



Agenda, Meeting #72

CEER 210

9/21/2006, 6:15 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order M. Marquardt
2. Approval of Minutes of April meeting M. Marquardt
3. Treasurer's Report W. O'Donnell
4. Dean's Report Dean Gary Gabriele
5. Alumni Report G. Olsen
6. Department Liaison Reports
 - a. Chemical Engineering J. Papatolis
 - b. Civil/Environmental Engineering S. Carlson
 - c. Electrical Engineering J. D'Arcy
 - d. Mechanical Engineering A. Fleischer
7. Student Report Ashley Furguson
8. Old Business
 - a. Action Items from last meeting All
 - b. Membership Report S. O'Donnell
 - c. Corporate Donations - Banquet J. Cacciaola
 - d. Engr. Ethics Conference M. Dooley
9. New Business
 - a. Navy League – Charter School V. Wagner
 - b. Mentoring Program Nathan Elton
 - c. Career Fair – Mechanical Engineering M. Marquardt
 - d. Thoughts on the Reception M. Marquardt
 - e. EAS Goals M. Marquardt
10. Next Meeting

Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order:

- President Matt Marquardt called the 72nd meeting of the Engineering Alumni Society to order at approximately 6:15pm, on 21 September 2006. Matt noted that the agenda would be changed around to accommodate Dean Gabriele, Gary Olsen and Nathan Elton's schedules.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Gary Gabriele was introduced to the Board by Matt. Dean Gabriele provided a summary of his background and comments on what he has seen since starting in August 06. Dean Gabriele noted that Keith Moo-Young, has departed for an opportunity at California State University Los Angeles, and Dean Gabriele has approached the university about filling the Associate Dean for External Affairs position, vacated this summer by Joan Chrestay. Dean Gabriele also stated that he plans on investigating the set up of a volunteer co-op program, and would need alumni support to identify job opportunities.

- Matt provided an overview of what the EAS is about and offered Dean Gabriele the Board's full support.

Alumni Association Report:

Gary Olsen reported on the following items:

- Inauguration of Rev. Peter Donohue – Gary noted that the ceremony was well attended by alumni and that Father Donohue has indicated that he plans on reaching out to alumni for help/support.

- Rev Donohue will be touring the U.S. and select oversea locations to meet and discuss Villanova's future plans with alumni. So far, the meetings are going very well and meeting or exceeding expected attendance.

- Gary provided Board members with a copy of the Alumni Benefits and Services brochure. Brochure provides an overview of numerous individual/group discounts available.

- Gary discussed the alumni trip to Slidell, LA, to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts and that alumni from around the country are involved.

- Gary noted that the Alumni Association is hosting a networking night, featuring Maggie Mistel ('95, C&F) on 17 Oct to kick off home coming week.

- Gary noted that the Alumni Association has presented to President Donohue its vision to design and construct a state of the art Alumni Center on campus where alumni could gather, hold meetings and gather information about the campus. It is a long term goal that has not been approved as of yet.

Mentoring Program:

- Nathan Elton, from Villanova Career Services, provided a presentation on the mentoring program. The program provides mentors for current students and alumni utilizing a web based tool to manage the effort.

- Nathan demonstrated the web tool. The tool allows a mentor to provide his background information, and set parameters (i.e., hours he/she can offer, number of mentorees he/she is willing to take on). Nathan stated students can use the tool to locate mentors in their career fields of interest and geographical location preferences.

- Nathan noted that there are about 600 mentors, but only around 20 list themselves as engineers.

- Nathan asked the Board to promote the website to engineering alumni.

- Board members provided feedback to Nathan concerning ways to possibly improve the web tool to help engineers better understand it and be willing to use it. Board members also noted

that there is a mentoring program set up in the ECE department that Nathan should look into and offered to help review students resumes.

Approval of Minutes of April 06 Meeting:

The minutes to the 71st EAS Meeting (5 April 2006) were approved as noted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill O'Donnell distributed the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted by the Board.

Department Liaison Reports:

- Mechanical Engineering – Amy Fleischer presented the attached report.
- Electrical Engineering - No report
- Chemical Engineering – No report. It was noted that Prof. Mike Kelly will be stepping down as the department Chair at the end of the school year.
- Civil Engineering – No report

Student Report:

- Ashley Furguson, the Engineering Student Council President, opened by thanking the EAS for its support the last year.
- Ashley provided an overview of some of the efforts underway by various student organizations (Ashley will be providing an activity report from each organization to the Board for posting on the EAS website).
- Ashley discussed the Engineering Formal conducted last year, noting that the feedback from the student participants (approximately 125 attended) and faculty were very positive and noted plans are underway for a second consecutive formal this year as well as a Engineering Picnic.
- Ashley discussed that current student population, noting that 19% of the students are female (national average is 20%), and noted that Dean Gabriele expressed a desire to increase diversity and would be working with Ashley and the various organizations to discuss ways to do this.
- Ashley noted that she will be attending the National Engineering Student Council Meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Actions from last Meeting: All actions were complete.
- b. Membership Report: The renewal period for yearly memberships is September/October, so a significant effort is underway to notify current members.
- c. Corporate Donations – Corporate donations were approximately \$15K. Kudos to John Cacciola on his efforts!!
- d. Engineering Ethics Conference – Matt noted that there is a need for a Board member to act as a liaison to Mark Doorly. Vince volunteered.

New Business:

- a. Navy League – Charter School – Vince noted that he had heard, via the Navy League, that a new charter school was going to be established in Philadelphia, the Maritime High School for Science and Technology. Very little info is available to date, but this could be something the EAS could use to reach out to students from the Philadelphia School district.
- b. Mentoring Program – See above notes
- c. Career Fair – Mechanical Engineering
- d. Thoughts on reception – EAS Board members discussed the reception. General feel was it is better each year. It was noted that a call in meeting to discuss the reception will be held on 28 September at 3:00pm (800-501-8979, pass code 9254674).

e. EAS Goals – Matt distributed and discussed the goals from 2005/2006. No changes were made.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 November 2006, at 615pm, in CEER 210.

Action List:

- 1.** Add grant recipients' profiles to the EAS website – Sean
- 2.** Add link to Career Services Mentor Program to EAS website – Sean
- 3.** Matt to contact current department liaison's to see if they want to continue.
- 4.** Post Activity Reports from each Engineering Organization to the EAS website – Ashley/Sean
- 5.** Contact Mark Doorly concerning the Ethics Conference – Vince
- 6.** Contact Steve Jones concerning the Engineering Schools involvement with the Maritime High School for Science and Technology – Vince
- 7.** Membership letters to Helen Major – Matt/Sean