Student Division 8th Annual
Student Leaders Conference
August 27, 2012

Cockrell School of Engineering Mission Statement
The mission of the Cockrell School of Engineering is to:

- Create knowledge that produces technology innovation through leading-edge disciplinary and interdisciplinary research.
- Educate engineers to be future leaders in technology, engineering industries, business, and other professions, and to thrive in a globally competitive environment.
- Distribute knowledge generated through research by developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem, strategic research engagement with industry in the United States and internationally, and life-long engineering education.

Student Division Student Leaders Conference
Students involved in the recruitment, retention and administrative efforts of the Student Division are a critical part of the Cockrell School of Engineering. By offering a one-day conference for student organization leaders, office assistants, tutors and mentors from the Student Division offices, training resources and expertise are shared and peer mentoring and collaboration are encouraged.

The goals of the Conference are:
- Quality and consistent training of student employees and leaders within the Cockrell School of Engineering is achieved while minimizing resource expenditures.
- Student employees and leaders are shown how they fit into the Cockrell School of Engineering and how they are part of the Cockrell School of Engineering team which is larger than their individual organizations.
- Participants, Cockrell School of Engineering staff and supporters find the Student Leaders Conference beneficial and valuable.
- Networking opportunities between student leaders are provided in a fun, enjoyable training environment.

Thanks to Our Sponsors!
Thank you to all the Student Division Offices and the Friends of Alec Annual Giving Program of the Cockrell School of Engineering for contributing time, door prizes and energy to this year’s Student Leaders Conference. And thanks to the Engineering Student Affairs Office, Friends of Alec, and the Women in Engineering Program for financially supporting the Student Leaders Conference.
Agenda

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Welcome ECJ 1.202
11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Student Leaders Scavenger Hunt ECJ 1.202

12:00 – 12:40 p.m. Session 1 Various RLM Rooms

Session 1A - RLM 4.102
**Creative Conflict: How to Make it Work for You! – NEW WORKSHOP**
Target Audience: Student Organization Leaders; Any SLC Participant involved in teams
Presented by: Glynda Groth-Putnam and Susan Higginbotham, Engineering Student Life (ESL)
Conflict is a natural and necessary part of life. This interactive session will help you understand where and why conflict occurs as well as how you can make it a positive force in your life and leadership roles.

Session 1B - RLM 5.104
**Yikes! I'm a leader?! Now what?**
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants
Presented by: Ana Dison, Women in Engineering Program (WEP)
This interactive session will include two self-assessments and a large group discussion to enhance the leader inside you. We'll discuss your attitude for leading as well as your motivation for leading others, linking both to your life as a professional engineer. This workshop is adapted from the WEP Leadership Seminar.

Session 1C - RLM 5.116
**How to Showcase your Leadership Skills to Employers**
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants
Presented by: Denise Briceno, Engineering Career Assistance Center (ECAC)
Set yourself apart from the rest. As student leaders in the Cockrell School, you have experiences, knowledge, skills and abilities that can set you apart from your peers in the job search process. Explore how to emphasize leadership experience on your resume and interviews.

Session 1D - RLM 6.104
**Global Leadership – Exploring and Promoting Leadership through Global Experiences**
Target Audience: All SLC Participants
Presented by: Helena Wilkins-Versalovic, International Engineering Education (IEE)
Explore how to prepare yourself to enthusiastically and confidently take on the opportunities and challenges of our increasingly interconnected world. Learn what Global Leaders bring to the table and why are these skills important to Engineers in the marketplace and government.

Session 1E – ECJ 1.202
**I am FANTASTIC! Claim Your Leadership Power**
Target Audience: All SLC Participants
Presented by: Tricia Berry, Women in Engineering Program (WEP)
Be bold! Be FANTASTIC! How you communicate as a leader can get you the job you want, increase the members of your organization, raise the funds you need for an event, make you an invaluable team member in your job or organization and enhance a mentoring experience. Explore your strengths and claim your leadership power in this interactive session full of hands-on experiences.

You may love games...or you may hate them. BUT, those who play may win prizes including a $100 scholarship!
12:50 – 1:30 p.m.  Session 2  Various RLM and ECJ Rooms

Session 2A - RLM 4.102  
**Minimizing Meeting Madness**  
Target Audience: Student Organization Leaders; Anyone who leads meetings  
Presented by: Glynda Groth-Putnam and Susan Higginbotham, Engineering Student Life (ESL)  
Discover how to be the best meeting leader and participant. Don’t waste your time or others! Learn some great techniques to make meetings more efficient, productive, engaging and fun.

Session 2B - RLM 5.104  
**Leading by Doing: Explore the Grand Challenges of Engineering for the 21st Century**  
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants  
Presented by: Christina White, Longhorn Grand Challenges Scholars Program (GCSP)  
Be an agent of change to make the world a healthier, happier, safer place with innovative engineering! Imagine and learn about ways to connect real world engineering experiences with other disciplines, global perspectives, entrepreneurship, and service-learning. Explore avenues that foster leadership, teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and creativity as we work together to face the 21st Century Grand Challenges of Engineering.

Session 2C - RLM 6.104  
**K-12 STEM Outreach Training and Community Engagement**  
Target Audience: Anyone who does outreach or leads student org outreach efforts for Explore UT, Engineering Saturdays, etc.  
Presented by: Didey Muniz, WEP; Christina Soontornvat, Austin Children’s Museum; Lorena Alvarez, EOE  
Engineers are creative problem solvers essential to our health, happiness and safety. How do you describe engineering at Explore UT, high school visits, or anywhere else you’re coming in contact with pre-college students? Learn the wording to use to excite kids, first year students, your friends in other majors and the public about engineering. AND learn about ways to connect in the community (and to professional engineers and companies) through school visits and more.

Session 2D – ECJ 1.202  
**The Digital You – Leadership, Love and Looks**  
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants  
Presented by: Tricia Berry, Women in Engineering Program (WEP)  
Explore the digital you – the online you found on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and more – through leadership, love, and looks. Explore tips, tricks and insights to showcase your strengths, make network connections, get connected to jobs, find mentors, seek organization volunteers or support, and more in this highly interactive, and sometimes controversial, session.

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*Don’t forget to do your Student Leaders Conference Scavenger Hunt! IF you play along, you’ll get in the drawing for door prizes including $100 scholarships! You may have to search outside or inside RLM and ECJ on floors, office doors and lobby walls.*
1:40 – 2:20 p.m.  Session 3  Various RLM and ECJ Rooms

Session 3A – RLM 4.102
“The Effective Leader”- Doing it All and Succeeding
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants
Presented by: Phillip Nevels, Equal Opportunity in Engineering Program (EOE)
Priority management is critical for being an active and effective student leader in the Cockrell School of Engineering. This session begins by discussing key guiding principles of living an effective life including vision, purpose, choice, character, synergy, and balance. We then explore strategies and tips on how to organize our time and energy so that we can create and maintain a healthy, productive, and effective lifestyle.

Session 3B – RLM 5.104
Dealing with Stress Before It Becomes an Issue
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants
Presented by: Dr. Laura Davenport Ebady, Counseling & Mental Health Center
Leading by example means modeling balance—time for work AND play—in your life. Students and student leaders all need some down time to recharge. This presentation will demonstrate some quick, effective ways to unwind. You’ll also learn about campus resources to help you, and the students you work with, to de-stress.

Session 3C – RLM 5.116
Crafting a Cohesive Fundraising Strategy
Target Audience: Student Organization Leaders
Presented by: Kelsey Evans, Friends of Alec Annual Giving Program (FOA)
Explore the fundamentals of fundraising for your student organization. Anticipate your organization’s needs for the year, plan your fundraising events, and learn how and why donors will give. Making an effective appeal to the right audience can have a big impact!

Session 3D – RLM 6.104
‘What Do I Do If…’ – Resources Campus Leaders Need to Know
Target Audience: All Student Leaders Conference Participants
Presented by: Jessica Jimenez, Equal Opportunity in Engineering Program (EOE)
Attend this interactive session to not only learn about campus resources, but also to learn in what scenarios and situations to use those resources. Through the use of a Jeopardy game, staff members discuss information beneficial to student leaders as they work with college students at all levels.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  Conference Closing and Door Prizes  ECJ 1.202

2:45 p.m.  EOE Staff Training  ECJ 1.204
WEP PAL Training  RLM 4.102

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