1135.1/,
http://www.whitehouse.gov/media/pdf/sci22.pdf

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