



## Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

*University of Pennsylvania*

Philadelphia, PA 19104

[www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/](http://www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/)

Monday, April 18, 2011 6pm, via Teleconference

Conference Bridge: 866-731-0899

### Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Robert Berkovits – D		Jason Bethala – AD	
Farnia Fresnel – Pres	T	Jim Brennan – D	T	Alison Capponi – AD	
Dane Carswell – VP		Jeannine Carr – D (CT)		Jocelyn Nelson – AD	
Henry (Hank) Guckes – VP	T	Ernest Churchville – D	T	Bill Kane – AD	
Matt Quale – Sec	T	Richard Cisek – D (CA)	T	Harry Vartanian – AD	
Nancy Harris – Tres.		Carl Clyde – D		Wayne Robbins – AD	
Harris Romanoff – PP		Seville Mannickarottu – D		Craig Schorr – AD	
Tim Carlsen – PP		Eileen McCarthy Feldman – D		Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AD	
Dick Mulford – PP		Russ Miller – D	T	Ashish Chauhan – AD	T
Marion Hubing – PP		Jason Rifkin – D		Andrew Franklin – AD	T
Eric Benshetler – PP		Alan Schultz – D			
Walter Korn – PP		Stan Warchaizer – D			
Brad Abrams – PP				David Solomon – AL	
		Ellie Davis		Bob Boyce – AL	
		George Hain		Alison Capone – AL	T
		Rosette Pyne	T	Jay Olman – AL	T
		Janice Rafferty	T	Paul McLaughlin – AL	
				David Goldstein – AL	
				Greg Bedrosian – AL	T
AL = member at-large				Jeremy Reeh – AL	
T = indicates teleconference		Keegan Dubbs (Guest – EDAB)	T	Nisar Amin – AL	T
(XX) = indicates location		Zach Shurden (Guest - EDAB)	T	Dan White (CA)	

### President's Welcome and Remarks (F. Fresnel)

- Farnia reviewed the reason this meeting was being held virtually – due to the beginning of Passover and the expected lower attendance
- Farnia also mentioned that the Engineering Advisory Board was also represented at the meeting and would be given time on the Agenda in lieu of the Getting to Know the Board item
- SEAS Alum and career panelist Gerri Trooskin is the director for the Philly Science Festival which runs from 4/15 to 4/28.
  - <http://www.philasciencefestival.org>
- SEAS Alumni Masters networking mixer on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April; see information from Farnia's email and RSVP if you plan to attend



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**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Dean's Remarks (E. Glandt)**

- Eduardo will not be attending tonight

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Approval of March 28, 2011 Minutes (F. Fresnel)**

- Delayed until next meeting due to not having a quorum for voting

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Development Office Report (G. Hain)**

- George will not be attending tonight;
- No update

**ACTION: All** – Reminder the current fiscal year ends in June if you haven't already made a donation.

### **Career Services Report (R. Pyne)**

- Meeting with the Engineering Masters Board in preparation for the Mixer next week; this is a new Board as of this year
- Farnia added that this is a good opportunity to network with the Masters students and other Alumni

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **SEAS Engineering Alumni Society Online (R. Miller, J. Brennan, B. Kane)**

- Russ – Website
  - Added the Feb approved meeting minutes
  - Added one bio and one photo to the Meet the Board webpage, which completes it for the year!
- Jim - Wiki
  - Main Wiki page will be devoted to expanding the concept – integration of schools into multidisciplinary approach; hoping to send the draft out to the Board within a week or so
  - May also look at different modules – Alumni Society, Senior Design Competition, and Yarnall Award



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- Bill – Social networking
  - No update

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **SEAS Alumni Worldwide Network (J. Rifkin, A. Chauhan)**

- Plan to meet as a group soon to discuss plan for approaching students; Janice mentioned that there is an email that currently is sent out to all graduating students – one thought is to mention the potential affiliation with a Penn Club to get SEAS representatives; another option is to identify students who are already involved heavily as students to see if they want to continue being involved in this capacity

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Speaker Series Update (E. Churchville)**

- May 9<sup>th</sup>, Professor C. Brian Rose from the Penn Museum
- Rescheduled Kathrine Kuchenbecker for October 24<sup>th</sup>

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Presentation of the 2011-2012 Board Slate – No Voting (F. Fresnel)**

- Will not be voting this evening due to not having a quorum, however the changes were presented in the attachment to the Agenda

**ACTION: All** – Discuss any changes/concerns with Harris Romanoff before the May Board meeting

### **Senior Design Competition (W. Korn)**

- Scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m.; everything is in place for the event
- Have around 40 judges confirmed for the event; Janice will be sending a schedule to the judges later this week
- The video crew is ready for the event as well

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Mentoring (D. Carswell)**

- Mentees have been matched and Jamie will be working to follow-up with each person to ensure they have contacted their mentors – update from Rosette

**ACTION: Owner** – None



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### **Alumni Weekend (M. Quale)**

- Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th
- Reminder to Register now at <http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/alumniweekend2011>
- Post a comment/reply on LinkedIn or Facebook after you register!!

**ACTION:** Owner – None

### **Engineering Dean's Advisory Board (Zach Shurden, Keegan Dubbs)**

- About 14 members; meet twice a month with Dean Glandt to propose programs
- Looking to host a networking event similar to the Graduate Barbecue Event and the Masters Networking event coming up next week in Fall 2011 (November, perhaps)
  - Would potentially have a Keynote speaker for a lunch and then open networking
- Farnia mentioned that we could add this event to our planning meeting discussion in the coming July and requested that the EDAB keep the EAS Board informed of any further planning that is done between now and then
- Keegan and Zach offered to provide further background information about the event as well
- Rosette commented that at Homecoming the Alumni Relations Office and Career Services jointly hosts a networking event for representatives from all undergraduate students on the Friday before Homecoming

### **Around the Table (All)**

- Nothing additional

**ACTION:** Owner – None

### **Adjournment (F. Fresnel)**

The board meeting was adjourned at **6:43** pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.  
Conference Bridge: 866-731-0899*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Matt Quale.