



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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

Attendees:

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



President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Called meeting to order at 6:02pm
- Provided a quick recap of the 79th Annual Alumni Award of Merit Gala
 - Harris gave a great introduction followed by a great acceptance speech by Farnia.
 - Overall, it was a great event
- Attended the Penn Alumni Board of Directors & Council of Representatives Meeting on the Saturday morning of homecoming.
 - Discussed that alumni groups can be formed through shared interests.
 - Distributed the alumni activities report which shows that our group is very active.
- Engineering Homecoming reception had a great turnout
 - Over 250 people attended vs 80-100 people over the last several years.
 - Large turnout might be connected to the basketball game which followed.
- Mark calendar for the Board Appreciation night on March 1st.

Approval of the October 21, 2013 Minutes (M. Quale)

- Proposal to not print the minutes because of the environmental footprint.
- Proposal approved.
- Russ sent a number of corrections to Seville.
- Include bio for Dr. Zandi.
- Minutes approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Action Items from October Minutes (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Bob** – needs photo, contact info, bio for the website. – pending
- **Hank** – Update planning sheet to reflect having two lines, request security and to include in the invite e-mail that US issued photo ID or passport is required to get alcohol – pending – Matt will send him a copy of the planning sheet.
- **Matt** - will send out invite to board for “Back to Penn Engineering Event” – Done
- **Seville/Jay** - Update planning sheet to reflect having ‘take-aways’ and to work w/ Rosette when determining dates for events. – Done.

Open Action Items:

ACTION: Matt: Send Hank a copy of the BBQ event planning sheet for him to update.



Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Given by Ellie as George is travelling in California.
- There will be an end-of-year solicitations by the development office.
- Walt – Solicitation firm called him. They were very nice and very thorough.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Great PE presentation. Tim and Bill attended.
 - Over 40 students attended.
- Requested that everyone sign up for the externship program.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

Alumni Society Awards Update (J. Brennan)

- Last time the committee mentioned that they had reviewed 11 candidates and they chose two, a primary candidate and a back-up.
- Assuming the board approves, the committee will contact the candidate.
- Tim: The selected candidate should be reviewed and discussed with the Dean and the Development office.
- The Board approved the primary and back-up candidate.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Sophomore Mentoring - Second Year Externship (P. McLaughlin)

- Program to bring students to alumni work places.
- There are currently 14 of the 20 minimally requested slots filled.



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- January 8-10 & 13-14 and May 14-16, 19-21 are the dates for these externships.
- There is a sign-up sheet available for Board members join.
- The hosts do not have to be in the Philly area as the externship is being held during student holidays. They even have a host from Italy.
- Deadline is this week for January; for May, the cut off will be around March 15th.
- Matt: This is a great way to get involved especially for those who are not local.
- Rosette: It is just one day and shouldn't be too difficult to commit to. EDAB is excited about this too.
- Matt: Students will need to provide their own transportation too.
- Paul: The event is very similar to "take your child to works" if a company has concerns about IP.
- Rosette: Reach out to friends too!
- Tim confirmed that he, as well as Bill Kane, are on the list.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Homecoming Debrief (J. Brennan)

- Blown away by the number of people.
- Gabrielle and Patty did a great job.
- It was a very large event.
- Matt – perhaps next year we might move it to the Singh Center.
- Gabrielle – There were a lot of young engineering alumni.
- Alan – As nice as the post-game reception was, the highlight was the Singh Center tour narrated by Dean Glandt. It was one hour.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

PE Presentation Debrief (T. Carlsen)

- Very successful event – special thanks to Rosette.
- Mostly juniors, seniors and grad students attended.
- There was Tim, Bill as well as Robert Cargill (MSE 91, PhD 94 in Bioengineering).
- Discussed what it means to be a PE.



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- They prepared a one page summary sheet with exam dates and how to prepare.
- Better prepared to deal with international students than in previous years.
- Pizza arrived on time which was great.
- Rosette: Very interactive presentation since Tim had videos and pictures.
- PE License is getting more 'modern' with exams for various fields including software.
- We should definitely continue doing this.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Back to Penn Engineering Debrief (A. Schultz)

- Matt: Great turn out to this event just before the meeting.
- Alan stated that they had just concluded a very inspiring class and lab tour experience.
- Saw what goes on interactively between freshmen, faculty, upper classmen and grad students.
- Saw a number of robots.
- Really worth the time.
- Matt: Students also got to see that nothing in the real world ever works perfectly.
- Students had an assignment for 40 new ideas for next week which was a remarkable challenge.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

SEAS Alumni Network Worldwide Debrief (J. Rifkin)

- The Fall Event went well: It was the second happy hour which was held on Tuesday November 12th.
- Graduates from the last 20 years were invited.
- About 50-60 people attended.
- There were a number of follow ups.
- Hope to have an event for the early Spring.
- Bob, Jay, Farnia and Nikos were instrumental in organizing this.
- Stan: From either event, was there an interest of folks wanting to get involved with the actual Alumni board?



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- Not really that interested, perhaps because of the location.
- Stan: Perhaps people may wish to be involved in other ways.
- Rosette: Can we use the email addresses of these folks who attended to be used in the externship program?
 - Matt: That decision is up to the Dean and Development office. Perhaps add to check-in sheet to ask if you are interested in being involved with other events.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Student Engagement Committee (J. Olman)

- Bioengineering held an alumni event
- Seville explained that they had 9 alumni attending and about 50 undergraduates.
- Event was held on the 7th of November at the Amado Recital Hall in Irvine Auditorium.
- The students who attended the event enjoyed, and the alumni enjoyed it.
- The students did a very good job of organizing it.
- We were able to give the alumni EAS cards, along with information about the Externship program.
- In general, the event was very successful. Next year the group hopes to begin planning earlier and to start contacting alumni earlier.
- Matt – CBE had an AIChE networking event. It was very good. Sponsored by Dow.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Maintaining EAS Website (R. Miller)

- Added PE presentation to the events page.
- Worked with Beth to include the externship program.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:



ACTION:

Improving Social Network Presence Update (R. Miller)

- Russ mentioned that there are up to 2974 people
- Thanked Hank for checking all join requests against Quakernet to verify that they are indeed alumni or students.
- 315 members on Facebook.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

Around the Table (All)

- Matt welcomed a new member, Sherri. Matt asked Sherri to introduce herself – Attended the BE networking event, wants to get more involved. Graduated in 2006. Spent 7 years in R&D with DePuy Synthes. Currently, she works as a Business Development Associate at Invibio Biomaterial Solutions.
- Tim: Thanked Gabrielle for helping to feed the students at the PE presentation.
- Harris: Great meeting!
- Russ: Have a happy Thanksgiving!
- Ernest: Plan to have two to three speakers for next few months.
- Eric: Great to see Joe Bordogna at the Gala. Harve Hnatiuk, EE'74 was also there.
- Carl: Mentoring program is going to go in full swing in January.

ACTION:

Adjournment (M. Quale)

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2013 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.