



The Ohio State University

Civil Engineering Alumni Association

Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2009

Board Members	X	Greg Evans	X	Boris Slogar	Guests	X	Hal Walker			
	X	Keith Banachowski	X	Scott Jackson	X	Dave Straub	X	Dominic Brigano**	P	Claire Sichko
X		Joe Cohen		Kelly Kokesh	X	Harry Thomas		Craig Little***	X	Beth Lozier
X		Bill Coombs		Don Mackling				Adam Roslovic		
X		Doug Davis	X	Carolyn Merry*				Chad Ostheimer		
X		Pat Ellis		Eric Setzler				P		Greg Boyer

P = by phone

* Department Chair

** Student Representative

*** OSU Alumni Assoc. Liaison

Past Business

Alumni Leadership Conference

Bill and Greg attended the conference and reported that it went well. With regards to football tickets, the Athletic Department has not determined what affect the switch to semesters will have on alumni tickets. It is anticipated that the number of tickets will decline since students will be in session when football season begins – though nothing has yet been decided.

A session was held covering how to connect and meet with your alumni including how to use tools such as Twitter and FaceBook.

Current Business

2008 Year End Report

The year-end report and financial report have both been completed and submitted to the Alumni Association. No update since the last meeting.

Constitution/Strategic Plan

No update.

Department News

Dr. Merry reported that enrollments are up overall at about 15% over last year.

The change to semesters will occur in Fall of 2012. Dr. Walker reported that the College of Engineering will be in the first wave of departments to switch over to semesters. The course curriculum is being modified for this change and will be submitted for review to the College of Engineering this winter. Currently there are 202 hours required to graduate and to convert to semesters divide the quarter hours required by 1.5.

A curriculum committee headed by Dr. Walker is reviewing the current curriculum and considering how to best translate towards semesters. Opportunities to improve the curriculum are being considered as part of the process. A major goal is to ensure that students will not be adversely affected during the transition period.

Dr. Walker requested that our Board members review the current curriculum and offer ideas/comments for content as



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well as what might be missing or what might need to be removed.

OSU Alumni News

No update.

Student News

Dominic reported four companies visited the student section. These were BBC&M, HR Gray, B&N, and Kokosing. 20 students attended the OTEC Conference. The Steel Bridge was assembled at the conference. A social event was also held with 20 students attending at Lido's. The student section is also active in speaking to undecided freshman engineering students.

The design for steel bridge is underway with 21 students involved. Final design is anticipated to be done by spring break. Concrete canoe team is also underway and working on selecting an aggregate design. The first canoe will be poured during the first week of Winter Quarter.

The annual student chili cook-off will be held Wednesday November 18th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the student lounge.

Membership Drive/Update

The membership form for next year will be reworked to include additional personal information as well as business contact information. Doug passed out last year's membership mailer forms and asked the Board to review and offer comments for revisions as necessary. Greg offered to modify the form.

Treasurers Report

Bill reported that the checking balance is \$4,516.62.

Web Site

No update.

Golf Outing Sponsor Recognition

Harry passed out a mock-up of the plaque verbiage for WE Stilson Consulting Group. The Board approved the verbiage and agreed to have Harry have the plaque prepared. Motion was made by Doug Davis and seconded by Dave Straub. All unanimously agreed.

New Business

Student Team Presentations

The Board will provide the student teams with a template/agenda to follow in preparing their presentations for funding. Dave Straub will present a draft template for Board discussion and review.

Hockey Game/Member Appreciation

The selection for this year's game is under review and a decision will be made soon. The Board agreed to purchase 125 tickets for this year's event.

2009 Board Meeting Schedule

Jan 13
Feb 10
Mar 11
Apr 14
May 12
Jun 09
Jul 14
Aug 11



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Sep 08
Oct 13
Nov 10
Dec 08

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Coombs and seconded by Dave Straub. Remaining board members concurred.

*The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 08** at Noon at Hitchcock Hall.*

To call in to a Board meeting, dial 614-247-6424 and use Conference ID # 3843.