SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2007
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 April 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes......................T. Carlsen

IV. Review of Senior Design Competition......................Walt Korn/Committee

V. Review of Alumni Weekend...........................................A. Schultz/F. Fresnel

VI. Review of Penn Alumni Board Meeting.........................Tim/Walt/Harris

VII. Website update......................................................................R. Miller

VIII. Graduate Student Barbeque (7/19/07).........................Tim/Harris

IX. Development Office Report..................................................G. Hain

X. Career Services Report........................................................R. Pyne

XI. Around the Table.................................................................All

Adjournment

**********SPECIAL PRESENTATION REGARDING PENN’S ON-LINE COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI SERVICES TO FOLLOW MEETING **********

• NEXT MEETING: July 23, 2007 *
Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/

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Attendees:

Brad Abrams  Ernest Churchville  Dick Mulford
Eric Benshetler  Farnia Fresnel*  Jocelyn Nelson*
Robert Berkovits  David Goldstein  Mike Ostrow*
Jim Brennan  Hank Guckes  Leslie Palmieri
Lauren Neal*  George Hain  Rosette Pyne
Tim Carlsen  Walt Korn*  Matt Quale
Dane Carswell  Candice McLeod**  Harris Romanoff
Leslie Chen**  Russ Miller  Stan Warchaizer  *via teleconference
**Eng. Student Act.

President’s Welcome and Remarks

Tim Carlsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed 17 members present and 5 via teleconference. Tim also welcomed his wife, Sunita, who surprised him by attending his last meeting as President, and two members of the Engineering Student Activities Council, Candice McLeod and Leslie Chen.

Approval of April 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from last month’s meeting were approved with one correction. Hank Guckes was left off the list of new associate directors.

Dean’s Remarks

Dean Glandt could not be here due to business travel; however Leslie read a very warm thank you, addressed to Tim, on the occasion of his last meeting as President.
Review of Senior Design Competition

Walter Korn reported. The day went very well. The student presentations were fabulous, both in content and in style. Many of the students indicated that they had taken the advice from the board to heart and were modifying the way they presented. It was interesting that for the first time in a long time EE had been shut out and they were regrouping to upgrade their presentations. It was noted that the Chemical presentations did well and were graded rougher by those judges with Chemical background than the general group. Consensus was that the dinner was excellent and the Yarnall winner Dr. Krishna Singh was very gracious in his acceptance. Kudos to Leslie and all the others from Development who worked to make the day go so smoothly. Also, thanks to all of our industrial sponsors for the great lunch and reception.

Alumni Weekend

Engineering events were very successful. RoboDogs was standing room only and was very well received. Breakfast was very good and thanks again to Development, for their planning, menu selection and staffing of the event. President Gutmann visited our Tent, and gave a very nice message about the engineering school and its success, with special emphasis on Dean Glandt’s efforts. We delivered a check for $725,000 as our fund raising contribution. Dean Glandt also spoke to the gathering.

Website Update

Russ Miller showed updates to the Website throughout the meeting as different items were discussed. In particular:

Senior Design Competition & Senior Class Reception

New web page listing winners of the 2007 Competition plus a new picture gallery

Yarnall Award

Updated the Yarnall Web Page to include Krishna P. Singh MSE ’69 as the 2007 winner and added new pictures to the existing photo gallery.

Alumni Weekend

Added a new Web page for AW 2007 pictures.

Alumni Society Documents Archive
Added the following documents to the Archive:
2. May 21, 2007 Board Meeting Agenda
3. April 16, 2007 Board Meeting

Graduate Student Barbecue

The barbecue will be July 19th. Members planning to attend, include Stan Warchaizer, Eric Benshetler, Russ Miller, Hank Guckes, Ernest Churchville, David Goldstein, Harris Romanoff, Dane Carswell, Tim Carlsen and Lauren Berryman. We should plan on arriving around 11 AM.

Development Office

George reported that we have had a terrific year. This year’s total looks like $13 million and next year might be between $20 and $35 million, including the projected leadership award for the Nanotech building. According to George, a verbal agreement is in place for the Nanotech gift, which he hopes to be able to announce in the near future. We may also have a gift to renovate the front entrance of the Moore School. The Dean’s budget will pay for repair of the Moore School Building Façade.

Career Services

Rosette indicated that we had 68 applicants for mentors and 66 acceptances, this year. Two students declined the match. Feedback was good and we have 300 names in the mentor database. Our industrial sponsors did quite well in hiring and most of them will be back for Career Day September 20th.

Around the Table

Tim thanked the Board for their great participation, initiatives and energy over the last 3 years, and their support of him. All of the attendees both present and on the phone gave their complements to Tim on the great leadership he has shown over the past three years as our present. Several members, who were unable to attend, sent written messages. (Alan Schultz, Marion Hubing, Walter Korn, and Mickey Kaufman) Then, Harris Romanoff presented Tim with a framed Certificate, in honor of his tenure. The group then enjoyed a cake, presented by the Development Office, in Tim’s honor.
Adjournment

Tim adjourned the formal meeting and then introduced Elise Betz (Interim Director of Penn Alumni) and Kristina Clark (works in the Alumni Office) who gave a description of the Penn Alumni Benefits. Utilizing the Penn Alumni Website, they showed how an Alumnus can evaluate what is available and how to register. Of particular interest, is the ability to obtain a permanent e-mail address and a U.of P. State of Pennsylvania License Plate.

Next Meeting is the 2007 Planning Meeting and is scheduled for Monday, July 23rd at 6:00 PM in Levine Hall Room 307.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Stan Warchaizer