



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Monday, April 21, 2014 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Dawn Becket – D	X	Nisar Amin – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D	X	Greg Bedrosian – AL	
Ernest Churchville – VP	T	Jim Brennan – D	X	Jason Bethala – AL	
Carl Clyde – VP	X	Jeannine Carr – D		Bob Boyce – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP	X	Dane Carswell – D	X	Alison Capone – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Andrew Franklin – D		Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Henry (Hank) Guckes – Tres	T	Bill Kane – D		Richard Cisek – AL	
		Paul McLaughlin – D		David Goldstein – AL	T
Brad Abrams – PP		Russ Miller – D		Ramsey Kraya – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Jay Olman – D		Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP		Jason Rifkin – D		Wayne Robbins – AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	X	Alan Schultz – D	X	Matthew Serota – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP				Nishal N. Shah - AL	X
Walter Korn – PP		Alison Capponi – AD		Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Dick Mulford – PP		Eileen McCarthy Feldman – AD		David Solomon – AL	
Harris Romanoff – PP		Nikos Lioutas – AD		Dan White (CA) – AL	
		William McGill - AD	T	Sherri L. Wykosky – AL	
Ellie Davis – F/S		Jocelyn Nelson – AD			
Gabrielle Gary – F/S	X	Craig Schorr – AD	T		
George Hain – F/S	X	Harry Vartanian – AD			
Rosette Pyne – F/S	T				

Positions:

Pres: President
 VP: Vice President
 Sec: Secretary
 Tres: Treasurer
 PP: Past President
 F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff
 D: Director
 AD: Associate Director
 AL: At Large Member



President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Called meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- Attended the Graduate Student Networking event put on by the greater Alumni office for SEAS graduate students.
 - Only a few board members attended as many were not invited.
 - Many alumni present were interested in the board.
- AWE networking event is coming up on Monday.
 - At Sweeten Alumni House
 - An email was sent out already from Matt to the Board.
- Matt is in the process of creating a shared folder account.
 - Folders are divided up by committee.
 - The folder will not be public.
- Met with VPs and reached out to Board members who have been less active. Both Bill Kane and Andrew Franklin have requested to temporarily step away.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Approval of the March 17, 2014 Minutes (Directors)

- Ernest pointed out that his request that all the board members remain to hear the speaker Kate Stebe was not included in the “Around the Table” section.
- Minutes approved with correction.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Action Items from March Minutes (S. Mannickarottu)

- Seville – Post Alumni weekend information on LinkedIn and Facebook. - Done

Open Action Items:

ACTION:



Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Things are going well.
- Big priority is the Eduardo Glandt Professorship. They are hoping to name two Chairs rather than just one.
- Board of Overseers wants Professorships to be the focus for the next five years.
- The number of donors contributing to the annual giving has gone up.
- Raising money to renovate the ESE offices and to purchase equipment for the Singh Center.
- Alumni Weekend – concerned about attendance with the new location (Penn Park).
- 1:20pm is the time when President Gutmann will be visiting. The picnic starts at 12:30pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- The Academic Programs Office (APO) sent out a career plan survey for undergrad and Masters students.
- The office is really busy as many students are seeking advice for negotiating salaries.
- Beth and Paul McLaughlin have been doing a terrific job with the externship program. There are 37 spots available.
- Matt – Expects a good turnout for the externship program.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

SEAS Alumni Network Worldwide (J. Rifkin / J. Olman)

- Neither Jason nor Jay was available.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:



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Alumni Weekend (S. Mannickarottu)

- Alumni Weekend is May 16-19th and registration is now open.
- The picnic is on Saturday at Penn Park this year, and not Hill Field.
- A check to President Amy Gutmann will be presented by Matt at 1:20pm.
- Reunions for the classes ending in '4' and '9'.
- George - Electric Car will be outside of the tent.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Student Engagement Committee (J. Olman, D. Beckett)

- Dawn mentioned the AWE event coming up on the 28th.
- Only five board members have confirmed as of yet. Dawn requested more to attend.
- AWE mentioned that we could tap into their list so that we can reach out to undergraduates and graduate students directly.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Maintaining EAS Website (R. Miller)

- Russ was not available to provide an update.
- Gabrielle – suggests moving up the QuakerNet link to encourage people to update their information.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Matt - Talk to Russ about moving up QuakerNet link.

Improving Social Network Presence Update (R. Miller)

- Russ was not available to provide an update.

Open Action Items:



New Action Items:

ACTION:

Senior Design (W. Korn / S. Warchaizer)

- Stan presented. He and Walt will have a conference call to finalize details with Gabrielle.
- Some of the high school student classes may not be available.
- There is a concern that the new student sign-offs for posting presentations may not all be completed.
- All presentations will be recorded, but without the sign-offs, the recording will not be posted.
- Email has been sent out to invite judges.
- Alan –We will not be competing with Penn Relays.
- Gabrielle – We have 45 confirmed judges.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Nominations Committee (F. Fresnel)

- The Nominations committee presents the board for next year.
- There are a few corrections to be made.
- Matt – Encouraged VPs to reach out to people who have been involved in the past but are not as active.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

By-Law Review Committee (M. Quale)

- Matt presented the changes to the By-Law as recommended by the committee.
- There were a few clarifications and changes (Article and section number in brackets):
 - The definition of voting members (IV-1);
 - The filling of vacant roles (IV-2)
 - The treasurer position was clarified to reflect the current role (IV-5).



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- Emphasized that the board should seek to represent the diversity of the SEAS Alumni community (IV-6)
- Minimum number of meetings is now six (IV-9).
- Board participation: strengthened requirements: required participation of elected members in at least one committee and encouraged members to attend in person (IV-9).
- Pushed back review of board activity membership to January (IV-9).
 - George – reading the text, it sounds as if in-person attendance is a requirement. Matt will make it clear.
- Changed from “eight members” to “eight voting members” who should be present at the Annual meeting (V-1).
- Contact for by-law changes was changed to the current secretary (VII-1).

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Matt – Change Article IV Section 9 to state that board members can attend either in person or by phone.

Around the Table (All)

- Bob – Will be on a cruise and may not be available for the May 12th meeting.
- Farnia – Will not be in-person for the next meeting. Philadelphia Science Festival is starting soon.
- Dawn – Reminded the group about the AWE event.
- Dane – Has a two month old now!
- Eric – See you next Thursday for the senior design competition.
- Ernest – Did receive the Senior Design email
- Alan – Special thanks to Farnia and the nominations committee for nominating him to an office.
- Nishal – Excited to be involved.
- Carl – Suggested stepping up from phone to WebEx or something. Farnia – Suggested WebinarJam.

ACTION: Gabrielle – Does the school have access to a WebEx account or something similar?

Adjournment (M. Quale)

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.



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The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2014 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.