



**2005 NCSITE
Student Chapter Meeting
Tuesday – April 26, 2005**



“Mobility North Carolina – Future Leaders with High Impact Solutions”

Location: Student Activity Center Salons D&E, UNC Charlotte



2005 NCSITE Student Chapter Meeting drew record numbers of students and unanimous praise for the quality of presentations and discussions. This year the NCSITE Student Chapter Meeting was hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte’s student chapter on April 26, 2005. This meeting was attended by about 30 students and 33 NCSITE members, affiliates and guests. All the attended licensed professionals were awarded with a maximum of five PDHs. Jim Westmoreland donated two tickets and Parking accommodations for the opening round (June 16th) of the 2005 U. S. Open in Pinehurst towards the NCSITE scholarship fund. Thank-you Jim. Todd Brooks from PBS&J won these tickets in a door prize lucky draw.

The attendees received a warm welcome from Dr. Martin R. Kane, Organizing Committee coordinator, UNC Charlotte and Dr. Joan Lorden Provost, UNC Charlotte.

About fifteen students shared their ideas from 13 current and relevant transportation topics. The agenda was filled with the discussion of topics that ranged from Access Management, Pedestrian Safety, Transit and HOT to class projects, research projects and master’s/Ph. D. thesis results. Mr. Max J. Tate, Research and Technology Engineer, FHWA provided an update on “Reauthorization and Transportation Issues” during the luncheon.



Dr. Martin R. Kane

We sincerely thank NCSITE and all its Directors for their tireless help and support for this meeting. Special Thanks to Caroline Kone, Kyle Miller, Matt Bell and Cassandra Ficken (Officers of UNCC Student Chapter), Bastian Schroeder (President, NCSU Student Chapter) and Emelina Diaz Wiley (President, NC A&T Student Chapter) for their support in organizing this meeting. Also thanks to all of the students and faculty advisors for their participation in the planning process as well as in the program.



Bill Martin

The highlight of the meeting was the “2005 NCSITE Student Resume Book – Spring Edition”. This Resume Book released for the first time in the section’s history has 40 student resumes from all of the three member student chapters (NCSU, NC A&T and UNC Charlotte).

“Student Chapter Meetings are of huge importance to both the students and industry professionals”, says Yolande Stover a Transportation Engineer from the RS&H Charlotte office. She also adds, “It was the first time I’d attended an ITE meeting on the student level. I was quite impressed with what I saw. The presentations given by the students offered real-world situations and real-world considerations towards solutions. I also enjoyed the opportunity to

interact with students who possess such a strong interest in the Transportation Engineering and Planning industry”.

“This year's NCSITE Student Chapter meeting was an outstanding opportunity for us – students - to publicly present our research efforts and to network with ITE members from across the state”, adds Bastian Schroeder, NCSU Student Chapter President. “Our speakers appreciated the feedback received from working professionals in the transportation field, as well as, students from the other universities. The NCSU ITE Student Chapter would like to thank Radha Krishna Swayampakala and the UNC-Charlotte team for their organizational effort and for making the meeting such a great success. We also highly value the continued support of NCSITE in promoting student research and encouraging student involvement in NCSITE activities. Thank you!”



Feedback from attendees emphasized the high quality, and relevance of the presentations, the opportunity for networking between students and professionals and the excellent facilities preparation including directions, food and venue. The following presents a summary of the meeting survey results and comments provided by the attendees.

2005 NCSITE Student Chapter Meeting Survey Results

<u>Item</u>	<u>Overall Result</u>
1 Registration	4
2 Meeting Content/Length	4
3 Relevance of Material Covered in Sessions	4
4 Student Presentations	4
5 Luncheon & Key-Note Speaker	4
6 Poster Sessions	3
7 Quality of Meals	4
8 Resume Book	4
9 Student Involvement	4
 10 OVERALL QUALITY OF THE MEETING	 4

It is a common notion that Student Chapter meetings are only for students. For those of you who did not attend the meeting, NCSITE Student Chapter Meetings are not just for students. These Student Chapter Meetings provide a great platform for networking and interaction between student members and the industry professionals like you. These meetings are "meetings of the mind" for students and Transportation professionals alike.

Usually, these Section meetings are your opportunity to learn from some of our best and brightest student chapter members.

Scroll down to the next page to see more pictures from the meeting. If you have any more questions or comments about this meeting please contact either Dr. Martin R. Kane or Radha Krishna Swayampakala at the below address.

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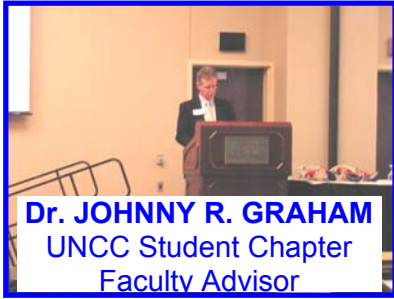
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