

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Monday, January 12, 2015 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

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

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 (M. Quale)

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

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and Happy 2015!
- Hopefully no one had the flu!

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle gave the report as George was travelling with Dean Glandt.
- Counting gifts for this year.
- Board appreciation dinner is the 24th.
 - Penn will be playing St. Joseph's University.
 - Polled meeting attendees on their attendance.
 - Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Reminded everyone that mock interviews are coming up (Friday January 30th).
- SEAS Alumni have until Wednesday to sign up.
- Externships and mentoring – heard back from students and alumni. They have great pictures!

- Mail has been sent to permanent addresses about the mentoring event.
- Startup fair in February – if you know of startups who might be interested, please send it Rosette’s way.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

V. Old Business:

a. Approval of the November 17, 2014 Minutes (Directors)

- Append the career services report.
- Pittsburgh spelled incorrectly.
- Approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** – Follow up with Rosette to identify the alumnus who was a panelist at the panel for the NYC Economic Development Tech Talent Draft – Done.
- **Sevile** – append Career Services survey to the minutes – will be done with pdf version.
- **Sevile** – Follow up with Matt to determine dates for EDAB events – Still waiting to hear back from EDAB before determining dates.
- **Matt** - Send Jim the template letter for the Yarnell Award - Done
- **Jim** - Send Yarnell award letter out - Done

Open Action Items:

ACTION:

VI. New Business:

a. Patent Presentation (T. Carlsen)

- Was unable to attend due to an emergency. Matt presented from notes sent.
- The date has been moved to Wednesday March 25th.
- The event will be held in Berger Auditorium from 6-7:30pm
- Tim & Harry are working on presenters.
- Will include people from the Penn Innovation Center.
- Rosette was able to help out with the date change – special thanks to Rosette.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

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b. Alumni Society Awards (J. Brennan)

- Jim was unable to attend but Matt presented from his notes.
- The person recommended to receive the award was contacted and accepted the nomination.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

c. Mentoring/Externship Update (P. McLaughlin)

- The Externship program is now in its second year.
 - Paul just had his extern! There were over 30 externs with 40 externships.
 - Some students did two facilities.
 - 11 undergraduates, 18 masters students, & 1 sub-matriculate participated.
 - Of the total number of companies, one was in Phoenix and one in Italy.
 - Unsure if a spring externship will be held as there was a lower attendance than last year.
 - Last year, it was more difficult to get companies and alumni, but this year, it was easier.
 - Stan: Do we have data on whether or not externs might end up working at these companies? Rosette: No, but we will consider it.
- Mentoring:
 - Evaluations were collected at the end of the year.
 - Jamie will be producing a report.
 - The 2015 program is beginning.
 - The target number for registration of alumni is 150.

- 135 students have applied.
- Matt: Great program, especially from families where there are no engineers.
- Hoping for 70 matches.
- Rosette: Thank you so much to Paul!
- Farnia: Great to hear that the program is growing so well!

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d. Student Engagement – SWE/AWE (D. Becket)

- Continuing contact with SWE.
- Looking for a speaker for the corporate dinner.
- Development office helped. Identified Engineering alum who is not working in Engineering.
- Would like to find a practicing engineer.
- The dinner is on Thursday, February, 19th.
- Farnia – Can reach out to someone she knows who is a civil engineer.
- Matt: Perhaps use QuakerNet?
- Matt: Can board members look to see through QuakerNet if they can identify folks?
- Rosette: Folks can go to LinkedIn/alumni and then look for a specific company.
- The school will probably identify a candidate for the AWE position later this year.

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New Action Items:

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e. EAS Website / Social Networking (R. Miller)

- The Facebook site has 355 members; LinkedIn has 3337.
- Added approved September and October minutes.
- Updated Board appreciation dinner and event dates.
- Updated all of the pictures from homecoming.
- Requested the date for the Graduate Barbecue. Gabrielle: As there will be a new Dean, identifying the date this early might be a bit difficult.

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f. Around the Table (All)

- Walt – Received an email from the Pennvention competition team asking him to pass Pennvention information along to those interested in senior design. Is Pennvention an official Penn event? Eric: Run by Weiss Tech House. Walt: Assuming this is advertised to the students already, not sure what can be added.
- Jason – Trying to put together an event.
- Jay – See you all in a couple of weeks!
- Ernest: Happy New Year! Accepted a part-time position at Widener University as a professor in Engineering.
- Farnia – Is there any update for the search for the Dean? Gabrielle: No.
- Carl – Was unable to escape the flu bug! Currently recovering!
- Bob – Passed a note around of another possible speaker. Looking into folks in Astronomy and Physics. Perhaps someone in Bioethics or the School of Design.
- Eric – Congratulations, Ernest! Multiple choice is the way to go for tests!
- Will – Working on an MSE event.
- Matt – Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Appreciation Dinner!

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g. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Speaker Series (R. Berkovits)

Dr. Irina Marinov, Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science will be presenting "Climate change over the 21st century: a short summary."

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.