



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, May 20, 2013 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

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



Dean's Welcome (E. Glandt)

- The Dean was not able to attend but Ellie attended.

President's Welcome and Remarks (F. Fresnel)

- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
- Farnia thanked everyone for a fantastic 3 years as President; the support provided by the members, the Development Office, and Rosette to the Board has been invaluable.

Approval of April 15, 2013 Minutes (F. Fresnel)

- Approved as written.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Action Items from March Minutes (M. Quale)

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Farnia – Ensure issue of letter to the graduating seniors goes out

Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Joe Lynch has resigned and his position has been posted. The office will handle his responsibilities in the meantime.
- Barbecue details are mostly complete.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Career Services Report (R. Pyne)



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- Undergraduate and Graduate student coordinators and some select staff to give an overview of Career Services on Wednesday morning
- ECAD at 30 companies already, so the space is filling up quickly
- Presenting at a National Conference in Florida on Diversity & Inclusion
- Senior Associate Directors Meeting at Harvard and MIT; hoping to get more information on how they are working with their Alumni and their Alumni associations
- Start thinking now about an externship program for next winter break (targeting Juniors, perhaps Sophomores); all-day, half-day, one or a group of students; continuation of mentoring program – will be proposed in July at the planning

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Vote: Proposed 2013-2014 Board (H. Romanoff)

- Harris complimented Farnia on her outstanding work as President and the Board recognized her with a round of applause
- Unanimous approval of the proposed Board by voting members present.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Farnia – Correct the master copy of the Board slate – Alan 1959 degree; Ernest ENG to MSE; Stan 1953 to 1958

EAS Website (R. Miller)

- Approved March meeting minutes are posted
- Changed the Alumni events page to reflect that both Senior Design and Yarnall are past events
- Eric found that the Facebook links were broken – they have been fixed
- 2013 Senior Design page has been created and pictures has been posted
- Board Report has been posted
- Photos of Yarnall Award has been posted
- Videos of design competition will be posted once releases are signed

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:



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ACTION: Matt – need a new welcome page for the website

ACTION: Paul – photo, contact info, bio for the website

ACTION: Bob – photo, contact info, bio for the website

Wiki Pages (J. Brennan)

- No update; research is on-going

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Social Networking (B. Kane)

- Bob provided board card to a few additional contacts to build our network at a recent Conference.
- Continued growth in social networking: LinkedIn – 2642; Facebook – 268
- New cards to be ordered – put a QRcode on them to navigate to EAS website

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Senior Design Competition Recap (W. Korn)

- 33 judges were present and BioEngineering took the top prize for the first time in over a decade
- 2nd and 3rd, plus 1st Honorable mention went to MEAM
- 2nd Honorable Mention went to CIS
- 3rd Honorable Mention to Material Science and Engineering
- Working the issues around getting the videos posted on the website

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Alumni Weekend Recap (M. Quale)



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- The weather held off nicely and the event was very well attended with a full house in the Engineering tent
- Eric attended the Penn Alumni Board Meeting and discovered that Farnia has a position in Penn Spectrum as well; Farnia will also be receiving the Young Alumni Award which will be given out at the Penn Gala the Friday of Homecoming Weekend
- Walk took the tour of the Singh center and the building is coming along very well
- Harris was sitting in the Palestra for his graduation ceremony for his part time Masters and found the entire program to be outstanding
- Would be good to have more than 4 tables in the Engineering Tent

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

SEAS Alumni Worldwide Network (J. Rifkin)

- Date is set for June 11th for the NY event and the information has been posted on the social networking sites; The event will be at a Bar between Grand Central and Penn Station so it should be very convenient for commuters
- If anyone has suggestions on reaching out to Engineering Alumni, please share them with the team
- Will be working through the Development office to see if they can communicate to alumni in the region through the Penn database
- Rosette can send an email to the graduating students
- Farnia can also add this to the graduating student letter from the Board

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Around the Table (All)

- Gary Fink is an '87 MEAM grad and was a judge at Senior Design this year; spoke with Farnia about getting more involved; works in Financial Services at Accenture, mostly in NY
- Matt reviewed the date for the planning meeting –
- Paul – congratulated Farnia on a great job
- Dawn – thank you to Farnia and congratulations to Matt
- Carl – thanks to Farnia, congratulations to Matt



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- Walt – Stan’s brother passed away today so he was not able to attend
- Nikos – moving to Hoboken for a new job with Merck so he will no longer be able to attend the majority of meetings in person
- Rosette – went to a very interesting program at Ursinus College; attractiveness of NFL Quarterbacks gave them a 3% increase in salary; there is a site where you can check your own facial symmetry to see “how attractive you are”; Farnia was on 20/20 on Friday evening on a special on leaving your job – she was the example of the right way to leave a job
- Seville thanked Farnia for her leadership; BioEngineering is celebrating its 40th year Anniversary this coming academic year; talking with Jay about coinciding our event with BE with this overall program
- Hank – Senior Design presentations are becoming so integrated that you aren’t sure which department the presentation is even from
- Matt thanked Farnia for her past and future support
- International Council of Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Symposium 24 June – 27 June; Downtown Marriott in Philadelphia
- Harris – “mad props” to Farnia and the incoming team; huge congratulations as well on the Young Alumni award
- Brad – thank you to Farnia and congratulations to Matt
- Jim – thank you to Farnia and congratulations to Matt
- Ernest – thank you to Farnia and the outgoing Board and congratulations to the new slate
- Alan – congratulations to the outgoing and incoming board slates; the Senior Design and Alumni Weekend
- Farnia – started her own company doing Coaching and Strategic Consulting and will be based in Philadelphia (by Middle of June)! Penn Spectrum is hosting a Diversity Conference for the second time (2010); the first installment had >500 attendees

Adjournment (F. Fresnel)

The board meeting was adjourned at **7:02pm**.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Matt Quale.