New Graduate Student Orientation

WELCOME TO THE ECE GRADUATE PROGRAM!

INTRODUCTION TO THE ECEGSA

HTTP://WWW.ECE.UALBERTA.CA/~ECEGSA/
OUTLINE

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WHAT IS THE ECEGSA

ECEGSA – Electrical & Computer Engineering Graduate Students’ Association

Council of elected graduate students whose goal is to improve the social, professional, and academic well being and development of Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students.

Consists of:

- President
- VP Academic
- VP Communications
- VP Social
- VP Finance
- 4-6 Councilors

2015-2016 ECEGSA Executive
CURRENT MEMBERS
2015-2016 ECEGSA Executive

President
Gem Shoute
PhD Candidate

VP Finance
Chris Ceroici
PhD Student

VP Academic
Quinn Barber
MSc Student

VP Communications
Alex Ma
PhD Candidate

VP Social
Mei Shen
PhD Candidate

Councillor
Vallen Rezazadeh
MSc Student

Councillor
Ryan Kissingler
MSc Student

Councillor
Yang Ren
PhD Student

Councillor
Abdelrahman Askar
MSc Student
ROLES

- President
  Vision of how ECEGSA wants to contribute to the Department; delegation and making sure tasks and actions are followed through, be aware of policy/policy changes within the Department

- VP Finance
  Responsible for bookkeeping, reimbursements and justifying budgets

- VP Academic
  Representative for the Annual Faculty of Engineering Graduate Research Symposium

- VP Communications
  Communicating any news/initiative from the ECEGSA or other relevant sources via social media

- VP Social
  Hyping and setting up the logistics of various events, for example: ticket sales, venue bookings, etc.

- Councillors
  Support for the President and VPs; eyes and ears of the graduate students

Not a strict guideline!!! Most tasks are fluid and can be carried out by any member!!!
Over the years, the ECEGSA has hosted social events to keep students engaged with fellow students and the faculty – a great way to meet new people and have fun.

- Christmas Party
- Game Night
- Coffee Breaks
- Nowruz
- Chinese New Year
- Golf Tournament

?? We always welcome input!
SOCIAL EVENTS
This year, ECEGSA started a new initiative to improve intra-departmental awareness and relations:

• Department Research Showcase (Professor Lecture Series)
• Student Research Showcase (Student Lecture Symposium)
• And the on-going Engineering Research Symposium hosted by the Faculty!
ACADEMIC EVENTS
WE ARE STUDENT VOICE

Goal - Keep an open and positive dialogue with department leaders on major and minor issues for students in the department.

The ECEGSA will send a member to ECE Department Council meetings to represent graduate students.

Example 1: In 2015-16, revisions were being made to the bylaws of our Department of Electrical and Computer; a motion was put forth to dilute the value of the grad student vote (either by eliminating it or grouping it with the UG vote to count as only one vote). In the Dept. Council meeting, ECEGSA represented the grad students and successfully defended our right to be heard and to be heard as an independent voice.

Example 2: Purchase and maintenance of atrium microwaves for ECE grad student use. Very simple thing that goes a long way.

Example 3: Meeting with the department leaders. One major goal was to increase student attendance and interaction with research seminars and colloquia.
ECEGSA AND THE UNIVERSITY

- Goal - Keep an open and positive dialogue with department leaders on major and minor issues for students at the university level.

- We have seat with the university GSA-Council to discuss general grad student issues and the GSA is also a great student resource. (If TWO meetings are missed, the member is kicked out.)

- Key issues: Enforcement of Collective Bargain Agreement, Professional Development Credit.
CONCLUSION

The ECEGSA is a student run organization that works for students.

ECEGSA can make a major difference for ECE students.

Working with the ECEGSA as a council member or volunteer is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience.

Looking for nominations at all positions for the 2015-2016 ECEGSA Council.

- General election in Oct 21, 2016! Candidates finalization on October 17!
UPCOMING EVENTS

For more event information and ECE news:
http://www.ece.ualberta.ca/~ecegsa
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ecegsa

Or email with any questions you may have:
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THANKS!