



VP Sports and Comps Mid-Mandate Report

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I SPORTS DAY

For FROSH, I had the task to organize a sports day for all ENCS students. The success of this event is really weather dependent. It has the potential to be awesome, but the emphasis and marketing for this day is lacking. This year, the turnout was fortunately good and the logistics ran smoothly despite the challenges met throughout the organization of the event.

What needed to be done:

- Organize games or sports that were going to be played
- Order food and beverages
- Book the field
- Market the event

I had originally planned for this event to incorporate an inflatable game to attract more people, but due to improper field bookings and date coordination, it was not possible to do so. The event was held on Saturday August 30th which was the same day that a football game was being hosted by the University therefore the soccer and football fields were not made available to us. It took a long while to figure out who the booking contact was for one of the smaller fields within the Loyola Campus. For future references to the next VP Internal of VP Sports and Comps, go see security when in doubt on who to contact for bookings within the University, they know everything! This was figured out when my director and I went to Loyola Campus to ask around at the Loyola Sports Center and the employee directed us to security.

As for the duration of the event, it should not be too early. This year, the event was from 11am until 2pm including lunch. If the future VP Sports and Comps does not wish to provide lunch, he or she should organize the event at a later time and provide snacks and beverages instead. It would also be better because the sun will be less hot in the late afternoon, say 2pm-4pm. If the future VP does wish to provide lunch, I would suggest the same caterer as this year, Dagwoods, because it is cheap and they can make extra sandwiches if more people than expected show up. It is impossible to predict the outcome of this event unless tickets are “sold” or if people

register in advance for the event. However, this might limit the number of attendance due to people thinking that they cannot attend without a ticket or registering. For next year, you absolutely need to buy a metric ton of water and Gatorade especially on a sunny day. This year, we had just enough, but more would've been better. Also, ice is preferable to keep the drinks cool.

Marketing for this event is lacking because it is not one of the major events of FROSH so perhaps next year, better advertisement should be done.

The activity we played this year was human foosball which was somewhat of a success because people seemed to be enjoying themselves and it was a great way to bond and connect with students. If this sport is to be played again next year, a smaller field would be best and delimitations boards or an arena should be constructed. Other than that, we played a bit of soccer and ultimate Frisbee which are classics that most people enjoy.

2 QUEBEC ENGINEERING COMPETITION

The VP External of the ECA will be the one attending the CREIQ conferences where a lot of the QEC info will be given. Make sure to have a good communication with the VP Ex for this event and make sure that the people organizing this competition is aware that you are responsible. Once the organizers provide you with information regarding the competition you will need to host tryouts to pick the delegation.

This year, the tryouts were held on the weekend of October 25th and were a success for the majority of the teams. The turnout for senior design was surprisingly low this year. Usually there are up to 3 teams of 4 people who try out for this competition. This year, this event was advertised a lot more than previous years. I have built a website encouraging competitions to which Concordia ENCS students attend to. This website allows students to learn more about the competition world and allows them to explore more opportunities and experiences. For the QEC, the pre-comps were advertised well ahead of the date. What I have noticed is that even though this year a registration form was required to be filled, not all students who registered actually attend the tryouts. Perhaps the low turnout is due to midterms because many students had midterms around that date. Perhaps to improve participation another weekend should be chosen. Also other schools such as McGill and Polytechnique advertise the tryouts as an internal competition. It might be a good idea to advertise it as a competition instead of tryouts next year.

To select the delegation, my director and I had to build the course and buy the material for the junior and senior design pre-comp which was a long process. If the electrical parts are not provided by the organizers next year, make sure to order them at least 2-3 weeks in advanced

to make sure all materials are in for the tryouts. The other competitions such as Consulting, Re-Engineering, Scientific Communication, Innovative Design and Debates do not require as much preparation. If you are inexperienced in these competitions, I suggest asking students who have graduated and who are experienced to help judge the pre-comps.

This year, unlike previous years, I have decided to host 1-2 training and team bonding sessions for the selected delegation to help them further their knowledge and abilities. The first training session held in November was meant for the weaker teams who required more attention and training. This training allowed them to work with their teammates for the first time and to experience how the real competition will be. The second training will be held in January, right before the real competition, for ALL teams. This will allow all teams to work together and all them to get constructive criticism amongst each other.

This year a new competition for graduate students was incorporated. Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest in the GSA, we were unable to participate in this competition. We will not be sending anyone this year. However, if next year this competition still exists, I suggest contacting the GSA very early September and continue asking them about the progress.

3 ECCC

I met with the person in charge of the JMSB side of the delegation in late September, early October and we discussed about how we were going to choose the delegation. He chose two commerce students and I chose two engineering students. We needed to write a letter of intent and a cover letter to send to the organizers in order to register our delegation.

To choose the students, I asked the organizers to send my mock cases that I could give during the tryouts. I uploaded a registration form on the competitions website and as previously stated, there were less people who showed up than expected in the list of registered people. However, many people showed up to the tryouts and the results were fruitful.

4 TROITKSY

The most important part of the mandate!!! The hotel and most of the venues are booked. The most important thing to do is to reserve the hotel. Micha Kindarji, VP Sports and Comps in 2011, has tremendously helped me to organize this big event. It is not recommended to organize it alone! The first step was contacting last year's hotel because it was a great place and everyone enjoyed it. Even though the rates went up, it still fit in the budget and they were willing to have us back this year which is great. They have reasonable prices and they have a big enough restaurant for breakfast and they have a big enough banquet hall to accommodate all

the participants. My job was greatly lessened by deciding to host breakfast and banquet at the hotel.

The second most important part is to reserve the auditorium in the H building and the EV Atrium for the appropriate dates. This is a must especially because this is such a big competition hosted by Concordia. there is no room for mistakes. WE ARE BEING JUDGED BY UNIVERSITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA!

The third most important part is to find sponsors. So far, I have CSCE, Desjardins and Gestion Ferique as sponsors. It is extremely hard to find sponsors because all other schools and competitions are also seeking for sponsors. Make sure to find them at the beginning of the first semester and ask VP Ex to help get sponsors!!!

Micha is mainly the point of contact with the other Universities. She has a great knowledge on how the other schools work and has a huge network of students who have done this competition. To enhance the participation, I have presented this competition to all Quebec Universities at CREIQ in November. I also made a pamphlet with all the information for them. Hopefully more Quebec Universities will participate this year. I have been in contact with a girl in a civil engineering committee at Polytechnique and they seem interested in this competition. For next year, present this competition at CREIQ again, but this time, present it at the one in September. Ask the VP Ex for more information regarding the when and where of CREIQ!

At the moment, Troitsky is pretty much done, minor adjustments regarding supper and after party venues need to be confirmed and promo items for the participants needs to be ordered. I am communicating regularly with Micha so that we are both up to date on what is happening.

Future advice, make sure this event does not conflict with another competition. This year it is at the same time as the Canadian Engineering Competition (CEC) which is not good because the top 2 winners of QEC are sent to CEC.