My name is Regan Wilson and I am a third year Mechanical Engineering student from Saskatoon, SK. I am running for the position of VP External in the 2020-2021 school year. Over the past three years I have been involved with the SESS in many different roles, including attending 5 CFES conferences. These conferences are among my favorite memories from my academic career. Through my conference experience, I have gained an understanding how both the CFES and WESST are governed and developed an interest for the policy that supports engineering students. I am a hard-working individual who is passionate about advocating for the needs for my peers. I am excited about the potential opportunity to represent the students in the College of Engineering.

Through my involvement in the last three years, I have had the privilege to see some amazing work done by all SESS executive, but in particular the last two VP Externals. I believe the SESS is moving in the right direction towards student involvement and advocating for the needs of our members. If I am given the opportunity to represent our student body in the coming year, I hope to continue the work done by previous executive by encouraging more student involvement, advocating for the needs of our students with both WESST and CFES, and committing to transparency in the role of VP External.

I believe getting involved as a representative of the SESS and attending conferences is an invaluable opportunity. That being said, there are many students who never get the chance to get involved solely because they do not know about the opportunities. As VP External, I would work with the VP of Communications, the Engineering Student Center, and the First Year Council, to advertise conferences and inform students of the benefits that they offer. Through working with these different alleys of communication, I hope to reach peripheral members and students outside of the SESS with a focus on first- and second-year students. By giving more students the opportunity to get involved by representing our college, I believe we can encourage a greater number to become more involved with the student society.

VP External acts as the voting member representative of SESS at both WESST and CFES general meetings. As one of only two schools in our province, our students provide a unique
point of view on how they can best be supported. As VP External, I will work to fully understand the needs and wishes of our diverse student body in order to bring our collective voice to the table. I plan to accomplish this by networking with my fellow students and seeking feedback throughout the school year.

As students at a member school of WESST and CFES, it is not always evident how these two organizations directly benefit individual students. As VP External, I would be committed to transparency. Many important policies are voted on throughout each school year that affect some or all of our students. Upon returning from conferences, I would commit to developing a short write-up of the key policies voted on and their impact on the lives of our students, that would be distributed to our members via the Eng Info or through email.

I am excited about the chance to work alongside my fellow students, and to work to represent the needs of all our members. If you have any questions regarding my platform or ideas about how to improve the representation of our student body, please feel free to contact me at regan.wilson@usask.ca. Please exercise your right to vote March 2nd – 4th.