GEL Participates in Engineering Leadership Education Conference

On February 15th and 16th, the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program joined representatives from universities throughout the US and Canada for the third Bernard M. Gordon Engineering Leadership Conference.

Hosted by the Gordon Center at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), the conference also included participants from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts University, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, Penn State University, University of Florida, Iowa State University, and University of Toronto.

As with previous conferences, attendees gathered to expand the domain of engineering leadership education by sharing compatible best practices, case studies, and materials.

“We are always pleasantly surprised at how quickly we find elements in each other’s programs that can be replicated to good effect,” said Simon Pitts, Director of the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program.

Dr. Frieder Sieble, Dean of UCSD’s Jacobs School of Engineering, opened the conference by sharing how the largest engineering school in California approaches engineering leadership education. Other highlights included a roundtable discussion with student and industry stakeholders.

“This group has a really diverse set of stakeholders and customers,” said Pitts, “yet all are motivated to share the approaches they use to help each other make a difference in teaching engineering leadership.”

The Bernard M. Gordon Engineering Leadership Conference was launched in 2010 as part of the Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership Program’s charter to disseminate best practices in engineering leadership and sustain a robust community of like-minded programs. In May 2011, the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program hosted the second conference at Northeastern University.

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The Gordon Engineering Leadership Program at Northeastern University is an intensive graduate program directed at building a future corps of engineering leadership professionals. More information: http://www.northeastern.edu/gordonleadership.