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

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<td><strong>Executive:</strong></td>
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<td>Dean Vijay Kumar</td>
<td>Dawn Becket</td>
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<td>Jay Olman - Pres.</td>
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<td>Carl Clyde - VP</td>
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<td>Lauren Hedvat - VP</td>
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<td>Jonathan Lombardo - VP</td>
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<td>Bernard Jones – Sec.</td>
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**Past Presidents:**

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| 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: |  |
| Walter Korn | Ken Chen | Aditya Sreekumar |
| Matt Quale | V Emily Miller | Kevin Turik |
| Harris Romanoff | Jackie Moriniere |  |
| Sevile Mannickarottu | V Sushmitha Yarrabothula | Faculty/Staff: |
|  |  | Jamie Grant |

**Associate Directors:**

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| 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)

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

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

  ■ [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

  a) George – Thank you for everyone’s service
     ■ Taking Penn Engineering
     • Dean Vijay Kumar will be in London in June 3rd for reception
  b) Seville – 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

   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.