



SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors  
Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2005  
6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome & Remarks.....T. Carlsen
- II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
- III. Approval of July 25, 2005 Planning Meeting Minutes.....T. Carlsen
- IV. Vote on nominated Director candidate.....W. Korn
- IV. Penn Alumni Meeting of 9/23 & 9/24/05.....T. Carlsen/Joan Lau
- V. Homecoming (11/4-11/6/05)..... J. Brennan/J. Bethala
- VI. Mentoring Program Update.....N. Harris / J. Carr
- VII. Yarnall Award Candidates.....M. Kaufman
- VIII. Website Updates/Status.....R. Miller
- IX. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
- X. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
- XI. Around the Table..... All
- XII. Adjournment - PRESENTATION BY OMAR BLAIK, Senior Vice President of Facilities and Campus Planning (6:45PM - 7:30 PM)

\* NEXT MEETING Monday, October 24, 2005 \*



**Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors**

University of Pennsylvania

**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

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Monthly Meeting: Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in 307 Levine Hall

**Attendees:**

Eric Benshetler	Ernest Churchville	George Hain	Michael Ostrow
Robert Berkovits	Carl Clyde	Nancy Harris	Rosette Pyne
Lauren Berryman	Ellie Davis	Mickey Kaufman	Harris Romanoff
Jim Brennan	Dick Fallows	Walt Korn	Craig Schorr*
Tim Carlsen	Faunia Farnell*	Russ Miller	Alan Schultz
Jeannine Carr	Eduardo Glandt	Maryann O'Leary	David Soloman*

\* Present via teleconference

President's Welcome

President Tim Carlsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, and thanked the board for the very strong turnout.

Deans Remarks

Dean Glandt provided a comprehensive update of SEAS' progressive building plan and personnel matters.

**Building Program**

Skirkanich Hall is under construction and will be recognized for its unique architecture, which includes a green brick facade.

Fundraising efforts are underway for a new Nanotechnology building, which will take the place of the parking lot next to the LRSM. The selection of an architect is in progress and a groundbreaking date will be announced soon.

In December, renovations will begin with the Moore school. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be gutted out and replaced with several "wet" and "dry" labs for EE.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of GRW were recently given a facelift and are now indistinguishable from the look and feel of Levine Hall. The Dean is soliciting for funding to renovate the lower floors of GRW.



### **Students and Leadership**

Dean Glandt was pleased to report a better than expected increase in SEAS' yield rate. This year's freshman class has 448 students even though only 410 were expected.

Two new professors were recently hired (one for BE, the other for ChemE), and represent the high level of talent brought to the school by a "younger generation" of faculty.

Dean Glandt also expressed his praise for Ron Daniels, the new provost, calling him a "great friend" of Engineering.

The Dean offered similar praise for President Gutmann, noting that the new provost was just one of several "winning" appointments. The new team of University leadership has been making great progress along the goals of the "Penn Compact" which are 1) Access (financial aid), 2) Engagement (activity), and 3) Integration (through interdisciplinary study).

### Approval of the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved.

### **Vote on nominated Director candidate**

The board unanimously voted to induct Lauren Berryman as a Director.

### **Penn Alumni Meeting of 9/23 and 9/24**

Tim provided a detailed overview of the recent meeting held for the university's general alumni society, which was "very well run...and very well attended". Several prominent speakers addressed the society including President Gutmann, John Zeller (VP for Development & Alumni Relations), and John Greer (fundraising consultant). Feedback from University volunteer leaders was heavily sought during the 2-day forum.

A new campaign is underway to increase Penn's endowment, whose value still remains below many peer schools.

Several new programs for freshman focus on developing future alumni leaders.

Each freshman also received a "tin" filled with cards, each describing a Penn tradition.



## **Homecoming (11/4 through 11/6 2005)**

Jim Brennan discussed SEAS' sponsored homecoming events which will feature the traditional post-game reception, an ENIAC tour, pre-game "food and fun" at the Weiss Tech House, and a Movie Magic tour. On-line registration is required for the Movie Magic tour. Each of these events were held last year, all of which were extremely well attended and successful.

## **Mentoring**

Jeannine Carr and Nancy Harris attended the annual Career Day fair to promote the SEAS sophomore year mentoring program. Their efforts were extremely successful. Jeannine and Nancy recruited 66 students seeking mentors and 12 alumni to act as mentors.

## **Yarnall Award**

Mickey Kaufman announced that this year's committee will soon meet to "continue a great tradition" of the annual Yarnall award.

## **Website Update/Status**

Russ Miller summarized a number of changes to the website, which include a link to the homecoming site and the addition of a yearly calendar.

Updates to the "Meet the Board" page will be conducted shortly.

Russ expressed high praise for Maryann and her staff for their support.

## **Development Office Report**

### **Leadership**

George Hain introduced Ellie Davis, the new director in the SEAS Development office. Ellie served as a development director for Penn Law immediately prior to joining the SEAS team.

Maryann will be leaving the SEAS development office in early November and take on a new position at The Penn Fund, which has fundraising responsibilities encompassing the entire university. George and the entire board recognized Maryann's hard work and great contributions to SEAS, and expressed the best of luck in her new position.



### **Major Gifts**

Several large gifts closed at the end of the fiscal year, including \$1 million from the Tabas family and \$1 million from John McMullen.

A total of \$10.1 million was raised for the 2004-2005 year.

George expressed optimism that the 2005-2006 fundraising year would also be very strong. Two large gifts worth a combined \$2.5 million are pending and an estate gift worth \$1.4 million from Dr. Godsho (earmarked for scholarships to be given to Philadelphia area students) is also being discussed, along with several others in an “unbelievably strong” pipeline, made possible by, in part, a “very good VC economy”.

### **Career Services Report**

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, SEAS’ held a “very successful” career-day (25<sup>th</sup> annual event). Rosette Pyne told the board that 85 companies attended, including a strong number of first-time attendees. The majority of the 210 corporate representatives were Penn Alumni. More than 1200 students picked up career booklets – an excellent turnout.

**Adjournment:** Tim Carlsen thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:45. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:00 PM.

Following the adjournment, the board remained for an engaging presentation by Omar Blaik, Senior Vice President of Facilities and Campus Planning, on upcoming building projects on/near campus.

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