



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, February 18, 2013 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Jim Brennan – D	T	Nisar Amin – AL	
Farnia Fresnel – Pres	X	Jeannine Carr – D	T	Greg Bedrosian – AL	
Carl Clyde – VP		Dane Carswell – D		Jason Bethala – AL	
Henry (Hank) Guckes – VP	X	Richard Cisek – D		Bob Boyce – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – VP	X	Andrew Franklin – D		Alison Capone – AL	
Matt Quale – Sec		Bill Kane – D		Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Ernest Churchville – Tres	X	Eileen McCarthy Feldman – D		David Goldstein – AL	T
		Russ Miller – D	X	Nikos Lioutas – AL	X
Brad Abrams – PP	X	Jay Olman – D	X	Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	T	Jason Rifkin – D	T	David Solomon – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP	X	Alan Schultz – D	X	Dan White (CA) – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP		Stan Warchaizer – D		Dawn Becket - AL	X
Walter Korn – PP	X				
Dick Mulford – PP		Robert Berkovits – AD	X		
Harris Romanoff – PP		Alison Capponi – AD		Priya Kumar (EDAB)	
		Paul McLaughlin – AD		Margaret Wang (VP EDAB)	
Ellie Davis		Jocelyn Nelson – AD		Wan Lin Lee (Masters Student)	X
George Hain		Wayne Robbins – AD		William Kriebel	
Joe Lynch	X	Craig Schorr – AD			
Rosette Pyne	X	Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AD			
Jamie Grant		Harry Vartanian – AD			



President's Welcome and Remarks (F. Fresnel)

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.
- The Board appreciation dinner was great. The Tour of the Singh center was a great experience. Unfortunately Penn did not win the basketball game.

Approval of January 14, 2013 Minutes (F. Fresnel)

- Approved with two corrections
 - Page 4: auditorium had two 'd's.
 - Date of Senior design competition needed to be corrected to Thursday April 25th.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

Review Action Items (M. Quale)

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Not in.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

EAS Website (R. Miller)

- Added the approved November meeting Notes to the Document Archive.
- Updated the online EAS Calendar to reflect the correct date for the Patent Forum.
- Updated the Events page to reflect this date as well.
- Received pictures from Eric from our Board Appreciation Night. The pictures will be uploaded to our online picture archive this week.



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Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Wiki Pages (J. Brennan)

- Was unable to reach Joseph Bordogna.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Jim – Request assistance from the Development office to get in touch with Bordogna.

Social Networking (R. Miller / B. Kane)

- Facebook up to 251; LinkedIn we are up to 2446
- Event Chairs such as Jay Olman have been posting events to LinkedIn. All of the event chairs should post events.
- Students are allowed to join the group.
- Currently have more members on LinkedIn than Cornell.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Student Mentoring (J. Carr / M. Quale)

- J. Carr provided a recap of the mentoring kick-off in January.
- 65 students expressed an interest, 54 were matched.
- There will be a group meeting in the fall for the close of the session.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Expressed a need for more mentors.



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- Multiple career fairs are coming up.
- Thursday is a startup career fair; not just tech companies will be present. Over 60 companies will be in attendance.
- Right after that event, the NYC economic development commission, a group which works with start-ups, will have a panel discussion followed by a networking session.
- Andreessen Horowitz, a Venture Capital firm from California will be giving a presentation about three of their portfolio companies.
- SWE corporate dinner is coming up.
- Friday will be the Spring Fair.
- March 1 will be the all Ivy Environmental Career Fair will be held in Columbia. About 150 students are registered. Rosette will be attending.
- Robert, one of the staff, will be leaving soon. There will be a Job opening soon for an administrative assistant to Wharton and Engineering undergraduate group of Career services.
- The Summer Survey is now available.
- Working on the 5 and 10 year survey. Report will be done in 2 weeks.
- CIA, MIT Lincoln labs and Electronic Arts (moving also into Big data) will all be coming to Penn.
- Clean tech panel on the 27th of February. The panel will be made up of all alumni.
- Alumni can attend all of the Career fairs.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

EDAB Networking Mixer (J. Brennan / S. Mannickarottu)

- EDAB held an event in late November in collaboration with sessions organized with alumni through the class EAS101 with Dave Pope. As a result, they will not be hosting another event with the Alumni Society.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Engineering Student Event (J. Olman / S. Mannickarottu)

- Reached out to all departments; Not all responded.
- MSE event will be tomorrow night (Tuesday February 19, 2013). As the department is very small with very few Alumni, it was difficult to find them.



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- Joe Lynch was able to provide a list that proved extremely helpful.
- 15-20 students will be attending; 3 MSE Alumni have confirmed & Jay Olman will also attend.
- The MEAM event will be held on Wednesday February 20th. They were already planning on doing an event with the local ASME chapter which we have joined in on. Jay will be attending. Relationship developed will help with greater involvement for the following year.
- CBE has been doing a corporate networking event on their own in the fall and we were unable to tag along with them.
- BE event is planned for early April.
- We should consider reaching out to other groups, such as Theta Tau in future years.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Do we have more Alumni cards left?

Patent Presentation (H. Vartanian/B. Kane)

- Vartanian and Kane were not available so Farnia provided the update.
- Date is confirmed as 19th of March (Tuesday after board meeting)
- Harry has almost the entire panel lined up.
- It will be 6pm of that evening.
- Trying to get Wu & Chen as the location.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Senior Design (W. Korn/S. Warchaizer)

- Had several e-mails and conference calls with committee. At the end, decided to keep criteria and scoring as is.
- Trying to get high school representation; Contacted Friends select, Science Leadership Academy, and Masterman High School. They had a response from Friends. Not heard from the other two. There might be concerns with the Philadelphia SD not allowing students to attend. The concern is about security affecting trips by students out of the school.
- Russ asked about contacting Suburban schools – he has a contact.
- Tim Carlsen asked if we could invite accepted students and use it as a recruiting tool. Rosette suggested limiting it to those in the Philadelphia area.
- Jay suggested to we can ask the school admin to provide the names of students just after the acceptance are released.



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- Dawn Becket suggested tapping into the Summer Engineering programs for high school students.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Russ and Walt: Reach out to Russ's school.

ACTION: Farnia: Discuss accepted students idea with Dean.

SEAS Alumni Worldwide Network (J. Rifkin)

- Will not be able to work with Richard Foreman.
- Planning for late June.
- Trying to identify a venue and preparing contact list.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Around the Table (All)

- Nikos: Carl Clyde was in an accident through a skiing accident. Please keep in your prayers.
- Bob Berkovitz: Discussed the February 1, Daily Pennsylvanian issue, which discusses two Penn Engineering students involved with Pixar.
- Eric: Pointed out that the SEAS graduate and alumni mixer is on Thursday March 21st.
- Hank: Charlie Kapps, an Alumni friend, passed away. Kapps received a Masters in Math from Harvard and later a PhD. After time in the military, taught at Drexel and was an Episcopal minister.
- Tim: Board appreciation dinner was great.
- Farnia: Involved with a resume workshop with NSBE and SWE. The university is hosting its second diversity conference.

Adjournment (F. Fresnel)

The board meeting was adjourned at **7:03** pm. This was followed by a presentation about Engineering Entrepreneurship at Penn Engineering by Dr. Tom Cassel.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.