



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, April 20, 2015 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt	X	Dawn Becket – D	X	Jason Bethala – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D		Lyle Brunhofer – AL	
Russ Miller – VP	T	Jim Brennan – D		Alison Capone – AL	
Alan Schultz – VP	X	Dane Carswell – D		Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP		Ernest Churchville – D	T	Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Carl Clyde – D	T	David Goldstein – AL	T
Jason Rifkin – Tres	T	Hank Guckes – D		Bernard A. Jones Jr. - AL	
		William McGill – D		Ramsey Kraya – AL	
Brad Abrams – PP		Paul McLaughlin – D	T	Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Jay Olman – D	X	Wayne Robbins – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP	X			Wendy Sardinsky - AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	T	Alison Capponi – AD		Matthew Serota – AL	T
Marion Hubing – PP		Jeannine Carr – AD		Nishal N. Shah - AL	
Walter Korn – PP	X	Richard Cisek – AD		David Solomon – AL	
Dick Mulford – PP		Andrew Franklin – AD		Heather Stern – AL	T
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		Jocelyn Nelson – AD		Sindura Chaparala – UG	
George Hain – F/S		Craig Schorr – AD	T	Zane Stiles – UG	
Rosette Pyne – F/S	X	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



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I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. Report of the Dean (E. Glandt)

- As the semester ends, there will be a big transition.
- Prof. Vijay Kumar will be the next Dean.
 - He is well respected and beloved.
 - People across the country were interested in the job.
 - Dr. Kumar has been here for many years.
 - He was the Deputy Dean for Research, the Department Chair, and Associate Dean for education.
 - There are approximately 120 faculty members; he wants it to go to 150. The difficulty will be space.
 - With Cira South Building, Penn is committed to rent 100K sq. ft. of office space.
 - Much of Franklin Building offices could be there.
 - The Franklin building might be available.
 - Every department chair is excited.
- The old Engineering library space is being renovated into an active learning and student study space.
- Engineering is again the most selective school at Penn. Engineering had 3000 more applicants than Wharton.
- People are going to Wharton to transfer into Engineering. Years ago, it used to be the other way!
- Legacy students must apply Early-decision!
- Hill house will be closed for renovation with the completion of the new residence.
- When Hill House reopens, Penn might be able to accept more students.
- Tim – will adding more faculty improve the student-faculty ratio? And how does our student ratio compare to other universities?
 - We are catching up with our peer Engineering schools, such as Northwestern and Columbia.
- Matt – Had privilege of attending reception on behalf of Dean Glandt.
 - Recognized four new Chairs named after Dean Glandt.
- Seville: What are your plans for retirement?
 - Will be travelling after which he hopes to come back and audit classes.
- The Dean thanked the Alumni Society Board and the board thanked the Dean.



Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

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

- Attended the retirement dinner for the Dean.
- Very heartwarming tribute.
- Celebrated his 41 years connected to Penn Engineering.
- Dean Glandt was speechless.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle spoke on behalf of George.
- Hope that everyone will be at the Engineering tent for Alumni Weekend.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Very busy – sent out Senior Survey.
- Meeting with different department chairs.
- Planning for next year.
- There were job openings from various alumni – six openings today.
- If you know your company is hiring, let Career Services know about it.
- Marion – what percentage of seniors have jobs by the time of graduation?
 - 93-94% with a 97% response rate.
 - Some people take time off.
- Masters surveys have gone out.



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- Matt – The Masters student –Alumni mixer was held on April 6th. Well attended by Alumni. Students asked great questions about jobs and future.
 - Rosette: our networking events were really good.
- Opened up registration for Engineering Career day. 10 companies registered on the first day.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

VI. Old Business:

a. Approval of the March 16, 2015 Minutes (Directors)

- Approved.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)

- Matt – Follow up with Jim on the Alumni Society awards. - Done

Open Action Items:

ACTION:

VII. New Business:

a. Alumni Society Awards (J. Brennan)

- Made contacts to be involved with the award process.
- The question is, how much involvement would we want?
 - Matt: good to know who the winners are. That might be the extent.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:



ACTION:

b. 2015/2016 Proposed Board Slate (F. Fresnel)

- Apologies for the delay in getting the information out. Farnia's mother was not well.
- Made up of four past presidents.
- Craig Schorr and Heather Stern were added as Directors.
- If there are any questions, forward to Farnia or anyone on the nominations committee.
- It will be voted on at the next meeting.

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New Action Items:

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c. Senior Design Competition (W. Korn)

- Moving along.
- If all of the phone calls and emails come to fruition, we will have many more high school students than we've ever seen.
- Matt – if you follow Penn on social media. They've been very proactive with high school students. These types of events will help the process.
- Dawn – Lots of schools have interest. How do we choose?
 - Walt – Identify schools through personal connections.
- Seville – Could we move event in future years to Annenberg to accommodate large attendance?
 - It would be great, but difficult.
- It's a challenge in getting the high schools to attend. But it would be great.
- Gabrielle – challenge with inviting students could be a liability issue.
 - Tim – it would be a supervised chaperoned event so that won't be a problem.
- Matt – we could see how it goes this time and then consider the future.
- Jay – If we do end up with lots of high schools in attendance, when will it become a 'high school' event?
 - Good point.
- Tim – this original impetus for inviting high schools was to target the accepted students.
- Dawn – one problem is we don't know who's accepted until very late.
- Alan – Penn relays will not interfere with the event this year.
- Russ – Did Devon prep get invited? They did but they did not respond.

Open Action Items:



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d. Alumni Weekend (S. Warchaizer)

- Stan was unable to attend.
- Matt spoke on his behalf.
- Hopefully everyone can attend.
- Registration is through May 11. Please make sure to register.
- We are in a new location – on College green.

Open Action Items:

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e. AWE/SWE Update (D. Becket)

- Met with Michaele Rainey, the new Director of AWE.
- She is new and started late in the year
- Spoke about the events with AWE and Alumni – highlighted the senior event.
 - Michaele actually came from Bryn Mawr where they have something similar.
 - Spoke of possible timing issues with the senior event.
- Suggested that she attend one of our meetings.
- She is interested and excited.
- Contacted Elisha Rios is VP of professional development for SWE Philadelphia. Works at DOW with Matt.
- Contacted Amanda Weissman, SWE Philadelphia Liaison to SWE Penn, and a Penn alum.
- Perhaps EAS can be involved.
- Matt – those are the connections coming from these other alumni events.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

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

- February minutes were posted.
- Facebook has 373 members and LinkedIn has 3423.



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- Thanks to Tim for the pictures from the Patent presentation.
- Hank – We seem to have a plateau with LinkedIn membership.
- Rosette – Can we go after Engineering Alumni on QuakerNet?
- Matt – great question. It is worth looking at.
- Jay – I wonder what percentage of Engineering Alumni on LinkedIn are on our LinkedIn site. Worth looking into.

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New Action Items:

ACTION:

VIII. Around the Table (All)

- Alan – Found Dean Glandt's remarks interesting, especially the flow of Wharton to Engineering, compared to how it used to be, the opposite!
- Tim – Farnia, I hope that your mom is doing well. Patent presentation went really well. About 60 students attended. Well advertised. Great print advertisement! Thanks to everyone, especially Rosette and Gabrielle. Students stayed afterwards and really enjoyed it. Rosette: Thanks to Tim and Harry! Tim was a terrific moderator! Many Penn alumni attended. The DP advertisement really helped the event. Matt: Perhaps student engagement chairs should reach out to their respective groups in the following year to help advertise.
- Rosette – We had a cyber-security panel. A CIA person was in the panel. A CIA person cannot present at these events without at least one CIA person in the audience. It was a great success. Great turn out!
- Hank – Can we pick a date for the picnic? Gabrielle – not yet – working with the new Dean. It will be in July.
- Eric – Penn Alumni Club of Philadelphia – met with Stephanie. Working on a mutual event. Glad that Eduardo had a great career.
- Craig – Great meeting. I do a lot of work with cyber security. Honored to be nominated to a director position.
- Carl – ESE grad association reached out for an event. We were unable to help them due to the last minute request. They were not aware of the Masters Mixers, so Matt's idea for the patent presentation would have been helpful.
- Heather – thanks for the nomination.
- Russ – wonderful meeting.
- Ernest – Great meeting! Winding down my first semester teaching.
- Farnia – Matt, you've been doing such a great job! Great meeting.



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New Action Items:

ACTION:

IX. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2015 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.