



# Engineering Alumni Society

## Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

<http://www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/alumni-society/>

Monday, May 9, 2016 6pm, Room 307 Levine

### Attendees:

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

### 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

M – Masters student



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### I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### II. Report of the Dean (V. Kumar)

- First, let me thank you as you run your last meeting, Matt. Please give a round of applause.
- I'd like to thank the board very much for everything you do.
- I'm approaching the end of my first year.
- This week will be very busy – Doctoral, Masters, and Undergraduate graduation ceremonies, and Commencement.
- We have approximately 480 students coming into Engineering, including 60 in M&T, and 20 VIPER students.
- We are trying to expand the number of faculty. Recruiting is in full swing. We are anticipating acceptance of faculty offers.
- We've launched PERCH – Penn Engineering Research and Commercialization Hub. My lab is moving there. They are working on UAVs: It's an area at the South Bank.
- It is a 11000 sq ft facility in the Pennovation Center.
- The inauguration will be in October.
- Matt: Alan has arranged a tour in two weeks. Dean Kumar: That's great!
- The facility is starting with robotics and internet of things. Want to expand for commercialization of research. There will be an emphasis on development over research.
- Patrick Harker won the Yarnall award and the awards ceremony was very moving.
- George: So there are approximately 480 students this year? Dean Kumar: The President assumed a 25 person increase with M&T and VIPER. We did much better.
- George: The yield was quite good? Kumar: The yield and quality keeps going up.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### III. President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Thank you to the board.



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- As I meet with folks from the other Alumni groups, it's apparent how amazing we are.
- Thank you all.
- 3 of the 4 Penn seniors selected by the President for the inaugural Innovation Prize were Engineering students. The four winners comprised two teams:
  - XEED which was made up of two Engineering students, and
  - Fever Smart
- Encourages folks to stay on campus and develop here.
- Marion: What happens if they get a patent? It depends.
- Thank Stan for stepping in and presenting the Yarnall award. The recipient was very appreciative.
- Wish Dawn a speedy recovery from a broken foot.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

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

- Undergrad team won the Wharton business plan competition – had a lot of Engineers on the team.
- Doing very well.
- Regarding the Challenge – We're in great shape.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

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

- Matt spoke on behalf of Rosette.
- Last week, Career Services sent surveys to alumni – 5 years, 10 years, and 15 years out.
- Also sent surveys to the students graduating in May 2016 to learn about their post-graduation plans.
- Registration opened for Engineering Career Day which will be held at the Sheraton University City on September 14 (Companies A-G) and September 15 (companies H-Z). Thus far we have 42 companies registered.
- Matt: Please get in touch with your recruitment officers to get involved.

Open Action Items:



New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

## VI. Vote on 2016-2017 Board of Directors (F. Fresnel)

- Reflective of the past three years and excited about the new board slate.
- We will have a full slate for the first time in a while.
- We request all voting board members to vote.
- Motion to vote on proposed Board.
- Motion moved.
- Matt: Congratulations to Farnia and the nominations committee. Thank you for your effort to bring the slate through and congratulations to the new board.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

## VII. Old Business:

### a. Approval of the April 18, 2016 Minutes (Directors)

- Bob: Ken Foster's name is incorrect.
- Approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** – Email out the nomination list - Done
- **Russell** – Follow up with George on WeChat. – will follow through on Alumni weekend.
  - Jay: Have a former co-worker acquaintance who now works for WeChat, if you are interested.



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### Open Action Items:

- **ACTION: Matt** – send out links that Dr. Foster provided.

### **c. EAS Website/Social Networking (R. Miller)**

- Facebook has 452 members now, and 3686 on LinkedIn, thanks to Hank.
- Hank: Will have a graph for next time.
- Approved minutes from March have been posted.
- Rosette provided pictures from the “Benefits of Professional Licensure” Forum.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### **d. Externship Program Feedback Review (P. McLaughlin)**

- Paul was not available.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### **e. Penn Club Philly / EAS Debrief (E. Benshetler)**

- It was a very good evening for those that were there.
- There were only about 5 of us from Engineering.
- The speakers were generally very good.
- The Stateside Vodka speaker was really good.
- If we do this again next year, I’m hoping that we can have more on the Engineering side for speakers.
- Next time we’d have to do more advanced publicity.
- They had it limited to 50, there were probably 40-45 people there.
- Seville: It was a great event.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

**ACTION:**



### f. Student Engagement – AWE/SWE Debrief (D. Becket)

- The “Tassel and Toast” event went very well.
- Lots of discussions.
- Most interesting, Michaile said she wants it to make it an annual event.
- Perhaps we should do something at the freshman level.
- Matt: There were a number of folks from the board there.
- Tim: Never spoke to so many Bioengineers! Students enjoyed being there.
- Matt: Two students asked to be on the list-serv. Dawn mentioned that this group represented many of the student leaders. Several of them were presenting at the senior design competition.
- Dawn: It was great to be able to make the connection between EAS and the Senior Design competition.
- Farnia: It was interesting that we had a 50-50 split of women to men of board members. It was great to see that.
- Alan: Do we have a sense of how many SWE-Philadelphia folks would be able to attend the Pennovation tour? Dawn: We’ll know by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Alan: Great. I have to tell Ira at that point. Dawn: My SWE-Philadelphia contact said she’s hoping to get about 15 people.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### g. Senior Design Competition Debrief (W. Korn)

- Went very well.
- 36 judges were present, of the 45 to 50 who expressed an interest, which is the normal drop-off.
- There were some who did not sit in for all of the presentations, so they were crossed out. They were warned about it.
- To date, I have not heard any complaints.
- Marion: Did anyone show up from the local high schools? Walt: From Shipley school and folks from Science Leadership academy. Dawn: I stopped by just to greet them. They were excited to be there. They hope to be able to come in. The head of their Engineering department is a ChemE, so he was happy to see the ChemE projects.
- Tim: What was the mix of winners? Jay: The top three projects were from MEAM, two of three were BE, and the other was electrical.
- Matt: At least with Honorable mentions we had three departments.



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- Stan: When each name was announced, I think there was a positive response. Everyone seemed happy about the winners.
- Matt: How did the electronic scoring work? Jay: It worked well. Some people had difficulty entering numbers on small phones. Thank you Eric for trying it out. Eric: It worked well.
- Matt: Did we do communications ahead of time? Gabrielle: Yes.
- Jay: There was a bit of a network issue.
- Tim: Perhaps a guest-key can be used? Matt: Yes, it was available.
- Gabrielle: Guest key did not work? Or did it? Jay: It worked, but to see the email for access, you needed cellphone service, which was not available.
- Matt: Perhaps put it on top of the scoring sheet? Hank: Everyone gets the sheet, right?
- Jay: Thanks to Gabrielle for making it work.
- Walt: Felice and Lamont are working on the videos. I've been in contact with Sid.
- Tim: Are all the videos going up with approval? Walt: This year, the advisors are supposedly reviewing them. This year, I want to review all of them as well.
- Jay: We had 10 people use the electronic scoring system, which helped make tallying the scores much easier.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

### **ACTION:**

## VIII. New Business:

### a. Alumni Weekend (S. Warchaizer)

- Tent is the same place as last year. Check in is over by Sweeten.
- Matt: It is on College green. Walt: Right across from College Hall.
- The Dean's even is Friday from 3:30-4:30, "What's next in Tech?" Presently has 153 people listed.
- 10:30-11:30 am on Saturday is "Coffee and Conversation" with the Dean. 67 people have registered so far.
- The tent is open from 12:30-3:30 on 5/14.
- President Gutmann will be there with Dean Kumar at 1:05 pm.
- If you have not registered, please go ahead and do it.
- George: Many folks who register for the tent don't show up. But we invite all graduating seniors.
- The electric car will be there.



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Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – Item

### **b. Pennovation Tour (A. Schultz)**

- Dean Vijay Kumar did an excellent job of describing what we will be seeing.
- Handed out some pictures.
- We may get a glimpse on our tour, Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at 35<sup>th</sup> and Gray's Ferry Avenue.
- 3501 Gray's Ferry Avenue is the exact address.
- Plenty of free parking.
- Matt: right now we have 21 who've signed up.
- Bob: I would like to attend. Probably plan to get there early to not be stuck in traffic.
- Alan: Would be happy to provide a ride.
- Matt: Who would benefit for a round trip ride?
- Matt: I will send out an email, with a car pool request with where folks are coming from.
- Alan: Thanks, Matt. That's a great idea.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Matt** – follow up for the Pennovation Tour

### **h. Grad BBQ (H. Guckes)**

- On 7/21.
- We are just getting started. We will be sending out an email to get volunteers.
- Gabrielle will provide the pre-registration as she did last year.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Hank** - Send out information for Matt to post





## IX. Around the Table (All)

- Matt: If you have new proposal ideas, please send to Seville.
- Ernest: Thank you Matt for your service.
- Dawn: Thanks Matt, and thanks for the vote.
- Heather: Looking forward to coming down for the reunion.
- Farnia: Thank you, Matt.
- Eric: Thank you, Matt.
- Jason: Thank you, Matt! Excited to get NY events going. Heather, Craig, and I will be meeting to plan this.
- Craig: Thanks, Matt!
- Jim: Thanks, Matt!
- Alan: Congratulations to the outgoing and incoming board. Sunday will be very, very hectic on campus. Donald Trump and Vice President Joe Biden will be here.
- Hank: Great job, Matt.
- Walt: Relax after this, Matt!
- Seville: Thank you, Matt! I have big shoes to fill!
- Stan: Will be retiring from the group. Feel the need to allow others to step in roll.
- Bob: Looking into upcoming speakers. There are some interesting things going on.
- Ramsey: Excited to be involved.
- Jeffrey: Excited to be on the new board.
- Tim: Congratulations Matt on a great job! It is exciting to know that one has to retire in order to make room for the board. Congratulations to the new board!
- Gabrielle: Thank you, Matt! We started at the same time. It's been great working with you.
- Marion: I was away from the board for a while and was back, and the board has never been better. Thanks, Matt!
- Matt: Thank you everybody. See you Saturday and then July.

### New Action Items:

#### **ACTION:**

## X. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 7:03 pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2016 at 6:00pm in Levine 307 (Location to be confirmed).*



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Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.