Special Session Initial Proposal Review Criteria (2016)

Special sessions are intended to be creative, non-traditional, interactive ways to engage engineering and/or computing education professionals in the frontiers of education. These are ~80 minutes in length; the number of special sessions offered is limited. These sessions intended to be of value to FIE Conference attendees, enhance the experience and knowledge of the session participants, and help advance the frontiers of engineering and computing education.

Special Session proposals (approximately 800 to 1000 words in total) must include each of the following elements:

- goal(s) of the session, including a description of the anticipated audience (community), and why they would be interested in the session (approximately 100-200 words).
- a justification of why the proposed session is novel and/or thought provoking (approximately 100 words).
- a explanation of the interaction expected during the session (approximately 100 words).
- a description of special session including the topics/subjects/content of the session (approximately 200-300 words) a session agenda including details and approximate time allotted for each activity, expected outcomes or future work as a result of this session (approximately 100 words).

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Novelty: Rate the novelty of the proposed session - how interesting, creative or fun	Highly original, thought provoking and/or novel	Some originality, potential be be thought provoking and/or novel	Not sufficiently original, thought provoking or novel
Interactivity: Rate the interactivity of the proposed special session	Highly interactive	Somewhat interactive	Not interactive
Interest to the Community: Rate FIE participants' interest in the session	Many FIE participants would be interested in this session	Some FIE participants would be interested in this session	Not likely to be of interest to FIE participants
Description: <i>Rate the</i> <i>understanding of what will</i> <i>happen during the special</i> <i>session</i>	Solid understanding of how time will be spent during the session	Unclear about how time will be spent during the session	No idea how time will be spent during the session
Category Accuracy: Rate how well the proposed session fits the category criteria	Strong candidate for a special session	Weak candidate for a special session	Better candidate for another category (e.g., panel, paper, or pre- conference workshop)