Tuesday March 10th, 2017

Spencer Elliott for VP Technical

This letter represents my interest in running for the position of VP Technical for the University of Alberta’s Mechanical Engineering Club during the school year of 2017/18. The entire reason that I enrolled in post-secondary was to develop, specifically to develop the skills required to be a successful Mechanical Engineer. However, our curriculum is very focused on the academic side of that task. It ensures that we will know how to do what we will be asked by our employer. But what will our employer ask us to do? It is important that our education also includes a connection to industry and prepares us for what will be expected of us.

I am running on a firm platform of professional development to make sure that our graduates have the skills necessary to be as successful as they have always dreamed. I will make sure that members stay up to date with new information from the ASME so we know what is actually expected from us as Engineers. I will also be a dedicated representative to ensure that Mechanical Engineering has a strong presence when distributing the Engineering Undergraduate Equipment Fund to make sure that you can make the most out of your education.

This last year of being VP Technical has shown me what is expected out of the position and has lead me to organize with the help of other club members the largest technical skills course in our clubs recent history. We reached an attendance of 218 people at our IPEIA Codes Course versus the previous record last year of 178, an increase of over 22% with further improvements in course exposure and content in the works.

I have been involved in some sort of student council during my entire education career. I pride myself in keeping a pulse on both the students and the administration so that I can facilitate proper relations.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you consider selecting Spencer Elliott for your new VP Technical.

Regards,

Spencer Elliott