



SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2006

6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome, Remarks and Update.....T. Carlsen
- II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
- III. Approval of April 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes.....T. Carlsen
- IV. Review of Senior Design Competition.....Walt Korn/Committee
- V. Review of Alumni Weekend.....Harris Romanoff
- VI. Review of Penn Alumni Board Meeting .....Tim/Walt/Eric
- VII. Mentoring Program Update.....Nancy H / Jeannine C.
- VIII. Website update.....R. Miller
- IX. Graduate Student Barbeque (7/13/06).....L. Berryman / H Romanoff
- X. Student Group Participation with Board.....J. Lau / H. Romanoff
- XI. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
- XII. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
- XIII. Vote on new Board Directors.....Tim/Walt
- XIV. Around the Table..... All
- XV. Adjournment

- NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2006 \*



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

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Monthly Meeting: Monday May 22, 2006 in 307 Levine Hall

**Attendees:**

Robert Berkovits*	Dane Carswell	Andrey Golovicher	Dick Mulford
Eric Benshetler	Ernest Churchville	Eduardo Glandt	Rosette Pyne
Jason Bethala*	Carl Clyde	Nancy Harris	Harris Romanoff
Jim Brennan	Ellie Davis	Walter Korn*	Craig Schoor*
Tim Carlsen	Dick Fallows	Susan Levine	Liz Stanley
Jeannine Carr*	Farnia Fresnel*	Russ Miller	Stan Warchaizer

*\*Present via teleconference*

**President's Welcome, Remarks, and Update**

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Carlsen at 6:03 PM. Tim announced that Mickey's Kaufman's father had recently passed away. Tim also announced that Joan Lau is moving to Associate Director and going back to school. As previously announced Jackie Gray has moved to Australia and will also become an Associate Director.

**Approval of the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Dean's Remarks**

Dean Glandt commented that the Senior Design Competition was wonderful and Alumni Weekend was fantastic. Skirkanich Hall will open on June 15, 2006. The building will be formally dedicated on October 26, 2006 prior to Homecoming weekend. Dean Glandt announced that President Gutmann has made the new Nanotechnology building a number one priority for the University. The Engineering School is currently working on recruiting new faculty and waiting on acceptances.



As noted at the April meeting, SEAS was conservative in their acceptances this year. Undergraduate admittance was held to 410 students and will use the wait list to “titrate” up to slightly higher target. A check for \$650,000 was presented to President Gutmann during Alumni weekend.

Dean Glandt reported that the May / June 2006 issue of *Small Times* ranked the University’s nanotechnology program as #1 in Research, #4 in Education, #9 in Commercialization. There was no ranking for the University in the Facilities category, which will be corrected by the new Nanotechnology building.

### **Senior Design Competition and Dinner**

Walt Korn reported that Senior Design Competition was very successful. The top projects scored similarly and were separated by using an analysis of standard deviations. Honorable mentions worked out very well. A total of eighteen projects were represented in the Competition this year with twenty plus judges. The students worked hard and the new timer worked well. Only one presentation had to be stopped short of completion. The scoring sheet worked well and Walt noted that for next year the Overview will be removed from the scoring sheet. General comments indicated that the event was a great success. Stan Warchaizer commented that it would be preferable, in future events, to have the Board members seated at the Senior Awards Dinner at different tables to foster better interaction with the students. The food was great, the dinner conversation was great and the overall timing of the evening was well managed. It was also mentioned that Jack Wolf, this year’s Yarnall Award winner, was very impressed with the student’s presentations. Dr. Wolf also graciously accepted the 2006 D. Robert Yarnall Award.

### **Vote on New Board of Directors**

The following nominations were made by Walt Korn:

- President: Tim Carlsen – 1 year term
- Vice President: Harris Romanoff – 1 year term
- Treasurer: Alan Schultz – 1 year term
- Secretary: Mike Ostrow – 1 year term
- Director: Farnia Fresnel – 3 year term
- Director: Ernest Churchville – 3 year term

The nomination was seconded by Stan Warchaizer and approved by acclamation.



## **Alumni Weekend**

Harris Romanoff reported that it was a great day and that the weather was fine and the food was great. A check for \$650,000 was presented to President Gutmann.

## **Penn Alumni Board Meeting**

Tim Carlsen and Eric Benshetler reported on this two hour meeting that was held during Alumni Weekend. Paul Williams reported that finances are in fine shape and the University's endowment has reached \$5 billion. John Zeller reported that the Penn Fund had already raised \$383 million of the \$4000 million goal for 2006. The 2006 Senior Class gift was the highest so far based on the percentage of students giving. Joan Lau will receive the Young Alumni Award of Merit at Homecoming. The [James Brister 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration](#) continues through the year. James Brister, an 1881 graduate of the Dental School, was the first-known person of color to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania. Maureen Rush gave an overview of her organization, the fourth largest private police department in the USA. During her presentation, Ms. Rush noted that 76 cameras are deployed across campus with up to 8 of her personnel constantly monitoring the cameras. President Gutmann reported that the University received 20,479 applications for the coming year with 2400 being accepted.

President Gutmann announced that Dr. John L. Jackson, Jr. from Duke University will be the University's first Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK) Professor. The University will take ownership of the U. S. Postal Service property in 2007.

## **Mentoring Program**

Jeannine Carr, Nancy Harris and Liz Stanley reported that there was a great increase in students and that they will be working harder to find additional mentors in the future. Tim suggested handing out Mentor Program flyers at all Penn Engineering Alumni events as a strategy to identify additional mentors while thanking Jeannine, Nancy, and Liz for an excellent program this year.

## **Website Update**

Russ Miller reported that three areas of the EAS website have been updated since the last meeting. The Senior Reception and Senior Design Competition, Alumni Weekend and Yarnall Award section of the website have been updated with pictures taken at this year's events.



## **Graduate Student Barbeque, July 13, 2006**

Harris reported that a banner will be added to this year's event and that Susan Levine is handling the details. Setup time will start at about 11:00 AM on the west lawn.

## **Student Group Participation with the Board**

Harris commented that we must identify the Engineering Alumni Board to student. This can be done during student orientation, again during Junior year, and during the Hexagon events. More structure will be described at the July Board meeting. There will be an Undergraduate Events Committee.

## **Development Office Report**

Ellie introduced Susan Levin to the Board in her new role as Director of SEAS Annual Giving. Ellie Davis reported that Engineering will finish the year with an endowed chair and that the year is going very well. The Board presented Ellie with a thank-you gift for her services to the Board.

## **Career Services**

Rosette Pyne thanked Liz Stanley for all of her good work while Rosette was on medical leave. Career Services is planning to do more with the [SEAS Career Services website](#) in the coming year. Engineering Career Day will be held on September 21, 2006. All registration will be done online.

## **Around The Table**

Tim Carlsen commented on the fine turnout and on progress made by the EAS this year. Ernie Churchville thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. Eric Benshetler noted that College Houses are now matched with Reunion Classes as a way to facilitate the entrée of students into Alumni Weekend and the Alumni Association.

## **Adjournment: The formal meeting was adjourned by Tim Carlsen at 7:17 PM**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:  
Russ Miller