SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2006
6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

AGENDA

I. President’s Welcome, Remarks and Update............................T. Carlsen

II. Dean’s Remarks......................................................................E. Glandt

III. Approval of January 23, 2006 Meeting Minutes...................T. Carlsen

IV. Engineering Board Appreciation Night Wrap-up....................T. Carlsen

V. Mentoring Program Update..............................................Nancy H / Jeannine C.

VI. Website update....................................................................R. Miller

VII. Senior Design Competition...Wednesday, 4/26/06...............W. Korn

VIII. Senior Seminar (presentation skills, patents, etc.).........J. Gray/MK/FF

IX. Alumni Weekend...5/12/06-5/14/06......................................H. Romanoff

X. Student Group Participation with Board.........................J. Lau / H. Romanoff

XI. Development Office Report...........................................G. Hain

XII. Career Services Report.................................................R. Pyne

XIII. Student Presentation - Dominique Harris, President - NSBE

XIV. Around the Table.................................................................................................................. All

XIII. Adjournment

* NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 27, 2006 *
Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Attendees:

Brad Abrams  Ernest Churchville  Marion Hubing*  Harris Romanoff
Eric Benshetler*  Ellie Davis  Mickey Kaufman*  Craig Schorr*
Robert Berkovits  Dick Fallows  Walt Korn  Alan Schultz
Jason Bethala*  Farnia Fresnel*  Joan Lau  Kusha Tavakoli**
Tim Carlsen  George Hain  Russ Miller  Stan Warchaizer
Jeannine Carr*  Dominique Harris**  Dick Mulford

*Present via teleconference  **Student Group Presidents

President’s Remarks, Update, and Approval of Minutes

Tim welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Jackie Gray is moving to Australia and will not be as active on the BOD. We are invited by the Penn Alumni Club of Phila. to a Penn Tennis Tournament on April 1, 2006. Omar Blaik is leaving his position as Penn’s Senior Vice President of Facilities and Campus Planning to pursue private consulting. Tom Stump is the interim appointee. Minutes from the January 23, 2006 meeting were approved after a spelling correction to Brad Abrams’s name.

Engineering Board Appreciation Night Wrap-up

Tim thanked George Hain, Dean Glandt, and the SEAS Development Office for a wonderful evening. Everyone who attended enjoyed the hospitality, food, and basketball game.

Mentoring Program Update

Jeannine Carr reported only nine students remain to be matched with mentors, thanks to the work of the committee, the Board and the Development Office.
Website Update

Russ Miller has updated the EAS website with homecoming, summer barbecue, and other activities. He is adding a link to The Penn Alumni Club and other resources. Pictures from past years Yarnall Award events will be included on the website, which Russ is monitoring. Russ will be adding a link to the Alumni Award of Merit nominating page.

Senior Design Competition

Walt Korn announced that Sid Deliwala, from ESE, will procure a timing device to give students amount of time remaining for their presentations. The competition is scheduled for April 26, 2006, and will include a full day of activities. The EAS Board is invited to be judges. Volunteers are: Robert Berkovits, Tim Carlsen, Jeannine Carr, Ernest Churchville, Dick Fallows, Farnia Fresnel, Marion Hubing, Walt Korn, Craig Schorr, Alan Schultz, and Stan Warchaizer. Others can contact Walt or Ellie.

Senior Seminar

Tim stated that there will be workshops scheduled for students covering presentation skills and patent issues. Tim asked Farnia to coordinate the program with help from Walt, Tim, Ellie, and Mickey.

Alumni Weekend

Harris Romanoff asked all board members to attend activities, especially on Saturday, May 13, 2006. George emphasized the most important time for us to be present in the engineering tent is from noon to 2:00 p.m. when Amy Gutmann will visit.

Student Group Participation

Joan Lau introduced student group presidents: Dominique Harris, National Society of Black Engineers and Kusha Tavakoli, American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Their individual presentations were given at the conclusion of the formal meeting.
Development Office

George Hain reported that everything is going well and that the Development Office had a good February. Planned and estate gifts are coming in and he anticipates a successful year. George and Dean Glandt are going on a trip to Asia.

Around the Table

Joan mentioned nominating engineers for Alumni Award of Merit and Young Alumni Award for service and dedication. Bob attended a Penn Glee Club performance in Maryland and spoke with two people who are interested in the EAS. Stan mentioned the excellent presentation by Dawn Bonnell on nanotechnology and how well Amy Gutmann interfaces with Penn students. Dick Mulford attended the Engineers’ Week Banquet with Dean Glandt at the Inn at Penn.

Adjournment: The formal meeting was adjourned by Tim Carlsen at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Student Presentations

Dominique Harris, NSBE said their group is geared toward women and that freshmen will be invited to dinner for mentoring with 40 members. Activities alternate between social and technical. Events are planned in late summer to preview math, science, and engineering courses for incoming students. NSBE is interested in networking with alumni and informal interaction with EAS.

Kusha Tavakoli, AIChE said their group’s purpose is to expose students to chemical engineering as a profession and establish a sense of commitment with undergraduates. Activities include trips to sites of interest, speakers, barbecues, socials, and dinners for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. AIChE wants to interact with EAS.

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