Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, May 9, 2022 6pm, Virtual Only

Attendees:

Executive:		Directors:		At-Large Members:	
Dean Vijay Kumar		Dawn Becket	V	Jason Bethala	
Associate Dean David Meaney		Jim Brennan	V	Sandeep Bhat	V
Jay Olman - Pres.	V	Lyle Brunhofer	V	Ed Chan	
Carl Clyde - VP	V	Jonathan Dunsay		Parth Chopra	
Lauren Hedvat - VP	V	Yijie Hu		Lamis Elsawah	V
Jonathan Lombardo - VP	V	Ramsey Kraya	V	David Goldstein	
Bernard Jones – Sec.	V	Paul McLaughlin	V	Patricia He	
Robert Berkovits – Tres.	V	Kush Mehta	V	Scott Levitt	
Past Presidents:		Jeffrey Ng	V	George Lin	
Brad Abrams		Jason Rifkin	V	William McGill	
Eric Benshetler		Craig Schorr	V	Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	
Tim Carlsen		Heather Stern		Aastha Puri	
Farnia Fresnel				Manasi Puri	
Marion Hubing	V	**Guests:**		Amrita Singh	
Walter Korn		Ken Chen		Aditya Sreekumar	
Matt Quale	V	Emily Miller		Kevin Turik	
Harris Romanoff		Jackie Moriniere			
Sevile Mannickarottu	V	Sushmitha Yarrabothula		**Faculty/Staff:**	
		Shira Rieke		Jamie Grant	
Associate Directors:		Michaile Rainey		George Hain	V
Ernest Churchville	V	Wendy Sandinsky		Brad Richards	V
Qi Fang		Ricky Rajani			
Ryan Wade	V	Chase Bender			
		Emily Parry	V		

X=In-person T=Telephone V=Virtual

I.   **Call to Order (J. Olman)**   **J. Olman**

    a) Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
    b) Thanks to everyone for attending our year-end meeting
    c) This is the last meeting I'll be hosting

II. **President's Welcome & Remarks**   **J. Olman**

    a) Thanks to everyone for the successful SDC competition
- Thanks to everyone involved; Lyle, Brad, etc.
- It was a tremendous success with a huge amount of planning
- Thank you to those who judged as well
  - https://blog.seas.upenn.edu/2022-senior-design-project-competition-winners-announced/

III. **Development Office Report**   **G. Hain**

    a) Fund raising is doing well
- Number of donors is doing well
- Only six weeks remain for giving, so please get your give in

IV. **Career Services Report**   **J. Grant**

    a) Emily – Jamie is unable to join tonight
- Engineering Career Days will be hybrid this year (virtual on first day and then in-person in Houston Hall)
- Thanks for everyone who served as judges in SDC

V.   **Old Business:**

    a) Approval of April 11, 2022 Minutes   **Directors**
- Minutes approved

    b) Open Action Item Review   **B. Jones**
- None

    c) Senior Design   **L. Brunhofer**
- Had winners from ESE, BE, and CBE
- Split between virtual and in-person presenters evenly
  - Great to bring in-person presentations back for students
- Brad – Lyle did a wonderful job retaining lessons learned from last year
  - Lyle upgraded the professionalism of this program and it's running great, which allowed us to focus on student's projects
  - Thanks for the strong participation in this group wrt judging
- Dawn – Did anyone look at a comparison of the two formats?
  - Looks like it turned out great
  - Lyle – Will examine wrt in-person

- Sandeep – Scoring rubric: score first presentation as middle score, then judging subsequent presentations accordingly
- Jay – Echo again, great job to Lyle and Brad
  - No one even came close to going long
  - The event went well and it moved along quickly
  - Could still use the morning break
    - Lyle – we will think about adding the break again
- Carl – What happened to the large timer for presenters?
  - I don't know
- Earnest – Had no problem judging on my birthday

VI. **New Business:**

a) Alumni Weekend – It's coming up and everyone should be there
- This Saturday, masks are not required
- Come to the engineering tent; it starts at 1230 with Interim President Wendell Pritchett
  - Dean Vijay Kumar will also be there
  - Jay will present a big check
  - Register online or day-of via walk-on
- Bob – During homecoming, badges were required; will badges be required?
  - Brad – Pre-Registration is recommended, get a badge at registration tent when you arrive near the Love Statue
    - https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/s/1587/gid2/16/interior_specEvent.aspx?sid=1587&gid=2&pgid=391

b) Introduction to PeopleGrove   **E. Parry**
- Associate Director of Career Planning at UPenn Engineering
  - New software launch created by UPenn Alumni
    - Alumni mentoring platform that is profile driven
    - Connect with other members
    - Different from Linkedin
    - More geared to help students contact alumni with templates
    - This link can be used to create a profile now:
      - (a) https://upennseas.peoplegrove.com/hub/university-penn/home-v3

- Encourages people to communicate and create content on the website
- eparry@seas.upenn.edu - contact me with any questions
- Should we use SSO or PennKey to sign-up?
    - (a) No, this is not for alumni
    - (b) Connect via linkedin
- Matt – is there a way to turn off communication preferences?
    - (a) You can choose how many connections you want in a month
    - (b) You can silent it as needed
- Is this replacing our mentoring program?
    - (a) No – mentoring is going to continue, but may transition to PG also
- Sandeep - Is this integrated with MyPenn directory info?
    - (a) That is always our primary source and priority
        - (i) PG is an additional use case to highlight someone as a mentor if you have availability
        - (ii) Data can be shared across platforms
- If any bugs or issues are discovered, please contact Emily
- Matt - Is there some type of validation? I see there is an option to select a "community member" - not a student, faculty, or alum
    - (a) Emily is the safety net for validation & verification

c) 2022-23 EAS Board   **S. Mannickarottu**

- [reference 2022-2023 Proposed Board of Directors listing]
    - As the former president of EAS, I worked with other past presidents to determine nominations
    - I want to thank Jay for an amazing three years, especially despite this pandemic
    - Thanks to former executive board, Matt, and nominations committee

- Congratulations to everyone [following vote]
- Jay – thank you for everyone bearing with me during this strange time

d) Meet the Board **B. Jones**

- [See Slides]
- Very excited about this new role as president
  - Can't wait to work more with everyone
  - Big shoes to fill since my time with the board over the last 5-6 years

VII. Around the Table All

a) George – Thank you for everyone's service
- Taking Penn Engineering
  - Dean Vijay Kumar will be in London in June 3rd for reception

b) Sevile – Great work Jay and congrats Bernard and the new board

c) Brad – Thanks for your leadership Jay

d) Lyle – Thanks for everyone's participation in SDC

e) Kush – Just moved back from Kenya, looking forward to being there on Saturday and working with the new board

f) Dawn – Looking forward to working with you going forward on new DEI initiatives

g) Bob – Thanks for the presentation
- We might be able to get some faculty speakers

h) Matt – Congrats to Jay and it was a tough job navigating
- Well done job!
- The new board – thank you for stepping up and looking forward to the upcoming year

i) Earnest – Thank you for years of service and leadership
- Congrats to all, we will miss your leadership Jay

j) Jon – Quite an achievement, thanks to the new board

k) Lauren – Amazing leadership for the past three years, looking forward to working with you Bernard

l) Carl – Thanks for the leadership through these strange years

m) Ryan – Thank you Jay, you're the only president I've ever known
- Thank you for the presentation Bernard

n) Jason – Great seeing everyone, looking forward to working with everyone and looking forward to the Spring

o) Sandeep – These meetings are so well run; I'll miss everyone this weekend

p) Lamis – Great year, thanks Jay! Excited for the next group. Have a great summer everyone!

q) Jay – Thanks for helping me get through this strange term
   - Excited to hand the reins over to Bernard in July
   - Keep an eye out for joining Zoom meetings in July

VIII.   Adjourn   **J. Olman**

a) Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2022 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Virtual Only

Minutes prepared by Bernard Jones.