

Attendees:

Sean O'Donnell, Bill O'Donnell, Vince Wagner, Al Fazzini, James O'Leary, Butch Achionne, Dennis Mordan, Steve Lester, Steve Brady, John Happ, Linda Capuzzi, Matt Bochanski, Jim Zaleski

Regrets:

Bob Gordon, Jessica Sant, Jen Papatolis, Matt Marquardt

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance increasing...S. O'Donnell: Additional \$2,000 to be deposited
 - b. \$250 XMAS bonus for book-keeping
 - c. EAS dinner bill: \$2,502 – Note: This was approximately the same amount that was raised by sponsorship for the EAS banquet.

2. Department Liason's reports
 - a. ChE – Provided by S. O'Donnell ...Overall doing well. Slightly understaffed. Master's in Sustainable Engineering has received very good publicity.
 - b. ECE – Will be emailed by JS later.
 - c. ME – No report.
 - d. CE – Provided by L. Capuzzi...Presented the update form the CoE Engineering Annual Review. Noted the increase of students studying abroad and the numbers in the Graduate Program. Graduates: 25% increase in Master's students. About 70% of Graduate Students are Part-Time.

3. Membership report – No update

4. Previous Minutes & EAS Board Member and Officers review
 - a. Need new board membership. Current group is comprised of CE – 7, ME – 3, ChE – 3, ECE – 4
 - b. 2 Member spots open currently
 - i. Target ME and an additional member, initially focus outside of Civil as there are already 7 of 19 board members from that discipline.
 - ii. J. Happ: Previously, the new board members would be responsible for leading the EAS banquet – this activity was taken up by SO over the past few years.
 - iii. V. Wagner to take over leading the EAS banquet for 2010.
 - iv. D. Mordan to lead the effort for event sponsorship of the EAS dinner.
 - c. An additional member spot will be opening in Fall 2010
 - d. Margaret "Mara" Tsudis...President of the Engineering Student Council.
 - i. Need to make sure that next President is aware of duties on this board.
 - e. Jordon Emilio... S. O'Donnell to discuss opportunity as Faculty Liason

5. Honduras Project funding request – L. Capuzzi
 - a. Project is to help the water systems in Honduras
 - b. Support for CE Request for fall funding (\$600/person – 18 people)
 - i. V. Wagner: Project was previously supported by VU but this has fallen through in the past couple years, correct? Previously supported by Structural Engineers
 - ii. Discussion held around this project request vs. previous years, vs. other student projects
 - iii. How would the money be used? Can we support project related equipment costs?
 - iv. This goes to offsetting the cost of the program...
 - c. L. Capuzzi: This supports the service aspect of VU & the EAS
 - d. S. Brady: Can we use a matching “carrot & stick” allowing for additional money
 - e. Suggested donation \$2,000 for 2010 – Accepted. Future requests will be considered at that time. SB to contact previous alumni from Amigos/CE to become members and give above \$2K.
 - f. Report due after the trip.
 - g. LATE ADDITION: From Bridget Wadzuk, PhD – Email supplied by Linda:
Website: <http://www3.villanova.edu/honduras/index.html>
Blog: <http://blog.villanova.edu:8080/roller/VUCEEHonduras/>
6. Upcoming Grant Submissions by April 1
 - a. Grant – B. Achionne, J. Zaleski, M. Bochanski
 - b. Scholarship – S. Lester (Chair), L. Capuzzi
 - i. Nominate in absentia - J. Sant, J. Papatolis
 - c. Budget
 - i. Last year was 12K total...4K for scholarships
 - ii. MOTION: Keep to the same amount as last year...Accepted
7. Spring Event – J. O’Leary (Chair), S. O’Donnell, V. Wagner to discuss further
8. Open Discussion (15 minutes)
 - a. Next Meeting (April 21st)
 - b. Next Officers begin their responsibilities at the end of April Meeting
 - c. We need 2nd VP. S. O’Donnell to email available members for interest in position.
 - d. Double-dipping is allowed, i.e. Treasurer or Secretary could also be 2nd VP.

ACTION ITEMS

Steve Brady: Send out updated email list to board members.
SO: Organize meeting between Vince & Cristine...

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SO: Email available members for interest for 2nd VP position.