

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, March 13, 2023 6pm, Virtual Only

Attendees:

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

X=In-person T=Telephone V=Virtual

I. Call to Order

B. Jones

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

II. President's Welcome & Remarks

B. Jones

- a. Bernard: we have a guest speaker, Madeline Maurer, who will speak right after Lamis
 - i. I just returned from Norway
 - ii. On Feb 22nd, I had a wonderful meeting with Emily Delaney for AWE. We discussed a number of things regarding interaction and supporting one another. We also discussed various speaker topics. I will be asking at least one of their Board members to attend one of our meetings. Thank you, Dawn for arranging that. I am looking forward to meeting with them.
 - iii. Dawn: Thanks for making that happen. They are a great group. I am really glad that came together

III. Development Office Report

G. Hain

- a. George is out sick
- b. Brad: Thank you all for supporting the February challenge. Seville, Matt, and Lauren were instrumental in spreading the word. We exceeded our donor total, which is really good news. Our Annual Giving Director is now out with her new baby girl. All great news.

IV. Career Services Report

J. Grant

- a. Jamie: Huge events have wrapped up for the spring. We had our last big career fair. We will then have an Ivy League event. We have a new advisor joining – Dustin. I look forward to introducing him to you all. The economy is fluid and so that has been the big item on our plate for guiding the students.
 - i. Bernard: What kind of turnout for the career fairs?
 1. Jamie: excellent turnout. For STEM fair, had 65 companies. Over 1000 students. All positive interactions.
 - ii. Seville: How is People Growth going?
 1. Jamie: Emily Parry handling. So far been exceedingly strong. Rolled our mechanical engineering program. Over summer looking to make the program comprehensive and to also serve Master students.
 2. Sandeep: the students are asking great questions. It makes me very proud. The students are so well prepared.

V. Old Business:

- a. Approval of prior EASB Meeting Minutes **Directors**
- i. January Minutes – Minutes Approved with update based on Ernest's comments
- b. Open Action Item Review **J. Lombardo**
- i. Brad and possibly Seville and/or Bernard discussing restarting Board appreciation events
 1. Briefly discussed during last meeting. I defer to Brad/Seville as to what is needed to restart these.
 2. Seville: I am all for it. Up to development office
 3. Brad: Bernard, let's circle back offline and discuss what the cadence could look like

VI. New Business:

- a. Regional Meetings/Updates **B. Richards**
- i. Brad: I will let George report when he is back. What I can say is that we will be doing some events with Dean Vijay Kumar.
 1. Boston May 3rd with Dean Vijay Kumar and Associate Dean David Meaney to discuss the combination of engineering and medicine on April 1st.
 2. June 6th we have an event in Seattle with Dean Vijay Kumar.
 3. Then San Francisco – I am very excited for the San Francisco one at the Wharton property.
- b. Yarnall Award **J. Brennan**
- i. March 28th to announce candidate
- c. Senior Design **L. Brunhofer**
- i. Bernard: In-person judging April 28th
 - ii. Brad: In-person April 28th and online judging that week
 1. In-Person Judging Link:
https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/s/1587/gid2/16/interior.aspx?sid=1587&gid=2&pgid=40536&content_id=56194
 2. Online Judging Link:
https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/s/1587/gid2/16/interior.aspx?sid=1587&gid=2&pgid=40539&content_id=56196

- d. AWE Meeting update **B. Jones**
 - i. See Above
- e. Meet the Board **L. Elsworth**
 - i. Graduated in 2019. I just hit my 2-year mark, so I do not have as long of a career as previous presenters.
 - ii. I am from Pennsylvania (King of Prussia area). Raised by my Mom, whom I am very proud of and have a very good relationship with.
 - iii. I still play tennis.
 - iv. I went to Merion High School and always dreamed of going to Penn.
 - v. I did Bioengineering with a Concentration in Biomedical Devices. Minored in Engineering Entrepreneurship and Math. Engineering Entrepreneurship was the best thing I did at Penn. I enjoyed being able to take classes in Wharton.
 - vi. I was a liaison to the Alumni Board.
 - vii. A lot of cool memories
 - viii. I am really into traveling. Trying to do a lot more international travel. I went to Turkey, London, Oxford, Wimbledon, Jordan, Venice, Rome.
 - ix. Did an internship at Merck. Went to Imperial College of London and received my Masters in Medical Device Design and Entrepreneurship.
 - x. Working at DePuy Synthes. Recently promoted to Sr. Product Device Engineer in Spine.
- f. Penn Engineering Council (PEC) Presentation **M. Maurer**
 - i. Madeline (presenting slide deck):
 - 1. PEC is the pre-professional branch of the Penn Engineering Student Government Quad Board
 - 2. EAS & PEC Networking Alliance
 - a. Co-host dinners
 - b. Happy Hours
 - c. Alumni Hosted Externships
 - 3. Undergraduate to Alumni Transition
 - a. PEC market EAS to engineering seniors
 - b. Expand networking opportunities
 - ii. Bernard: great opportunities. I think there is a lot of potential here. Any thoughts from the group?

- iii. Sandeep: this slide is powerful. The transition from college is very important. I have some ideas and may want to present at the last meeting
- iv. Bernard: one of the topics with AWE was a discussion panel. There is some overlap here, so maybe we can have a couple groups involved.
- v. Jamie: Lauren had been coordinating a panel to discuss this exact idea. I am always happy to coordinate these things.
- vi. Bob: years ago Moore and Towne had an engineer's day with different exhibits. Is this a viable option in the future?
- vii. Bernard: sounds like an interesting idea. Not sure whom to contact.
- viii. Bob: it was in the 1960s – 1970s. What are being done with the different engineering societies for student groups? Are they still active?
- ix. Bernard: we should have a separate sidebar for this.
- x. Eric: yes, I assume some are still active
- xi. Jamie: for anyone looking for externships or job shadowing opportunities, we have programs for this for students to travel and have those opportunities. Please reach out.
- xii. Madeline and Carrie: thank you for having us!

VII. **Around the Table**

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- a. Eric: just wanted to mention, we lost one of our Past Presidents, Walt Korn (EE '68). President from 1995 – 1998. Funeral was Friday. Ellie Davis from Alumni Development Relations Office was there too. Very sad
- b. Brad: Please sign up for Senior Design!
- c. Jamie: nothing else to share. Thank you for great meeting
- d. Jon: nothing from me
- e. Yijie: nothing from me. Lamis, thank you for sharing
- f. Jason: apologies for missing so many meetings. I have a regularly scheduled work call at this exact time. It was postponed, so I am happy to be here tonight.
- g. Bernard: that's OK – work always takes precedence.
 - i. Jason unless we get paid for Board meetings.
- h. Matt: Dean Eduardo would joke that he would double our salary!
- i. Chase: nothing from me
- j. Jay: great presentation, Lamis! Thank you, Eric for sharing news about Walt. He was very involved in Senior Design, and is one of the reasons I am involved here. Great meeting!

- k. Ryan: wanted to thank Lauren for work on February Challenge.
- l. Paul: looking forward to meeting in person. Thank you for a great meeting
- m. Bernard: In January we discussed potentially meeting in person. April 10th was discussed? Would there be interest? It is completely voluntary. Brad, can this be arranged?
- n. Brad: space is at a premium. I would like to have the space in hand then work backwards. Maybe have July planning meeting in person and provide dinner? It is very difficult to get space now.
- o. Bernard: I apologize for not bringing this up earlier. July timeframe sounds good.
- p. Bob: I will be there for an event on April 11th, so I can probably make April 10th in-person.
- q. Sandeep: condolences to those that knew Walt. Excited for in-person meetings again.
- r. Ernest: very good meeting. Thank you very much for it. Looking forward to Senior Design competition.
- s. Bob: sorry to hear about Walt. I remember Walt from EE classes in the 1950s. I might be able to get a speaker – Megan Ryerson – systems engineering and transportation.
- t. Bernard: I will circle back with you and Ernest on speakers. We will probably have the in-person meeting in July.

VIII. **Adjourn**

B. Jones

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2023 from (6:00pm to 7:00pm)

Minutes prepared by Jon Lombardo