

**Villanova University Alumni Association
Engineering Alumni Society
Minutes
15 November 2007**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Sean O'Donnell, acting for Matt Marquardt, called the 77th meeting of the Engineering Alumni Society to order at approximately 6:15pm, on 15 November 2007.

Dean's Report:

Dean Gary Gabriele provided information to the Board on the following:

- The Engineering College's Strategic Plan has been developed and is under review by the faculty. The key points the plan touches on are: (a) college wide diversity, (b) a "whole brain" engineering approach for the undergrad program, and (c) deciding on the correct size and appropriate areas of research for the graduate and PhD programs.
- There are eight open faculty positions (out of 64) in the College of Engineering. National searches are underway to find eligible personnel. The openings are due to replacement of departing personnel and expansion.
- The Annual report was recently signed out and in the process of being distributed.
- An electronic newsletter is being considered for release that would link to the website.
- Al Ortega was named the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

Alumni Association Report:

No report provided.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was distributed and accepted by the Board.

Department Liaison Reports:

- a. Mechanical Engineering – Report provided by Amy F.
- b. Electrical Engineering – No report provided.
- c. Chemical Engineering – No report provided.
- d. Civil and Environmental Engineering. – Report provided electronically by Lynda C. (attached).

Student Report:

No report provided.

Old Business:

- a. Actions from last Meeting: All actions were reviewed. Updates were provided for incomplete actions.
- b. Membership Report – Sean noted that membership renewal period was still underway.
- c. Scholarship Committee – no comments recorded.

New Business:

- a. 2007 Alumni Reception Banquet – No comments recorded.
- b. Award Nominations and Banquet Date – 2008 – Board discussed opening up the nomination process to all alumni.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17 January 2008, at 615 pm, in CEER 210.

Actions:

- 1.** Add grant recipients' profiles to the EAS website – Steve B.
- 2.** Post Activity Reports from each Engineering Organization to the EAS website – Steve B.
- 3.** Check 5013C status of EAS – Butch A., Gary O., John H.
- 4.** Contact Gary O. to get results of banquet survey – Sean O.
- 5.** Provide ideas for expanding scholarship program – Amy F.
- 6.** Contact Bob Gordon about award nominations – Matt M.
- 7.** Investigate existence of bylaws. Share findings with Bi-laws committee (Al, Lynda, Steve L, Matt M) – Steve L.
- 8.** Send resume out for new member (Denis Morton) – Bill O.
- 9.** Send next meeting date to Dean's Office – Matt M.
- 10.** Set up on-line nomination for awards – Steve B., Sean O.