

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Monday, July 21, 2014 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Dawn Becket – D	X	Nisar Amin – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D	X	Greg Bedrosian – AL	
Russ Miller – VP		Jim Brennan – D	X	Jason Bethala – AL	
Alan Schultz – VP	X	Dane Carswell – D		Bob Boyce – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP	X	Ernest Churchville – D	T	Alison Capone – AL	
Seville Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Carl Clyde – D	X	Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Jason Rifkin – Tres		Hank Guckes – D	X	Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
		William McGill – D	T	David Goldstein – AL	
Brad Abrams – PP		Paul McLaughlin – D	T	Ramsey Kraya – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Jay Olman – D	X	Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP	X			Wayne Robbins – AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	X	Alison Capponi – AD		Matthew Serota – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP		Jeannine Carr – AD		Nishal N. Shah - AL	X
Walter Korn – PP	X	Richard Cisek – AD		David Solomon – AL	T
Dick Mulford – PP		Andrew Franklin – AD		Heather Stern – AL	T
Harris Romanoff – PP	T	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			
George Hain – F/S	X	Craig Schorr – AD			
Rosette Pyne – F/S	X	Harry Vartanian – AD			

Positions:

Pres: President

VP: Vice President

Sec: Secretary

Tres: Treasurer

PP: Past President

F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff

D: Director

AD: Associate Director

AL: At Large Member

I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. Dean's Welcome (E. Glandt)

- The Dean was not in attendance.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

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

- Welcomed everyone to the year's kick off meeting.
- Limited size of committees will encourage folks to be involved with other activities.
- Limiting each committee to one chair.
- Asked a new attendee on the phone to introduce herself: Heather (Kyle) Stern – MEAM 2006, currently live in Brooklyn. She was a judge at senior design competition. Would like to get involved and stay connected to the university.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Thanks the Alumni Society for a great BBQ. It was a beautiful day.
- It was an interesting year – we did well. Our goal was 11M, we raised 12.3M.
 - This was the first full year after the Making History campaign.
 - The rest of the University was generally down.
 - Expected two 1M gifts which did not come in but was saved by anonymous gift and a Trustee.
- Pledges leading the way were endowed faculty positions: 3M for Chairs, 1.5M for

associate chair and 750K faculty fellow.

- President Gutmann's has an initiative of matching endowed chairs, up to 750K – Thus, rather than 3M, the school needs to raise 2.25M for a Chair.
- Named chair is an honor; helps pay for some of the salary and discretionary spending.
- Leading the way was a chair named after Dean Glandt.
- They are look to raise funds for a second chair for Dean Glandt.
- The school hit its annual giving goal 1.125M – thanks to Gabrielle. It was a record number of dollars and donors.
- Thanked the board for its donations and time.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Gave two handouts – one on externship and the other on mentoring program.
- Collecting surveys from graduating seniors and masters students.
 - Working closely with SEAS to help meet ABET guidelines.
- School starts earlier this year, as a result, the Career fair is now earlier, on Sept 4.
 - About 80 companies have confirmed. There is room for 24 more.
 - Requested Society board to please get in touch with their companies.
 - Currently have DOW, eBay, Google, NASA. Like to get TESLA and SpaceX again.
 - Comcast is donating the raffle prize.
 - Bridgewater Associates is sponsoring the booklet.
- Mock interview day will be September 12th.
- The office is doing several site visits, mainly financial companies.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

VI. Old Business:

a. Approval of the May 12, 2014 Minutes (Directors)

- Bob asked to confirm that Dr. Showers's passing was in the minutes.
- Minutes approved pending confirmation.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Action Items from May Minutes (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** – Look into creating an IT/WebEx exploratory committee. Matt would like to have something available for the planning meeting. – Matt did this during the summer and had video conferencing available for this meeting.
- **Matt/Gabrielle** – Prepare and send letter welcoming graduating seniors. – drafted and sent to APO.
- **Gabrielle** – Make sure security is confirmed for the BBQ – not necessary as beer was not available.
- **Gabrielle** – Make sure email invite mentions the ID requirement - Not necessary as beer was not available.

Open Action Items:

ACTION: Matt – Double check that letter can and will be sent to Masters students

VII. New Business:

a. Alumni Weekend Recap (S. Mannickarottu)

- Alumni Weekend was May 16-19th.
- The picnic was on Saturday at Penn Park this year, and not Hill Field.
- Reunions for the classes ending in '4' and '9'.
- Gabrielle had raised concerns of possible restrictions to access but everything was fine.
- The weather was great and there was a large turnout, including many board members.
- Matt presented and handed a check to President Amy Gutmann.
- We were the first tent and as a result there were a lot of people who were not Engineers.
- George joked saying admission to the tent should be based on the ability to solve an equation.
- George said there negative feedback about parade as many alumni wanted to walk through campus.
- Matt said that it seemed like people would have preferred burgers & hotdogs to the 'fancy' food provided this year.
- George stated that it would have been nice if class reunions were close to schools

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

b. Graduate Student BBQ Recap (H. Guckes)

- It took place on July 17.
- BBQ went very well.
- Thanks to Gabrielle for all of her work in putting it together.
- The lines moved faster
 - There were four clip boards and two other people standing with clip boards.
 - Four lines were available to get the food.
- 440 people came through and registered.
- About 51 people signed up wanting to be contacted by EAS.
- Question was raised of whether or not the lack of beer a problem?
 - George pointed out that there is now an enforced keg policy.
 - Nishal, being a recently graduated Masters student who attended the BBQ, pointed out that free food is the attraction; Beer was not a big deal since grad students have to go back to work.
- Matt was able to get a volleyball game going.
- Hank – what should we do with the pictures? Gabrielle said to have the pictures sent to her.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

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c. Review new proposals for upcoming year (All)

- Looking for all elected positions to either chair or be an active participant.
- Combined Homecoming and Alumni Weekend – While not much is involved, he has a committee to have backup.
- Student engagement was broken up.
- Mentoring & Externship – Rosette suggested not combining them. Paul said that it would be fine to combine and he would continue to chair and run it.
- If we feel that the committee should be larger, the committee chair should let Matt know.
- Eric asked about having a committee for NSBE and SHPE.
- Matt pointed out that he only formed committees around departments and specific

- groups that reached out to the board.
- Tim - Is there a way to let people know that we exist? Through ESAC, etc?
 - Jay pointed out that he and Will attended an ESAC meeting last year to express the Board's interest in working with them. Only a few groups responded.
 - Tim - Historically, we've had student reps attending meeting.
 - Rosette and Farnia pointed out that Cora Ingram is a good point person for NSBE and SHPE.
 - Farnia, being the past president, will continue to chair the nominations committee
 - Activity planning sheet will have contact info for committee members.
 - Tim – were activities presented which were of interest? Matt – No.
 - Tim – consider inviting student leader to events.
 - Matt – Chairs - please let me know if you'd like to be on the agenda.
 - Combined Homecoming and Alumni Weekend – While not much is involved, he has a committee to have backup.

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d. Fill committee chair and member roles (M. Quale)

- Nominations Committee
 - Chair: Farnia Fresnel
 - Committee: Eric Benshetler, Tim Carlsen, Brad Davis, Harris Romanoff.
- Regional Engineering Alumni – NYC
 - Chair: Jason Rifkin
 - Committee: Heather Stern
- Board Participation Drive
 - Chair: Matt Quale
 - Committee: Jim Brennan, Stan Warchaizer
- Senior Design Competition
 - Chair: Walter Korn
 - Committee: Hank Guckes, Jay Olman, Stan Warchaizer
- EAS Website / Social Networking
 - Chair: Russ Miller
 - Committee: Hank Guckes
- Back to Penn Engineering
 - Chair: Alan Schultz
 - Committee: Hank Guckes
- Homecoming / Alumni Weekend

- Chair: Stan Warchaizer
- Committee:
- Speaker Series
 - Chair: Robert Berkovits
 - Committee: Farnia Fresnel
- Student Engagement – Graduate BBQ
 - Chair: Hank Guckes
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – Mentoring / Externship
 - Chair: Paul McLaughlin
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement - EDAB
 - Chair: Seville Mannickarottu
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – NSBE & SHPE
 - Chair: Farnia Fresnel
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – ESAC
 - Chair: Seville Mannickarottu
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – AWE / SWE
 - Chair: Dawn Becket
 - Committee: Seville Mannickarottu
- Student Engagement – Graduate Event
 - Chair:
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – Patent Presentation
 - Chair: Tim Carlsen
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – BE
 - Chair: Seville Mannickarottu
 - Committee: Nishal Shah
- Student Engagement – CBE
 - Chair: Matt Quale
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement - CIS
 - Chair: Eric Benshetler
 - Committee: Dawn Becket
- Student Engagement – ESE
 - Chair: Carl Clyde
 - Committee:
- Student Engagement – MSE
 - Chair: Will McGill

- Committee:
- Student Engagement – MEAM
 - Chair: Jay Olman
 - Committee: Heather Stern

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New Action Items:

ACTION:

VIII. Around the Table (All)

- Ernest – Best wishes for 2014 & 2015.
- Bob – If you have problems with your PennKey, you can go to the Bookstore.
- Rosette – Beth will be leaving at the end of October.

IX. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 7:33pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2014 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.