

CHAPTER 7 : STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The faculty provides every opportunity for students to contribute to the development of the faculty. Student activities that can benefit both students and the faculty are always encouraged and fully supported. The establishment of a Staff-Student Committee is the indicator how the faculty really appreciate the views and opinions of the students. Within the faculty there are two societies run by students i.e. *Persatuan Kejuruteraan Awam* (PEKA) or Civil Engineering Society which is for the undergraduates and the Postgraduate Student Association.

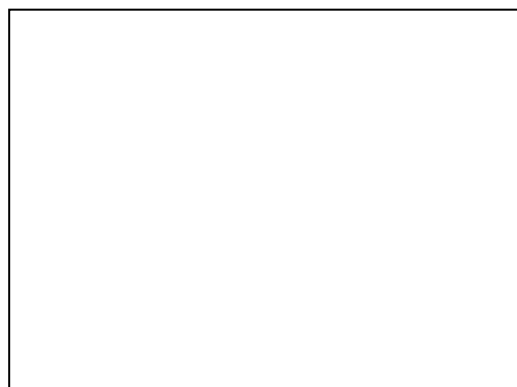
7.1 Civil Engineering Society (PEKA)

PEKA has been very successful in postering a good relationship between students and the faculty. It has managed to maximise the contribution from the students to the development of the faculty. Apart from that, the society has managed to utilise the potential of the students in organising many activities either directly related to the profession of Civil Engineering or social activities. As a show of support to the society, an academic staff is appointed as its advisor. Records since 1995 shows that PEKA have organised many important activities which includes national seminar. **APPENDIX F**

lists some of the activities that have been successfully conducted by PEKA.



Minggu PEKA - Official Opening



Minggu PEKA - Exhibition



Community Service by PEKA members

7.2 Postgraduate Students Association

The society was established in order to establish a good relationship between the faculty and the postgraduate students. Its members comprises local and international students. It was formed in February 1998. So far the society has organised a series of reception gathering for new postgraduate students with the cooperation of the faculty at the beginning of the semester. In the future the society has planned to organise programmes such as visits (technical and social) and also to have research presentation among its members which can be a good way of discussing the best technique of presentations and also a good practising ground. Through the society, students can voice their opinions for the benefit of both parties and also to discuss whatever possible ways to improve the services provided by the faculty to the postgraduate students. The society also contributes to the faculty's newsletter, Berita FKA by reporting their activities in a special column provided for them. The student were also a in the Staff-Student committee.

7.3 Staff-Student Committee

This committee was formed to provide a formal platform for student to discuss any related to the faculty-student affair. Meetings are arranged at least twice a



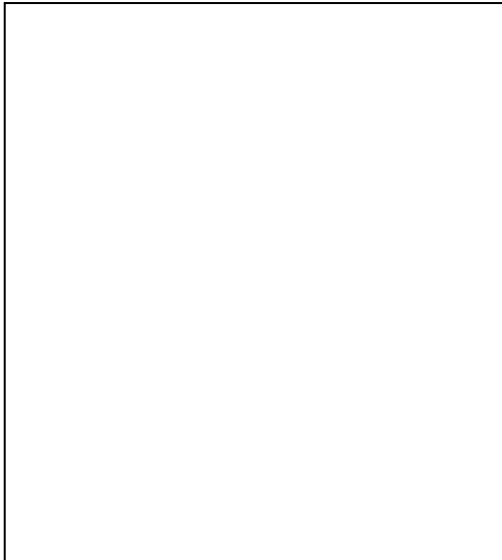
Some of the members of Postgraduate Student Association

year. The committee is chaired by the Dean. The faculty is represented by all administrative staffs which includes the Deputy Deans, all Heads of the Departments, and Deputy and Assistant Registrars. Students are represented by their respective course representatives and also PEKA and Postgraduate Students Association

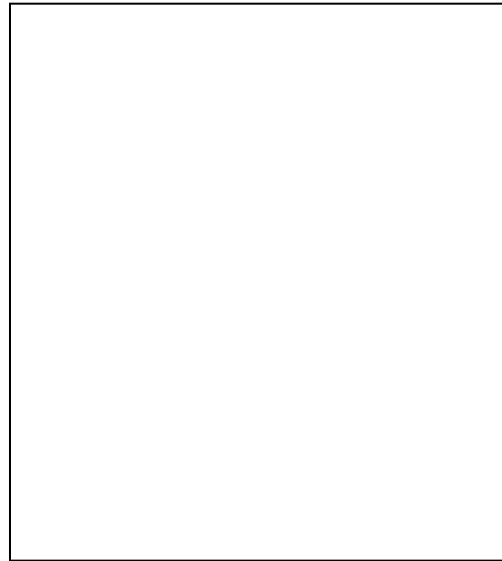
7.4 Design, Build and Break Competition

For the first time, the faculty has been successful in conducting the above activity in November 1999. Student's participation was very encouraging. They formed a group of 3 to 5 members and each group was requested to design and build a bridge model. Students have shown their high level of creativity and managed to produce an excellent design with a high aesthetical values. Each model then was tested to failure. About 10 groups took

part in the competition. The faculty has planned to organise this event annually and is confident that one day our student will gain a reward in an international competition.



Some of the Bridge Models



A Bridge Model is Being Tested

