



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, October 19, 2015 6pm, Room 108 Towne

Attendees:

Dean Vijay Kumar		Dawn Becket – D	X	Lyle Brunhofer – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D	X	Alison Capone – AL	
Russ Miller – VP		Jim Brennan – D	T	Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Alan Schultz – VP	X	Ernest Churchville – D	T	Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP	T	Carl Clyde – D		David Goldstein – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Hank Guckes – D	X	Lauren Hedvat – AL	X
Jason Rifkin – Tres		William McGill – D		Bernard A. Jones Jr. - AL	
		Paul McLaughlin – D		Jonathan Lombardo - AL	X
Brad Abrams – PP		Jay Olman – D	X	Wendy Sardinsky - AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Craig Schorr – D		Matthew Serota – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP		Heather Stern – D	T	Nishal N. Shah - AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	X			David Solomon – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP	X	Dane Carswell – AD			
Walter Korn – PP	X	Bill Kane – AD		Ellie Davis – F/S	
Dick Mulford – PP		Nikos Lioutas – AD		Gabrielle Gary – F/S	X
Harris Romanoff – PP		Harry Vartanian – AD		George Hain – F/S	
				Rosette Pyne – F/S	
		Jeremy Wang - M	X		

Positions:

Pres: President

VP: Vice President

Sec: Secretary

Tres: Treasurer

PP: Past President

D: Director

AD: Associate Director

AL: At Large Member

F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff

UG – Undergraduate

M – Masters student



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I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

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

- Welcome everyone!
- Homecoming is coming up. Make sure to look through everything that's available.
- Gabrielle is circulating a sign up for Homecoming.
- Got a very nice email from James Lovey who received the E. Stuart Eichert, Jr. Award in May, thanking the Alumni Society for the award.
 - Quote: "I was honored to have my efforts toward exciting Philadelphia students about STEM recognized. I know it was made so much easier for me to contribute with the amazing resources available to help me get involved like: NancyLee Bergey's Penn Science Across Ages program, the Civic House's West Philadelphia Tutoring Project, Dr. Gwak's support of Theta Tau and our community service events, Dr. Betsy Navia's incredible afterschool programming capabilities at The Philadelphia School and now the Germantown Friends School, and Megan Doherty and Jess McAtamney's tremendous efforts towards Penn's unique Engineering Without Borders Local Committee. These great people and programs have given me the best experiences I've had through college, and I'd like to thank you all because I'm so grateful to have been welcomed into these communities. Thank you again, Matt, for this generous award. As everyone copied on this email knows, being recognized is rewarding but not as much so as introducing a young person to a possible lifelong passion for science and engineering."
 - This was the first time Matt had ever received a "Thank you" from the award recipient.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle spoke on behalf of George.



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- Started the calling program to encourage annual giving donations.
 - Please pick up the calls as we would like your feedback.
- Full steam ahead with this academic year.
- Seville: Received a call – the caller was very friendly and nice.
- Stan: Received a call and the caller was very professional and nice.
- Farnia: Has the ‘on the road’ changed with the new Dean? Gabrielle: Not really.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Matt spoke on behalf of Rosette, reading an email she sent:
 - We had a terrific presentation by two of the “Best Immigration Lawyers in the U.S.” – with nearly 120 in attendance. They have been offering this program to Penn students for several years and the audience included students, staff, faculty, spouses, etc.
 - We are continuing to collect data for our post grad surveys (collection is nearly complete) and for our summer surveys of the sophomore, junior and senior classes.
 - We have confirmed that Engineering Career Day will be 2 days next year – September 14 and 15 at the Sheraton University City.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Old Business:

a. Approval of the September 28, 2015 Minutes (Directors)

- Matt sent Seville a few corrections.
- Ernest: Still continuing at Widener – there was an error in the “Around the Table section”.
- Approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:



ACTION: Owner – None

b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Alan** – In connection with “Back to Penn Engineering”, arrange a lab tour of Dean Kumar’s lab.
 - Alan: Thanked Gabrielle for helping with communication. We are going to try to hold it along with the March meeting.
- **Alan** – In connection with “Back to Penn Engineering”, arrange a tour of the Pennovation Center after January.
 - Alan: Remember it as the Marshall lab! The facility is not ready. This will also be on the agenda for a tour in 2016.
 - Bob: Parking and such might be difficult so we should plan accordingly.
 - Marion asked about location and transportation.
 - Matt: This will be difficult to organize. Perhaps meet there? We’ll have to see.
- **Matt** – Ask Elise Betz for earlier notice to Alumni about the Graduate Student/Alumni Mixer.
 - Matt: Followed up, and got in contact with Jeremy Wang, President of the Engineering Masters Advisory Board. He will introduce himself during the ‘around the table’.
- **Matt** – Update the calendar for Senior Design to April 28th - Done
- **Matt** – Update the committee lists - Done
- **Eric** – follow up with Penn Alumni club to confirm that they’d be fine if EAS held its own Philly networking event. - Done

Open Action Items:

ACTION:

c. Graduate Student BBQ Recap (H. Guckes)

- 189 students pre-registered.
- 235 students registered at the event.
- Event was 2 weeks later than last year.
- Seville – Pre-registration went really well!
- Farnia – Did we not have many non-students?
 - Seville – Setting up the tables to prevent the line from extending to 34th street helped prevent non-students from coming.
 - Gabrielle – George Hain and other staff members did a great job of policing the event.
- Marion – the BBQ went really well, much better than in previous years!

Open Action Items:



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New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

d. EAS Website/Social Networking (R. Miller)

- Hank spoke on Russ's behalf
- 3571 people are connected on LinkedIn.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

VI. New Business:

a. Back to Penn Engineering (A. Schultz)

- Confirmed with Dr. Lee and Sid Deliwala that they the Society members can join in on the class, ESE111: Circuits and Systems
- On Monday November 16th at 4:30pm. Coordinated with our meeting.
- It will be in Moore 216.
- Lecture by Dr. Lee followed by lab tour and demo (if time permits)
- Matt has agreed to put out an email to invite the general alumni.
- Matt: Where is Moore 216?
 - At 33rd and Walnut. Second Floor.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

b. Philly Alumni Networking (S. Mannickarottu)

- Plan on April 4th, 5th, or 6th (Monday through Wednesday).
- Want to avoid Thursday and Friday. Also after Easter and before Passover.
- Matt: avoid Mondays.
- Bob: Where?
 - Looking at Matt's suggestion of a bar at 2nd and South, Cavanaugh's Headhouse,



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which has a private room.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item

c. Homecoming (S. Warchaizer)

- Thank the board members for following up on LinkedIn posts.
- Gabrielle: We have 63 people who have confirmed. Some Engineers may have signed up for the weekend but not the specific event.
- Matt: When does registration close?
 - Closes 5 pm Monday November 2nd.
- Stan: What time is the football game?
 - Gabrielle: 12 noon.
- Stan: When will lunch be served?
 - Gabrielle: 2:30-3 pm
- Gabrielle: We have a sign-up sheet for tickets and the reception.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item

d. Senior Design Competition (W. Korn)

- We know the new faculty director of Senior Design: Russ Composto.
- He is very interested.
- Dawn: Shipley School was excited to be re-invited. Would like information as early as possible. How long to stay? How many people can come? Walt: Groups can come and leave as they like. When Devon Prep came, Liz always wanted to expose them to a campus tour as well.
- As far as numbers: About ½ dozen students. This is because we never knew how many schools would respond. We do ask that they pre-register.
- Matt: Split into two groups. Some students can do a tour while the other group watches presentations.
- Dawn: Groups have always been discrete which is good.
- Schools I've been in touch with are Friends Select, Friends Central, Devon Prep, Science Leadership academy, and Malvern prep.
- Stan: Did we ever consider inviting Central High? Bob: Girls High too? Stan: I have a feeling that they both would be interested. Walt: I don't have a contact there.



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- Hank: I might know folks who might have contacts.
- Marion: I can get a contact for Girls High.
- Jay: Planning on a more streamlined process of score keeping

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item

e. Student Engagement – AWE/SWE (D. Becket)

- Working with Michaile Rainey.
 - She was trying to setup an externship type program. Dawn connected with Rosette.
 - Michaile was already moving forward and unfamiliar with the externship program.
 - Perhaps the externship program can be customized for them.
 - Matt: Reach out to Paul.
 - Maybe the two groups can be combined.
- SWE Philadelphia – The contact works at DOW. She was interested in a broad collaboration. Considering event, such as a technical tour.
 - Perhaps a joint event with one of our tours?
 - Should we have a joint event? Perhaps with the Penn Club?
 - Bob: Time frame is indeterminate? Dawn: Yes.
 - Matt: The challenge will be that there will be several alumni focused events. One option is to consider using an Engineering event at Homecoming or Alumni weekend as an event for collaboration.
 - Dawn – perhaps these types of joint events might get more people interested in getting involved. Perhaps we could have them piggy back on top of existing events, such as with the networking event.
 - Matt – Are we talking of a sub-group of SWE Philly? Dawn: Yes. Matt: it might be worth finding out how many SWE-Philly Penn Alum there are.
 - They would advertise to SWE Penn alum.
- Bob passed out an IEEE WIE summit flyer. Reception will be Friday night, Saturday will be lectures. Perhaps of interest to Dawn.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Dawn – Reach out to Paul to discuss possible AWE-externship connection.

ACTION: Dawn – Get a sense of how many SWE-Philadelphia Penn alumni there are.



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f. Penn Club Philly/EAS (E. Benshetler)

- Bernard and Eric met with Stephanie after the meeting last month.
- Program around the Science & Technology of food.
- Avoid conflicting with Philly networking event.
- Probably have the event in the Sweeten Alumni House.
- 3-4 panelist each talking for a few minutes. Followed up by Q&A and then networking.
- Jimmy John's as caterer.
- A few ideas on speakers.
- Farnia: Looking for Penn alum? Eric: Not necessarily. Bernard and Stephanie know folks. Farnia: I know a food scientist but not affiliated with Penn. Eric: Please provide the contact!
- We have a fair amount of time to plan.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Farnia – Provide Eric with food scientist contact.

VII. Around the Table (All)

- Lauren Hedvat: I am ENG'05, COL'06, and GENG'07. I also mentioned that I currently serve on the ACLC and would be happy to serve as a liaison for any potential collaboration. I am look forward to being more involved with SEAS!
- Jeremy Wang: President of EMAB (Engineering Masters Advisory Board). Thank you for reaching out to us regarding the Masters-Alumni mixer. We are considering holding the event in either the Glandt forum or in the Sweeten Alumni House. What are your thoughts? Seville: Prefer Glandt Forum. Matt: Sweeten had a more intimate homey feel. On the other hand, it was a bit crowded two years ago when it was held there. Jeremy: Will consider it. Also trying to determine the date, perhaps in March? Should be fine.
- Farnia: What is the status of the awards committee? Matt: There was a last minute change, but Jim will be taking over.
- Bob: Trying to get a faculty speaker for January, perhaps in Astronomy or Physics. Otherwise in February or April so as not to conflict with the lab tour that Alan is planning. Gabrielle: Could I get more Penn Engineering Alumni business cards? Gabrielle: Yes!
- Alan: Penn trounced Columbia in football. The head coach for Columbia just left Penn!
- Eric: Received a job offer today! Stan: With whom? Eric: NextGen QSI out of Horsham.



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ACTION:

VIII. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 7:03 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2015 at 6:00pm in Room 108 Towne (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.