



Engineering Alumni Society

SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2008
6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

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AGENDA

- I. President's WelcomeH. Romanoff
II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
III. Approval of February 25, 2008 Minutes..... H. Romanoff
IV. By Law Revisions Update.....R. Miller
V. Yarnall Award Update.....S. Warchaizer
VI. Senior Design Update (May 2, 2008).....W. Korn
VII. Mentoring Program Update..... N. Harris, M. Quale
IV. Guest Speaker Planning.....E. Churchville
V. Alumni Weekend Planning.....A. Schultz, D. Carswell
VIII. Nominating Committee – BOD Nominees for 2008.....Past Presidents
IX. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
X. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
XI. Around the Table..... All

7PM: Guest Speaker – Dr. Paul Wolpe

NEXT MEETING Monday, April 14, 2008



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Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Attendees:

Eric Benshetler	Carl Clyde	Russ Miller*	Harris Romanoff
Robert Berkovits	Dick Fallows*	Dick Mulford	Alan Schultz
Jim Brennan	Farnia Fresnel*	Rosette Pyne	Harry Vartanian
Jeannine Carr*	Dean E. Glandt	Matt Quale	Stan Warchaizer
Dane Carswell	Hank Guckes	Janice Rafferty	
Ernest Churchville	Walter Korn	Wayne Robbins*	*via teleconference

President's Welcome and Remarks

Harris Romanoff called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and welcomed everyone. He said last Friday's dedication of the Walter and Marlene Korn lab was a very special day. Walt shared words about his family history and Dean Glandt was inspirational, as usual.

Dean's Remarks

Dean Glandt gave the BOD a first peek, with a very enlightening PowerPoint Presentation, at the design of the new nanotechnology building. The entrance to Penn's campus will change and the amount of lab space will increase. There are two balconies with entrance to the building from the courtyard in the center. The building will be four stories high with clean rooms on the first floor. The architect is from New York and will speak latter with more details. Harris thanked Dean Glandt.



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Approval of February 25, 2008 Minutes

On page one, Room 207 was changed to 307 and on page two, Penn Engineering was changed to Penn Alumni. The minutes were approved as corrected.

By-Law Revisions

Russ Miller made all necessary changes to the by-laws as agreed and voted upon by the BOD. The final revision, amended February 25, 2008, was distributed by Janice Rafferty to the BOD. Harris thanked Russ and his committee.

Yarnall Award

Stan Warchaizer will have a certificate for Dr. Gallager by early April. Dr. Gallager has approved his biography for the May 2, 2008 Awards Dinner. James Yarnall will be invited to the Awards Dinner.

Senior Design Update

Walt reported that 15 responses to e-mail request from Janice for judges have been received as of today. The engineering staff will contact alumni per Walt's request. All judges are invited to the Awards Dinner on May 2, 2008. Janice will send out additional details in the coming weeks. Harris suggested that we should seek more new judges.

Mentoring Program

Matt Quale is meeting with his mentee. He and Nancy Harris met with freshman students to remind them how to contact their mentors. There are 48 matches so far with no outstanding mentees.

Guest Speaker Planning

Ernest Churchville sent an e-mail to Dr. Brownell for a possible speaking engagement. Walt is working with the Franklin Institute and Hank Guckes is trying to arrange a visit to the Penn Boathouse. Harris suggested May for the Franklin Institute, September for the boathouse, and November for Dr. Brownell. Rosette Pyne asked about appreciation gifts for speakers. Harris sends out thank you letters and he will check with the Engineering Staff.



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Alumni Weekend Planning

Harris and Janice asked the BOD to talk up Alumni Weekend with classmates and friends. Harris is looking for a large Engineering turnout. Alan Schultz reminded the board of Saturday's events, including a continental breakfast, tour of Skirkanich Hall, Little Ben, and the picnic tent. It is most important for everyone to be in the tent when Amy Gutmann arrives, which in past years is by 12:20 PM. Janice will verify the timing and send postal cards to Engineering Alumni with a schedule of events. Harris will reach out to ESAC for student participation. Harris thanked Janice for all her help.

Nominating Committee-BOD Nominees for 2008

Per Walt, Tim Carlsen, immediate past president chairs the nominating committee. Other past presidents are committee members.

Career Services

Rosette has 5 and 10 year survey and data on the class of 2008. 2007 surveys are on the web page. Rosette went to a conference in mid Florida where there is a shortage of high tech employees. There is interest in Penn Students. Financial institutions in New York are tenuous.

Around the Table

Farnia Fresnel has contacted her mentee. Russ has a direct link for alumni to Penn Engineering. Jeannine Carr changed jobs and hopes to be more active. Wayne Robbins can not be present on May 2. Eric Benshetler reminded the BOD of the PRLC on April 4 and 5, 2008. Dane Carswell met with his mentee. Per Jim Brennan, the Eichert Award was decided on February 22. Walt thanked everyone who turned out for the Korn Lab Dedication. Alan and Engineering '59 classmates are networking in preparation for our 50th reunion in May 2009.

Adjournment

Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM and introduced Dr. Paul Wolpe, our guest speaker. Stan read Dr. Wolpe's impressive biography, including his positions at Penn and NASA. Dr. Wolpe gave an extraordinary Power Point presentation on Ethics of Biotechnology, Neuroscience, and Enhancing the Brain.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2008.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Alan J. Schultz