

EMS Alumni Chapter Board Meeting

October 15, 2005 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Mississippi Room

Pioneer Student Center

Agenda

I. Call to order

Attendees: Laura Fenley, John Belkin., Matt Thalmann, ~~Tom Covert~~, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Jeff Kronser, Rob Ehlers, ~~Lori Grady~~, Dan Kaul, Rich Schultz (EMS Dean), ~~Chuck Cornett~~, Kim Schmelz, Ryan Staab, Anna Enters, Craig Gasher, Angie Kramer

Introductions

II. Theta Tau

- Geode 2005 Publication: cost did increase as planned with color pictures on two pages having been added.
- M-Ball:
 - o 2006 date will be April 8.
 - o Good results from 2005: attendance approximately 200
 - o Advertising in Alumni Today publication seems to have been effective.
 - o Previously the EMS Board had increased our donation.
 - o Check not yet given for 2005.
- Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering & Liberal Arts Society)
 - o Asking for \$250 matching funds for scholarship fund.
 - o Ryan Staab (President) is the current recipient.
 - o Currently the organization has been doing fundraising.

III. Discussion of Agenda

- Additions or Deletions

IV. Secretary's Report

- Approval of minutes from April 23, 2005 meeting (Tammy Salmon-Stephens motion, Rob Ehlers second) - **PASSED**

V. Treasurer's Report

- See attached report.
- Checkbook balance: \$13,209.44. This does not include income from Alumni Association or current supporting members.
- Alumni dues check received today.
- Supporting members: need to set goals. Committee will get information and letter out to remainder of "full" list of prospective supporting members within the month.
- "Invest Life Int" budget item received in August for \$335.00. This is interest from Life membership dues.

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- Photo engraving expense is no longer appropriate expense and will be removed from budget.
- Adjusted “Graduate Gift Expenses” budget amount to \$2,000.00
- Motion was made to approve treasurer’s report and budget as amended. (Dan Kaul motion, Tammy Salmon-Stephens second). **PASSED**

VI. Dean’s Report

- Budget reduced by \$300,000 because of reduced state support. This was implemented through personnel without layoffs through attrition and retirements.
- UW Rock County (Janesville) EE program approved (\$583K annually)
- Two EE professors on site, with a laboratory at the UW Rock County Campus utilizing evening classroom usage.
- This matches the Mechanical Eng. Program in the Fox Valley area.
- The Joint Finance Committee mandated a EE program in Fox Valley but with insufficient funding to cover expenses. The College of EMS is exploring remote learning possibilities using streaming video capabilities.
- Tri State Initiatives: new revenue and new students – For 2005 the College of EMS targeted 200 additional students, cut off admissions at 240, but wound up with only 175 after withdrawals. Will establish a target of 400 this year.
- Master of Computer Science (Software Engineering) partnering with Daarmstadt Univ (Germany) & James Cook Univ (Australia).
- New degree program requested for Micro Electro Mechanical (MEMs) & Nano Technology (even smaller). The 5 year planning has been submitted for approval.
- New engineering building on Longhorn Dr. to start construction next summer once funding is raised. Cost will be \$27.5M of which \$7.5M is to be raised locally.
- Galway, Ireland exchange program being finalized. This joins many other exchange programs in Australia, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands and Cork, Ireland.
- Online course has over 130 students in it presently.
- Online graduate program has over 1200 students in it presently. Overall, the distance learning program is bringing in over \$1M annually.
- The College of EMS will be up for reaccreditation through ABET in the fall of 2006.

VII. Faculty Liaison Report

- None.

VIII. Alumni Office Report (Kim Schmelz)

- Membership
- Lifetime account interest
- Supporting members

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- Foundation organization event list

IX. Elections for expiring board positions

- President (Laura Fenley) - vacating
- Second Vice President (Lori Grady – Membership Committee Chair, vacating)
- Director (Matt Thalmann) will continue with another term.
- Nominations
 - o Tammy Salmon-Stephens – president (10/05 – 10/08) **PASSED**
 - o 2nd Vice President (10/05 – 10/08) vacant
 - o Director-new term (10/05 – 10/08) Matt Thalmann Continuing
 - o Director-remainder of term (10/05 – 10/06) vacant

X. EMS Alumni Board Funds

- EMS funds in UWP Foundation should be moved to the endowment fund so that the interest can be used for scholarships.
- A motion was made (Rob Ehlers motion, Jeff Kronser second) to move \$30,000 to endowment fund for scholarships for future years. The balance would be moved to a separate account for the EMS Alumni Assoc. that could be spent as directed by EMS Alumni board. The motion included the establishment of the following scholarships.
 - o Scholarship \$250 for student who will help with Alumni Board minutes and web site. Scholarship Committee will set criteria.
 - o Scholarship \$500 for Society of Women in Engineering and Math.
PASSED

XI. Heiser Scholarship

- Heiser memorial Scholarship – A motion was made to move \$11,754.89 to the Endowment account out of the \$14,247.72 to fund two \$500 scholarships each year. This brings the total to \$30,000. (Rob Ehlers motion, Matt Thalmann second) **PASSED**

XII. Other Business

Committees

1. Special Events (Jeff Kronser)
2. Finance (John Belken)
3. Nominating (Dan Kaul)
4. Honors, Awards & Scholarships (Tammy Salmon-Stephens)
5. Supporting Member (John Belken)
6. Membership (Chair needed, Lori Grady will continue as committee member)
7. Constitution and By-laws (Laura Fenley)

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XIII. Funds for New Engineering Building

1. The board will pledge funds toward the new building and the Tri-State Initiative.
Discussion will continue via e-mail or through interim meetings.

XIV. Adjournment

- Next meeting is scheduled for April 8th, 2006
 - ✓ Women in Engineering Mentor Center
 - ✓ 9 a.m. – noon
 - ✓ Committees may meet early if they would like