

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Monday, April 11, 2022 6pm, Virtual Only

Attendees:

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

II. President's Welcome & Remarks J. Olman

- a) Welcome to the April meeting; this is the second to last meeting of the year (2021-2022)
b) There are a handful of members missing from today's meeting because of Spring Break
c) I'm also away for the weekend and will be presenting from a smaller screen

III. Development Office Report G. Hain

- a) Development Report – we're doing great!
- We've already surpassed our yearly goal
 - The Roy Vagelos fundraising goal is relatively small
 - We are close to reaching the goal
 - Dean Vijay Kumar is leading the intersection of medicine and engineering
 - Engineering annual giving is doing well; largely due to the successful February Challenge
 - Chase – Regarding the buildings; when you say “X” dollars, are they specific allocations for each building or do you take money for other areas
 - George - No, it's specific to those buildings
 - Chase – Do we have a development website?
 - George – Yes, the development office has a dropdown menu for many development projects

IV. Career Services Report J. Grant

- a) I'm happy to report Career Services has recently gone through some administrative changes
- b) Emily Parry is a newer member of Career Services:
- Track alumni outcomes
 - Help with Masters programming
 - MCIT online is growing with more alumni
- c) Link to class of Career Plans:
- https://cdn.uconnectlabs.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/74/2022/03/2021_SEAS_Career_Plans_Survey_Report.pdf

V. Old Business:

- a) Approval of March 3, 2022 Minutes **Directors**

- Minutes approved

- b) Open Action Item Review **B. Jones**

- Jay to Contact Dr. Stubbs
 - I will discuss this during the meeting

VI. New Business:

a) 2022-23 EAS Board

S. Mannickarottu

- Seville – The most recent past president is in charge of the nominations committee
- As the past president for three years, we give Jay a break
- [Discussed listing of nominations (see list distributed)]
- One thing with directors, it's a three-year term, but there is a two consecutive term limit
 - We follow this strictly
 - Welcome Ryan Wade and Lamis Elsayah as directors
 - Associate Directors Sandeep Bhat and Amrita Singh
- Jay – We will vote on these positions next month at the annual May meeting
- Please email me or Jay with any comments
- I will pass on a giant spreadsheet to Jay

b) Yarnall Award(s)

J. Olman and J. Brennan

- Jim is not here to talk about the current year's Yarnall Award
- I will report on the 2021 Yarnall Award, which was presented at a reception related to the Board of Advisors meeting
- It went well, and I had not attended one in the past
 - Johnathan Brassington, recipient of last years Yarnall Award, was very appreciative
 - Development office made it very easy to see this through
 - We will be in catch-up format going forward regarding deciding on the recipient and when to present it

c) Senior Design

L. Brunhofer

- Brad - Lyle is not here
- It's a very exciting time at UPenn Engineering; Senior Design Competition time!
 - Very much looking forward to in-person presentations
 - Friday April 29th
 - This year we will do both virtual and in-person Senior Design Judges

- In-person:
<https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/2022seniordesignjudg einperson>
- Online:
<https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/2022seniordesignjudg eonline>
- Please use the links above to sign-up
- Students are back in classes and will be creating presentations with two options (dual format)
 - YouTube review dates: April 25th-28th
 - Enter your virtual judging at your leisure
 - Friday will be the in-person competition for interaction with judges and students and Q&A
 - 800-430pm on Friday April 29th
 - Hoping both in-person and virtual will have great turnouts
 - Student will be doing amazing projects this year
 - Awards will all be presented on the same date with Dean Vijay Kumar and Lyle Brunhofer

d) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

J. Olman

- Had been trying to get in touch with Dr. Stubbs
 - We had a meeting where she presented an overview of her office & team and how they operate, which was provided in a slide presentation and sent to the distro prior to tonight's meeting
 - I encourage you all to review the presentation
 - Where we left off on next steps:
 - There is an ODEI Alumni Board as well, doing things orthogonally to us, and very active
 - Rather than us trying to develop things on our own, we should support the types of things they are doing and become their ally
 - The next step with them would be to meet with their leadership to determine how we can be of the most help and to let them know about our existence
 - (a) Jay, Dawn, and Lamis to meet with their board
 - Dawn – This is a great way to get us started moving forward

- Lamis – I'm excited about the future we have

e) Meet the Board

Y. Hu

- [See Slides]

- Born in China in city of Uhan, which has about 11M people
- Went to university in Shanghai
- Then came to UPenn
 - Got MSE in Telecommunications
 - Started with E2 startup
 - (a) MLB is their biggest client
 - (b) Company was then acquired by IBM
 - (c) Had long commute and left for another startup in renewable energy
 - (i) Waste energy conversion in mid-Atlantic
 - (d) Got MBA to Pennsylvania University, outside Philly
 - (e) Then Neu Group...
 - (f) Then joined investment bank Mufson Howe Hunter
 - (g) After 4 years, joined StoneMor group, one of largest cemetery stone companies
 - (i) They sold me on restructuring, but that didn't pan out
 - (h) Joined UDG Healthcare in 2019
 - (i) In mid-2021 it was acquired
 - (a) Then it was acquired again by Huntsworth
 - (i) Uncertain where I'll go next, but excited to see where it takes me
- Born in 80's and raised by grandparents
- Married with wonderful goofy husband who is also an engineer
- Newest addition to our family is a Shih Zue, named Waz, he and his brother are named after the founders of Apple computers

- My husband and I did a startup called Plasmid, created an app called biological scales using metrics from fitness watches that's a fitness game
 - The game was showcased at the Ben Franklin Institute next to the giant heart exhibit
 - (a) Originally pitched for heart patients
 - (i) Decided making it a game might make it more interesting
 - We go on really like long drives; drove 1,000 miles from Philadelphia to Orlando in a day
 - (a) During stops along the way we enjoy the art and photograph things
 - (b) Next trip will be VA Beach
- I guarantee my life is more than what's shown in these power point slides
- Jay – How do you decide how far is too far to drive?
 - My husband has driven farther than 1,000 miles
- George – How many miles between breaks?
 - Depends on when we get gas
 - George – I grew up in FL and drove it in 3 days, I thought I was going to die
- Brad – Do you switch off?
 - Yi – I'm the photographer and navigator
 - It was bad last November, we spent 20 hours in the car due to accidents, but it should have been 16 hours
 - A Giant Peach we photographed was in Georgia
- Brad – There are a bunch of new board members; perhaps this is a good way to get to know your new members
- Jay – Bernard will present prior to the Board Nominations meeting on May 9th

VII. Around the Table

All

a) Bernard – Great presentation and it was wonderful getting to know you

b) Brad – Alumni Weekend URL:

- https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/s/1587/gid2/16/interior_specEvent.aspx?sid=1587&gid=2&pgid=391

- UPenn is starting reunions back up
- UPenn Engineering tent:
 - New location on Woodland Walk, near the new college house (aka old Hill Field)
 - Wendell Pritchett is the Interim President
 - Electric Racecar Team will be there
 - Dean Vijay Kumar will be attending
 - The reception will start at 1pm sharp on Saturday, May 14th; please sign-up
- c) Seville – Is Jay handing a check to the interim president?
 - Yes, the photo shoot with the check is at 1pm sharp
- d) Eric – Looking forward to SDC in a month
- e) George – Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Engineering tent
- f) Jason Rifkin – Good to see everyone; I'll try to continue to attend
- g) Carl – According to Wikipedia, the Giant peach has it's own page:
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peachoid>
- h) Earnest – Textbook on phone is progressing well with triple integrals
- i) Bob – Great meeting – you've done great in the times of COVID
 - Will try to make it to alumni weekend
 - Will wait until July for planning for next year with guest speaker
- j) Jay – I want to thank Ryan for suggesting the Meet the Board initiative
 - Next meeting is May 9th
- k) Yi – I signed up for the virtual SDC
- l) Sandeep – Impressed with Seville and BE
- m) Dawn – Great presentation; informative, fun, and interesting

VIII. Adjourn

J. Olman

- a) Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Virtual Only

Minutes prepared by Bernard Jones.