

## **ISIE 2007 Student Chapter Meeting Summary**

1-2 pm

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Rm 303, Galbraith Building, University of Toronto

1. Introduction of people that helped to organize the activities: Soumya, Troy, Ming, Jason, Breanna, Vered, and Matt - thank you all for organizing!
2. Briefing about the chapter
  - a. Listserv and web site: ~300 users and keep growing. We discussed the option of starting a blog. No one was interested to take the initial step but everybody thought it can be helpful. We will look into that option in more details.
  - b. 07 conference activities brief: this year we had 5 main activities: poster competition, development panel, social activity, resume's book display, and chapter meeting.
  - c. Local conference: students have started a local student's conference in Indiana (second year now). Students organized the entire event. This is a great opportunity to get skills in organizing events as well as presenting in a more supportive environment. We are interested to spread this around and maybe start such activity in the US West cost, EU, and Asia. Anyone interested in that should contact Vered and Ming.
  - d. NSF grant: we are planning to start working on a NSF grant to support workshops and students exchange. More details will follow via the listserv.
  - e. Updates from ISIE Council meeting:
    - i. Discussed the option to reduce membership fee without access to JIE. Everybody were supportive of that, we plan to send a survey on that to everybody.
    - ii. Discussed the option to reduce student conference fees substantially. The council was supportive and concluded they will look into that for the next ISIE conference.
    - iii. The council is very interested to have more students involved and provide feedback
    - iv. Discussed how to increase membership and maintain graduating students as professional members.
    - v. We suggested to include a student in the sorting / acceptance process of the abstracts to ISIE09
3. Solicit for feedback and interest for activities during the year and GRC 08 :

The following ideas were suggested:

- a. Do again the focus groups discussion as in GRC06

- b. Organize a “Progressive” panel consisting of: master’s student, PhD student, post doc, and new professor to talk about the process, what to expect, give tips, etc.
  - c. Organize a special mixer with professors, where more students can participate in “small” talks with professors and industry
- 4. Nominations for coming year officers: Ming Xu will take the formal student chair position for GRC08. This year, we are hoping to start a system where the chapter will be lead by two people each year (and each chair will be involved for two years) so there is better continuity. Ming will take the formal chair position and will be mainly working on the GRC conference and increasing student's involvement and membership; Vered will still be involved but will concentrate on other tasks like surveying the students, local conferences, and funding opportunities. Everybody that is interested to become involved in the chapter leadership should contact Ming via e-mail ([ming.xu.3@asu.edu](mailto:ming.xu.3@asu.edu)).
- 5. Networking: each member gave a brief introduction to what he/she does and where are they from.

Next meeting will be at the GRC08 conference. Ming will send more ideas via the listserv to everybody.