

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, February 26, 2018 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Executive:		Directors:		At-Large Members:	
Dean Vijay Kumar		Robert Berkovits	X	Oladayo Adewole	
Seville Mannickarottu - Pres.	X	Lyle Brunhofer	T	Sarah Badin	
Dawn Becket - VP	T	Hank Guckes	T	Andrew Botelbo	
Jim Brennan - VP		Lauren Hedvat		Alison Capone	
Paul McLaughlin - VP	T	Yijie Hu	T	Parth Chopra	
Jay Olman - Sec	X	Bernard Jones	X	David Goldstein	T
Carl Clyde - Tres	T	Jonathan Lombardo	T	Nimay Kulkarni	
		Ramsey Kraya	T	Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	
Past Presidents:		Jason Rifkin		Aastha Puri	X
Brad Abrams		Craig Schorr		Manasi Puri	X
Eric Benshetler		Alan Schultz		Matthew Serota	
Tim Carlsen	T	Heather Stern		Jane Fried Sheinfeld	
Farnia Fresnel	T			David Solomon	
Marion Hubing	X	Associate Directors:		Aditya Sreekumar	T
Walter Korn	T	Ernest Churchville	T	Jeremy Wang	
Dick Mulford		William McGill		Stan Warchaizer	
Matt Quale	X	Russ Miller			
Harris Romanoff		Jeffrey Ng		Faculty/Staff:	
		Leah Suttner		George Hain	X
				Jamie Grant	X
				Brad Richards	X
				Guests:	
				Jonathan Dunsay	T

- I. Call to Order (S. Mannickarottu)**
 - Called to order at 6:03pm
- II. President's Welcome & Remarks (S. Mannickarottu)**
 - Since we last met, the Eagles won the Super Bowl
 - Also had the Board Appreciation Night
 - Fun dinner, basketball game
 - Got the chance to express our gratitude to Rosette, who's retiring
 - Posted photos to LinkedIn and got a lot of likes from people who don't normally like anything
 - Great event—thank you for appreciating us
- III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)**
 - We're having a great year
 - Doing much better than expected in faculty support
 - Way ahead of schedule on endowed chairs
 - Next, getting into labs
 - Hear more about labs next fiscal year (renovating, building new ones (not sure where))
 - Also doing well with annual giving—ahead in donors and dollars
- IV. Career services report (J. Grant)**
 - Great career fairs since we last spoke
 - All Ivy environmental and sustainable development fair
 - Startup fair
 - Enjoying planning the insiders guide and PE presentation events
 - Jay: I enjoyed attending the startup fair as an employer
 - Seville: welcome officially to the board
- V. Old Business**
 - A. Approval of November 27th Minutes (Directors)
 - Approved with no changes
 - B. Open Action Item Review (J. Olman)
 - Nothing other than the open item to review bios on the website
 - C. Externship / Mentoring Program (P. McLaughlin)
 - Externship: continuing to track good progress in this program
 - 4th full year
 - Grown from 14 companies to 22 this year
 - Started with 33 applicants, now 89 applicants (of whom we matched 50)
 - Overcame snowstorm that hit just as we were having people attend some of the companies locally; companies were flexible to reschedule
 - We did have sites available in other parts of the country, but student interest was limited
 - Lots of good feedback from student participants
 - Thanks to tiffany for running the program and for the companies that hosted
 - Seville: how do we get from 89 to 50?

- Paul: It's a two-way match, so sometimes we don't have an ideal pairing based on geography or availability
- Seville: the externship program is a great way to interact with students, especially for new folks

VI. New Business

A. P.E. Presentation (T. Carlsen)

- Taking place March 29th at 6pm in Heilmeier Hall
- Working with Katie Barlow in career services to get the word out
- Lined up for another great program
- Highlight changes in licensing laws
- Thanks to Jamie, we have a place and a time

B. Penn Club Philly (C. Clyde)

- Farnia: this is pretty exciting because we've pulled a lot together in a short timeframe
- Confirming one or two additional panelists for a joint event between EAS and the Penn Club for mixed reality/AI (still trying to decide)
- We've been able to tap into the university mixed reality initiative; a lot of attention/equipment in the library
- Interactive tour of facilities + panel discussion
- Date: April 3rd (a Tuesday), still deciding on a time (but it'll be after 6:30pm); about an hour and a half to two hours long; at Van Pelt Library
- Four stations to sample the technology
- Trying to make the event free to attend; capacity up to 100
- Seville: this sounds amazing, Farnia and Carl, thank you guys

C. Insider's Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)

- Jamie: last time I touched base with either Lauren or Vasiliki, we were trying to confirm a space in Houston Hall for the third week of March
- Seville: for those who don't remember, this is a panel that Rosette suggested for talking about professional experience/experience going into the workforce; recent graduates expressed interest in wanting to have learned more about that

D. Senior Design Competition (J. Olman)

- Brad: save the date! Friday April 27
- Hold off on sending invites until mid-March
- Please participate
- Jay: will invites go out early enough to allow out-of-town judges to attend?
- Brad: I've heard from a bunch of them; they're still interested and know when to expect the invite
- Seville: how many judges?
- Brad: we can accommodate a few more; typically we've come in the 30-35 range; we have a good solid base, but could always use a few more

- Yarnall award presentation is the same day; first order of business in entire program
- Tim: for new judges, hard to get a sense of how good the early ones are; send out previous years' presentations?

E. Regional Engineering Alumni - NYC (J. Rifkin)

- Happy hour event in New York
- Toying with a March date

VII. Around the table (All)

- Hank: the dean did an absolutely great job with the students I was trying to get interested in Penn Engineering at the appreciation dinner
- Tim: I look forward to being physically present at some point in the future again; still interested in staying involved; if not before, I'll see everyone at Alumni Weekend in May
- Aditya: I wanted to ask if we can start adding the events we talk about on the EAS calendar. I know we have the day, but not always the time; it'd be great if the other events are on there as well
- Paul: I look forward to being at Senior Design this year
- Walt: After listening to the discussion about judging and trying to get a fair evaluation, my personal approach after about ten years worth of senior design is to start out with fives for everything [Matt is thrilled]
- Ernest: Looking forward to being a judge again this year
- Brad: thanks to Manasi and Aasthi for hosting a great pharma info session; great initiative for new members; exactly the right content for students to hear; Masters networking event on March 23rd 5:30-7:30; bring local alums and masters students together
- George: early commercial for Alumni Weekend, especially if you're celebrating a reunion
- Matt: taking on a bigger role at Dow
- Bob: April 9th will probably be the next speaker
- Manasi: thank you to Brad for inviting us to give that talk
- Aasthi: thank you to Brad as well; had a lot of fun presenting; seemed meaningful for the students

VIII. Adjourned (S. Mannickarottu)

- Adjourned at 7:09pm

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jay Olman.

