

Bes-Student Chapter Leadership Camp Report

Venue: Singapore Polytechnic

Date: 25th January 2014 930am -300pm

The day started off with an introduction of BES and BES-SC by Prof Sierin Lim, providing participants the knowledge about the society and events.

It was proceeded by the main programmed developed and planned by two of our BES-SCWB leaders, Justin Tan (National University of Singapore) and Steven Limbara (Republic Polytechnic). The main programme started off with an ice breaker and then several leadership activities that included critical thinking, teamwork, resource management and creativity, which are some skillsets needed for this industry.

The second part of the morning programme was adapted from last year, where students were introduced further to the biomedical industry and explored the industry further beyond research, looking into factors that affect and contribute to the advancement of this industry. The participants managed to gain good insights and also due to the diversity of the group, they managed to provide constructive ideas and shared their thoughts openly.

The second part of the day was for the participants to come up with an event themselves for BMEX. A myriad of ideas were thrown on the table and using skills learnt from the morning session, the participants were able to craft and agree on a specific idea which they will work on for BMEX. The participants formulated and agreed that we should use everyday medical devices and show how they work and the science behind them. They also agreed to coming up with a video/poster contest to make biomedical engineering fun and informative for people of all ages, to create awareness about the industry and contributions it has provided. The Ngee Ann polytechnic team took the initiative to lead the project.

The day ended with the participants receiving certificates of attendance which would allow them to be invited and initiated into the BES-SCWG.

I sincerely thank Dr Ong Fook Rhu for kindly providing the venue at singapore polytechnic and also ensuring the logistics are prepared well for this event. I would also like to thank both Justin Tan and Steven Limbara for taking time off from their busy schedule filled with exams and fyp, to develop the programme and facilitate for the whole day.

Extended sincere thanks also goes out to Prof Sierin Lim, Lim Jit Ning and Khoo-Tan Peck Ha, Alberto Corias and Saji George who advertised and marketed this camp.

The camp was intended for 12 participants but due to the overwhelming response, it was open and maxed at 20.

Participants: 21 registered (1 could not make it)

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