



# Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

*University of Pennsylvania*

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, September 15, 2014 6pm, Room 307 Levine

## Attendees:

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

## Positions:

Pres: President

VP: Vice President

Sec: Secretary

Tres: Treasurer

PP: Past President

F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff

D: Director

AD: Associate Director

AL: At Large Member



## I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

## II. Dean's Welcome (E. Glandt)

- It was a great summer with a great deal of renovations.
- Over the past several years, 90% of the school has been renovated. Hayden Hall has major renovations.
- Currently concentrating on landing a gift to add two more floors for Levine.
  - The architects are experts in prefab construction. They would add the two floors after being constructed elsewhere.
- Construction of Cira South has started. Penn is committed to a large part of the space and the bulk of Franklin and annex are expected to move into the space and renovations would begin there.
- The South Bank is being renovated. It is 23 acres.
  - Penn Center for Innovation will be based there, with an incubator.
  - The meeting of the Trustees in October will be in that building.
  - Four spaces for start-ups and entrepreneurship.
  - The largest occupant will be Dr. Vijay Kumar and his quadrotors.
    - A cage will be constructed for the quadrotors.
    - Vijay is exploring precision agriculture with the quadrotors.
  - Dr. Dan Koditschek builds six legged robots which will have space there.
  - Since the site is far, transportation will be provided.
  - Currently there are no amenities, such as a coffee shop. They eventually will be added.
  - Time frame for the construction is in the order of a year.
- George Hain and he attended a wedding with 6000 people in Mumbai.
  - It felt like being in a big "Bollywood" movie
  - Prospects in India are wonderful.
  - Matt – Has there been concerns about Indian and other nationality Masters students obtaining Visas and being able to work?
  - Rosette – Many students get jobs at multinational companies in their own countries and will often return to the US.
- Dean search is going on. Nationally, there are not many searches going on, which is helpful for SEAS. Penn will be the prime place. President Guttman will receive a list in early December. There will be a marathon on interviews in November.



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- Stan – Kudos to Penn for being named the top college in the US according to USA Today.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### III. President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Hopefully everyone had received electronic copies of the planning forms and committee folders.
  - If a committee chair has historical records, please store them in the folders.
  - It's possible that emails about planning forms may have gone to spam folders
- If a committee wishes to be on the agenda, please let Matt know at least 1 week prior.
- For those working with departmental student engagements, please reach out soon.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### IV. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle - Nothing to add with what the Dean had said.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### V. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- It has been a busy two weeks.
- She addressed incoming Masters students; They have to attend mandatory ethics workshops.
- The career fair was held on September 4th
  - There were 103 companies with more than 300 representatives.
  - At least half of the representatives were alumni.
  - Over 1500 students attended. There was a line that crossed the street.
  - Striker was unable to attend but will be coming to Penn for an info session.
  - Thanked the alumni who contacted their HR people.



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- Several companies recruited the following week.
- Matt – At least 9 to 15 students were always waiting at the Dow table.
- They did an evaluation – Of the 103 companies they got 59 reviews of the event. All said interaction was great.
- They had the most number of students at an engineering career fair.
- Six alumni participated on mock interview data – Thanks!
- They have been interviewing for Beth Olson's position.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

## VI. Old Business:

### a. Approval of the July 21, 2014 Minutes (Directors)

- Approved.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### b. Action Items from July 21 Minutes (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** – Double check that letter can and will be sent to Masters students – Followed up. It is difficult to do as Masters students graduate at very different times. Exploring reaching out to Masters students for Homecoming.

Open Action Items:

**ACTION: Seville** – Look into Google forms for updating contact lists.

## VII. New Business:

### a. Review Tools for Committees (M. Quale)

- Discussed under “Welcome Remarks”

Open Action Items:



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### New Action Items:

#### **ACTION:**

#### **b. Homecoming (S. Warchaizer)**

- Put out information on LinkedIn.
- The event will be on November 1.
- Game is at 1pm
- Everyone needs to show up and register.
- Gabrielle – an email will be sent to the board to obtain tickets.
  - Gabrielle will try to provide tickets for October meeting, but dependent on Athletic center to print out tickets.
- Website has information about tours and other events.
- Do not anticipate as large of a crowd as last year, since last year there was a basketball game in the evening followed by Bill Cosby.
- Alan – This time the SEAS event was in the Homecoming guide, unlike in previous years.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

**ACTION: Everyone** – attend homecoming!

#### **c. Back to Penn Engineering (A. Schultz)**

- The event will be held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm prior to our EAS meeting.
- Dr. Dan Lee will be teaching the ESE111 class.
- Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience last year.
- Invited everyone to attend.
- Alan asked the board how many people might be able to attend? It was approximately 12.
- Matt said he would send out a general email about the event when date gets closer.

### Open Action Items:

### New Action Items:

#### **ACTION:**

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

- Website:



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- BBQ was a huge success. Pictures are on the website.
- All but one of the videos from senior design have been added.
- The May 2014 meeting minutes have been added to the archive.
- Need dates for Senior design, patent presentation and next year's BBQ for the website.
- Rosette: can we put pictures from the career fair? Yes.
- Farnia: Can we connect those pictures to Facebook? Russ – we could, but we don't have many members so it may not be worth it.
- LinkedIn
  - 3259 members on LinkedIn. 349 on Facebook.
  - Stan put a note about homecoming; Alan added a comment that he would attend. Requested that everyone put a comment too.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### e. Speaker Series (R. Berkovits)

- Is trying to get Jonathan Moreno, PIK professor, who worked for DARPA and works in bioethics and neuroscience.
- Also looking into having Professor Robert Giegengack, a geologist, to speak.
- Matt –Suggests having speakers in October, November (less preferable), or otherwise, January.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### f. Alumni Society Awards (J. Brennan)

- Chatted with Gabrielle about the Yarnell award– as soon as we have names from George Hain and the office, he'll discuss it with his committee.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**



## VIII. Around the Table (All)

- Gabrielle - Congratulations to Jay on his marriage.
- Ernest – looking forward to hearing some great speakers.
- Tim – Patent presentation date is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now that we have a date, we'll start confirming speakers. Harve Hnatiuk has been named president of the National Society of Professional Engineers.
- Rosette – Great to have Matt and Paul at the career fair. Matt – Carl was there too.
- Marion – asked if email will still be used, in addition to Google Drive. Also asked where committee information could be located.
  - Matt – Will create a board folder to store these specific documents, including the member contact list.
- Walt – Senior design presentations of those students who elected to have them shown are now ready to be put online. Disappointed at number of students who elected not to have their presentations shown. Is pleased that now a system is in place which will make things easier for next year.
- Seville – Earlier today, Penn was named the number one party school.
- Bob – A PennCard center is open in the back of the Bookstore. Penn Design sent a 2014-2015 lecture series. Organizational Dynamics department is having an all-day symposium on Systems Thinking that he was interested in. Matt – Please send info so I can send it out. Bob - Do we ever want to think of live streaming? Matt – not ideal. Gabrielle and I have to discuss how worthwhile it would be. Bob - Johns Hopkins APO lectures are all on their website.
- Dawn – Michele Grab left Penn for a job at Arizona State. She will be help bring the new person up to speed.
- Eric – Stan and Russell will be happy to hear that in the past few minutes, comments were made on Homecoming through LinkedIn.
- Carl – First time attending the Engineering career fair and was surprised at the number of students interested in supply chain management.

## IX. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Adjourned at 7:10 pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2014 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.