



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Monday, November 14, 2016 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Vijay Kumar		Robert Berkovits – D	T	Oladayo Adewole – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Pres	X	Ernest Churchville – D	T	Sarah Badin – AL	
Dawn Becket – VP	X	Carl Clyde – D	X	Andrew Botelbo – AL	
Jim Brennan – VP	X	Hank Guckes – D	X	Lyle Brunhofer – AL	X
Paul McLaughlin – VP	X	Lauren Hedvat – D		Alison Capone – AL	
Jay Olman – Sec	X	Bernard Jones – D	T	Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Russ Miller – Tres	T	Jonathan Lombardo – D	X	Parth Chopra – AL	
		William McGill – D		David Goldstein – AL	
Brad Abrams – PP		Jason Rifkin – D		Yijie Hu – AL	X
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Craig Schorr – D	T	Ramsey Kraya – AL	T
Tim Carlsen – PP		Alan Schultz – D	X	Jeffrey Ng - AL	T
Farnia Fresnel – PP		Heather Stern – D		Matthew Serota – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP				Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Walter Korn – PP	T	Dane Carswell – AD		David Solomon – AL	
Dick Mulford – PP		Bill Kane – AD		Leah Suttner – AL	X
Matt Quale – PP	X	Nikos Lioutas – AD		Jeremy Wang – AL	
Harris Romanoff – PP		Harry Vartanian – AD		Stan Warchaizer – AL	
				Ellie Davis – F/S	X
				Gabrielle Gary – F/S	
				George Hain – F/S	
				Rosette Pyne – F/S	X
				Brad Richards – F/S	X
				Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	X

Positions:

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



I. Call to Order (S. Mannickarottu)

- Called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. President's Welcome and Remarks (S. Mannickarottu)

- Reminder that we'll be gathering for drinks/snacks after the meeting at White Dog

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Ellie here instead of George
- George and Dean Kumar just returned from London
 - Closed two new endowed positions

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Not much to report; things are rolling along smoothly
- Things are going really well—we'll hear from Paul about the externship program
- Boeing will be visiting on Wednesday
 - Will have table setup all day in the Levine lobby
 - Executive from Boeing meeting with a variety of organizations and faculty
 - Stemmed from meeting at Engineering Career Day

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Old Business:



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a. Approval of the October 17, 2016 Minutes (Directors)

- Back to Penn Engineering class started at 4:30 and not 5pm

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Open Action Item Review (J. Olman)

- **ACTION:** Walt, Jay, Bernard – Review videos (quality check) from Senior Design
 - **Beginning to review videos now**
- **ACTION:** Everyone – Look at “Meet the Board” page and send info updates

Open Action Items:

ACTION:

c. Homecoming – (C. Clyde)

- Homecoming was again a rousing success
- Attendance was down compared to previous years; George attributed the lower attendance to Brown
- Night before was the Alumni Award of Merit ceremony; Lauren Hedvat received the Young Alumni Award of Merit
- Caterer did a great job
- Thanks to the Development office for putting it all together

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

d. Regional Engineering Alumni (Philly) – (B. Jones)

- Unfortunately the same day as the first day of the SEPTA strike, so there wasn't a huge turnout, but still a good and worthwhile event.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

e. Back to Penn Engineering – (A. Schultz)

- Had a session with Dr. Daniel Lee tonight



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- Lecture for more than an hour—really wonderful
- Students in ESE 111 are learning about computer-driven systems in real time, designing and building their own circuits
- Great to witness the teaching of Penn Engineering faculty and the learning of Penn Engineering freshmen students
- Thanks to Dr. Daniel Lee and Sid Deliwala for letting us sit in on their class
- This was the most outstanding of all the lectures we've attended
- Seville: thanks to Alan for organizing this event again

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

f. EAS Website/Social Networking – (R. Miller)

- Added meeting minutes from September
- Changed Homecoming to be a past event
- We need Homecoming event photos
- Facebook static at 471 members
- LinkedIn up to 3851 members
- Seville: reminder to engage the LinkedIn group

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Brad – Check into Homecoming photos

VI. New Business:

a. Alumni Society Awards (J. Brennan)

- Off and running
- Sent out candidate profiles to committee today
- The committee will be meeting to discuss the candidates and will have a recommendation in January for recipients

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Mentoring / Externship (P. McLaughlin)



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- Externship program is in full swing
- Tiffany has signed up about 20 companies/sites so far; expects to have a few more
- Currently, invitations are being sent to students (2nd year undergraduate and 1st year graduate) to participate in the program
- Last year we had 36 student participants; this year we expect to have more
- Final numbers will be available in February after the externships take place at the start of the calendar year
- Rosette: Paul has done an amazing job of getting Honeywell sites around the world for the externship program

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

c. Patent Presentation (J. Lombardo)

- Met with Tim and Harry
- Thinking about holding the event in March again, as the event has been timed in the past, but that can change if there's a better option
- About half of the speakers are currently lined up; will reach out to others once the date has been solidified
- Typically a midweek evening event with pizza afterward

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

d. Regional Engineering Alumni (NYC) (J. Rifkin)

- Craig:
 - Happy hour event in early December
 - Previous event was a big hit
 - Looking to hold it at the Penn Club
 - This time, a short panel with recent alums with Q&A
 - Panel made up of different parts of the industry
- Rosette: Which grad years? Craig: We're going to use the same range as before, which is the last 10 years

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None



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e. Student Engagement (D. Becket)

- Hosted for AWE a panel of women engineers
 - Penn association put on the event, but moderated by AWE
- Found out that for networking events, they tend to just focus on alums, but events where there's general information shared are opened up to non-alums.
- Can use this template for hosting our own events that way as well

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

VII. Around the Table (All)

- Bob: We'll talk about when to have the next speaker over the winter
- Ernest: Nothing new to report—I'm overloaded with schoolwork
- Alan: I'll be in Florida for the January and February meetings—I'll be back for March. Everyone have a happy and healthy holiday season
- Brad: College Choice ranked Penn #6 for chemical engineering degrees; I'll post this on the LinkedIn group
- Eric: I was pleased to see [in the Penn Gazette a profile of Cora Ingrum](#) who retired. Tim: I wanted to echo—that was a great article.
- Jay: I'm happy to announce that my ongoing job search has come to an end, and that I'll be starting with Kepler Group after Thanksgiving. They're a data-driven digital media/marketing agency. I'm really excited about this!
- Matt: Thanks again to Alan for organizing the Back to Penn Engineering event
- Leah: I'm doing my first alumni interview on Wednesday—let me know if you have any advice.
- Paul: I just want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving
- Yijie: I really enjoyed the lecture today.
- Vasiliki: I want to introduce myself. I just graduated in 2016 and I'm currently working for GSK at the Navy Yard.
- Carl: I've been doing recruiting for internships and all the work that the students are doing is very impressive.
- Seville: The talk after the last meeting was moved at the last moment, but it was really great to learn how the Zika virus is being detected. It's also interesting that this can be extended to other types of viruses.

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

VIII. Adjourn (S. Mannickarottu)



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- Adjourned at 6:43 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2017 from 6:00-7:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jay Olman