

**Villanova University Alumni Association  
Engineering Alumni Society  
Minutes  
6 September 2007**

**Welcome and Call to Order:**

Matt Marquardt called the 76th meeting of the Engineering Alumni Society to order at approximately 6:15pm, on 6 September 2007.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Gary Gabriele was unable to attend the meeting, so no report was given.

**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 (see attachment).
- b. Electrical Engineering – No report provided.
- c. Chemical Engineering – Report provided (see attachment).
- d. Civil Engineering – No report provided.

**Student Report:**

No report provided.

**Guest Speaker**

Burton Lane, College of Engineering Director of External Relations, provided the board with an overview of the following

- a. College of Engineering will be changing the format of information package from a quarterly letter to a yearly magazine. Board expressed concern that a yearly release of info may not be frequent enough, Burt noted this and stated he would look into the quarterly letter as well as the magazine.
- b. College of Engineering will be working with the Villanova Communications Office to get out the good word about the Engineering College.
- c. College of Engineering signed a partnership with NJIT to establish an Industry/University Collaboration Research Center, focused on manufacturing process waste treatment. They are now contacting alumni working in the field to find candidate processes. IUCRC will receive federal funds to support their efforts.
- d. Villanova College of Engineering is involved in Chester and Delaware County Keystone Innovation Zone efforts. This involvement and IUCRC effort are all about increasing research involvement.

- e. VESTED Program- Burt mentioned involvement in summer internship program for high school students, involves 15 city and 4 suburban schools, and 40 students overall. Goal is to increase/evolve student interest in the field of engineering.

**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 underway.
- c. Scholarship Committee –

**New Business:**

- a. 2007 Alumni Reception Banquet – Reception was discussed.
- b. Award Nominations and Banquet Date – 2008 – Board discussed opening up the nomination process to all alumni.
- c. Potential Board Members (Steve Brady, Matt Bochanski) – nominees were discussed. Steve and Matt were approved by board. Bill O nominated a third new member. Board requested a copy of nominees resume be forwarded for review.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 15 November 2007, 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, Gary O.
4. Contact Gary O to get results of banquet survey – Sean
5. Provide ideas for expanding scholarship program – Amy
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 potential new member – Bill O
9. Send next meeting date to Dean's Office – Matt M.