

PEER Student Leadership Council Autumn Teleconference Agenda  
November 9, 2004

Minutes – Meeting started at 8pm

Members present: Case Bradford, Jack Baker, Annie Kwok, DongDong Chang, Mike Gebman, Griffin Thornock, Scott Brandenburg, Won Lee, Curt Hasselton, Judy Reiser-Mitrani, Sarah Paulsen

**1. Announcements**

- The meeting was being recorded and will be available for any one to listen to. The link to be sent in the near future.
- We have 2 new members from UCSD; Leonardo Massone (UCLA) will no longer be participating in the SLC
- Need to appoint a secretary- Sarah will fill this position in the meantime, and a new one will be appointed by the next meeting. Griffin said that she would do both VP and secretary if needed.

**2. Upcoming Events**

- **Annual Meeting** – to be held April 29-30, 2005 in the Bay Area. Details to come later.
- **Engineering Research Centers 2004 Annual Meeting** – DongDong to attend conference in Washington, D.C. She will give a short presentation and create a poster on “Effective Communication Between Multi-Institutional ERC centers.” She will update the SLC after the meeting of any key findings from the meeting. Have a great time DongDong!

**3. Old Business-**

- **SLC Bylaws update** – Won updated the SLC bylaws early this autumn. The SLC appeared to be happy with the update, and the bylaws are now adopted and in effect.

**4. Officer updates**

a. Internet Chairs

Thanks to Case for updating the SLC website with the new photos. We are still in search of a group photo or else Case might have to piece us together using Photoshop. Case is updating the site to a new, easier format in preparation for handing it over to Curt. Any comments/suggestions about the website are much appreciated.

b. SWOT Chairs

It is still a bit too early to have too much to report. Jack said that the questions should remain pretty much the same to allow comparisons with results from last year. Mike mentioned that the NSF panel would have liked some bar charts to compare with last year. A few questions may be added, clarifications to be made. Case brought up a good idea about requiring the students to fill out the SWOT

before registering for the Annual Meeting. The SWOT chairs should touch base with Parshaw with enough notice to get this added in (if possible).

c. Industrial Liaison – no report

d. Outreach Chairs

The new UCSD SLC members were active in helping with the PEER scholar's course. Case brought up the idea of having the SLC have a formalized part in the scholar's course – a small presentation during one of the university visits just to let the students know more about the students of PEER and opportunities once in graduate school.

e. Vice President

Griffin brought up the idea of encouraging outreach to the affiliated schools. It was suggested that this could be done through the undergraduate seismic competition. Also, we are in need of reps from some of the core PEER schools and that we need to try and recruit some students to fill these slots. Griffin also mentioned implementing the BIP program.

f. President

Sarah has been trying to get an updated list of PEER funded students – should have one from Parshaw in the next month or so. This list will be added to the psa list we have now. The purpose of getting the updated list is to have university meetings at each of the PEER universities with PEER funded students or students interested in EQ engineering/PEER. The goal is for each university to have an (informal) meeting (with pizza) in early February with these students to answer questions about PEER, let them know about the SLC and opportunities at PEER (including the PhD candidate exchange). Another goal is to have 5 BIP events – in conjunction with EERI chapters, or on their own – within the academic year. The SLC agreed to try and reach this goal and to facilitate these informal meetings the best way possible at their universities. The updated list (once received) will be sent to each SLC member to help target students to meet with.

g. Others

It was brought up that some of the smaller schools would have a hard time implementing this plan and increasing the interest in PEER. What about incentives? Can we send students who are not PEER funded to the Annual Meeting as an incentive? Sarah to discuss this with Linda.

## **5. Seismic Design Competition**

We had a really good conversation on the seismic competition, thanks for all the good comments. I tried to capture the main points here, though it is not a complete recap... The seismic competition chairs had a teleconference a few months ago and have been busy thinking about the upcoming competition. The consensus was that the competition will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the end of April – somewhere in the Bay Area. Discussion varied from location/date logistics, to base isolation rules, and to incorporating a bonus question (maybe) to see how accurate the teams were at predicting peak parameters. Scott will send out an example of how to incorporate this using probability distributions. The launch date for the competition information date is to be early January. Mike is going to forward Case some more

pictures and possibly slides about the competition to help encourage teams to participate. Possibly PEER professors can help pinpoint students to participate.

Budget is something to look into.... Will PEER help pay for the students to attend the meeting and competition? Goal is to have at least one team from each PEER university, and two teams from each MAE and MCEER. The teams from the other centers would be the top performers from those centers and they would be responsible for paying their own way. Plan to have 2-3 students per team attend the meeting. They can attend the meetings/activities on Friday and/or Saturday, which will give them a chance to see what PEER is all about and a chance to meet professors/students. The competition will be held on Sunday. Plan to have at least two sets of weights to speed up the process. The competition chairs will have to iron out these details – with feedback and support from the rest of the SLC.

Suggestion was made to have the winners of the competition show off their building during the NSF site visit to reinforce the outreach program.

## **6. Next Meeting**

Seems as though an in-person meeting was desired by the members. Sarah to discuss the possibilities with the Linda. Meeting should be in February in the Bay area – same as the Annual Meeting. This will be good since we won't have another in person meeting until April.