



SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2006
6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome, Remarks and Update.....T. Carlsen
- II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
- III. Approval of March 27, 2006 Meeting Minutes.....T. Carlsen
- IV. Mentoring Program Update.....Nancy H / Jeannine C.
- V. Website update.....R. Miller
- VI. Senior Design Competition...Wednesday, 4/26/06.....W. Korn
- VII. Alumni Weekend...5/12/06-5/14/06.....H. Romanoff
- VIII. Graduate Student Barbeque (7/13/06).....L. Berryman / H Romanoff
- IX. Student Group Participation with Board.....J. Lau / H. Romanoff
- X. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
- XI. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
- XII. Around the Table..... All
- XIII Adjourment

* NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 22, 2006 *



Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monthly Meeting: Monday April 17th, 2006 in 307 Levine Hall

Attendees:

Carl Clyde	Eric Benshetler	Merav Kushner *	Stan Warchaizer
Dick Mulford	Ernest Churchville *	Michael Ostrow	Tim Carlsen
Dick Fallows	Harris Romanoff	Mickey Kaufman *	Walt Korn
Eileen McCarthy Feldman	Jeannine Carr *	Robert Berkovits	
Ellie Davis	Jim Brennan	Russ Miller *	

* Present via teleconference

President's Welcome, Remarks, and Update

President Tim Carlsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed everyone. Tim announced Rosette Pyne continues to recover from her shoulder injury and anticipates returning to work on May 8th.

Approval of the March 27th, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved without modification.

Dean's Remarks

Dean Glandt recently returned from a multi-week trip to Asia that focused on recruiting. Locations included Bangkok, Singapore, and Seoul. Glandt reported a rise in Penn's popularity overseas, with many students choosing between Penn vs. Harvard or Yale.

SEAS' popularity has also increased in the US. Last year 448 students matriculated at SEAS, even though the recruiting target was 410. This year, SEAS intends on being more conservative in their acceptances and will probably use the wait list to "titrate" up to target.

SEAS' new building, Skirkanich Hall is almost complete and a dedication is scheduled for October 06.

The Nanotechnology building is well into the planning stages. The 80,000 sq-ft facility will be 2/3 dedicated to SEAS and 1/3 dedicated to Arts & Sciences.



Medicine will not be located in this new building. Penn is conducting a search for a donor to name the building (typically, a donor must provide 1/3 of the total cost to have his/her name on the building). Glandt is also meeting with state officials to identify public funding sources. Penn will soon begin a process to select an architect. Groundbreaking is expected in 2008.

Mentoring Program Update

Jeannine reported that 8 students remain unmatched. Jeannine, Nancy, and Liz will have a meeting to review this year's program and set a plan for next year. The program was a big success again this year.

Website Update/Status

Russ indicated he will update the "Meet the Board" page to include new associate members.

Stan suggested the board pursues some PR in the Red & Blue magazine about our website and general activities. The idea was well received and Tim agreed to make Stan's suggestion an action item for the July meeting.

Senior Design Competition, Wed, April 26th, 2006

Walt reviewed the final details for the upcoming Senior Design competition. Over 20 judges are expected to participate. Judges are also invited to attend the senior awards dinner that evening. Logistics have also been set for a photographer, food, and technical support. Judges are asked to arrive by 8am. Parking will be available at 38th & Walnut streets.

Walt also brought to the meeting the new timer to help students pace their presentations.

Alumni Weekend, May 12th-14th, 2006

Harris reported no changes from last month regarding the schedule of events for Alumni Weekend. Activities are to be held on Saturday, May 13th.

Tim asked Ellie to look into parking availability for board members, although Walt indicated that complementary or reserved parking has not been available in the past for this event.



Graduate Student Barbeque, Thurs, July 13th, 2006

Tim will add an item to the May agenda to plan the annual graduate student barbeque. Planning includes: identifying a specific location, securing tables, obtaining a banner, and use of a stamp or stickers to identify students over the age of 21.

Volunteers are needed to meet & greet, stamp those who are 21, and serve food.

Harris suggested this year's banner/signage advertising the board should be more visible. Last year signs were blocked by people and equipment and some waiting on line were not even aware of the event's sponsor.

Student Group Participation with the Board

Harris and Joan lead a highly productive meeting with SEAS student leaders on April 3rd. About one dozen student groups were represented by attendees.

Several questions and action items are listed, including goals to re-establish a student representative to the board, act upon student interest for a group mentoring session ('speed mentoring'), and building new means of communication between the board and students.

Development office Report

Ellie announced the hiring of Susan Levine to direct SEAS' annual giving campaign effective May 1st, 2006. Ms. Levine's previous experience includes directing campaigns at Swarthmore College and the Friends School of Philadelphia. The board will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Levine at the May meeting.

Career Services Report

Tim distributed a comprehensive report summarizing an annual undergraduate student survey. As of March 2006, 60% of SEAS seniors are "employed" and an additional 22% confirmed their intentions to attend graduate school. A diverse set of employers have hired students, including Goldman Sachs (10), Microsoft (8), Accenture (7), Citigroup (7), and Lockheed Martin (7).



Around the Table

Merav announced she will be attending Kellogg for her MBA this fall; Mickey continues to recover from eye surgery and will soon be able to attend meetings on-site. Ellie's son recently gained admittance to Penn, as did Eric's youngest son.

Tim thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22nd, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted
by:
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