

Minutes: Spring 2021 EESB Meeting: April 9, 2021

Earth and Environmental Sciences Department Alumni Advisory Board

Meeting called to order by Chair, Amy Sullivan at 10:04 CDT using ZOOM

Members participating: Leon Aden, Mike Burkart (Secretary), Rob Decker, Richard Denne, Rhawn Denniston, Melissa Evans, Liz Maas, Lee Phillips, Todd Ririe, Steve Schutter, Grant Smith, Noah Stern, Amy Sullivan (chair), Jennifer Wade

Faculty and staff participating: David Peate, EES Department Chair, Kate Tierney Cramer, Faculty Liaison, Alexandra Geraets, Department Secretary, Emily Finzel, Ben Swanson, Matt Wortel,

Visitors: Adam Blind, Center for Advancement, Ray Anderson

Actions:

- 1- Post "Suggested guidelines for writing a Geode Star biographical sketch" (**Schutter, Burkart**) Done April 14, 2021
- 2- Commit to role on committees and open offices of Secretary and Vice Chair (**All**)
- 3- Volunteer to speak before the Environmental Science Seminar Class. (**All, Swanson**)
- 4- Rhawn Denniston self-nominated for Secretary and confirmed by board Done
- 5- Melissa Evans joined the Nominating and Mentoring Committees
- 6- Noah Stern joined the Mentoring and Alumni Outreach Committee. Done
- 7- Rob Decker volunteered to serve on the Alumni Outreach Committee. Done
- 8- Department will pursue activities to link undergraduate students to EESD. (**All members contribute ideas**)
- 9- Assure all alumni are notified of the Triennial Alumni Celebration. (**Alumni Outreach Committee, Emily Finzel, Adam Blind**)
- 10- Book accommodations for October celebration soon (**ALL**)
- 11- **Blind** to chat with all EESB members to explain his role.
- 12- Amy will initiate Fundraising Committee meetings after a hiatus since October 2020.
- 13- Todd Ririe will investigate process for "Speed Mentoring" and how we may apply it at events in the department.
- 14- Notify all alumni of the October celebration and activities soon. Sullivan will work with **Finzel** to pass on all announcements through her email list.
- 15- Aden and Blind will plan a special event to get alumni back on campus for the Triennial Day. More details to come.
- 16- Post minutes after adoption by Board (**Burkart and Wortel**).

Sullivan welcomed all participants and guests. Opening remarks included recognition of **Brad Cramer's** contributions to EESB while serving as faculty liaison (see attached slide). She also recognized and thanked **Kate Tierney Cramer** for serving as the new faculty liaison (see attached slide).

Tierney noted that the National Park Field Trip has been authorized by U Iowa administration for this summer with the lifting of Covid restrictions. The trip will be to northern New Mexico.

The Chair's message included announcement that the Triennial meeting and Alumni Day Celebration will take place October 14-16, 2021. **Ron Blakey** will be honored as the 2021 Distinguished Alumni, and **Joanna**

Thamke will be honored in person as the 2020 Distinguished Alumni. This is a year of transition with **Lee Phillips** taking the Chair at the October 2021 meeting; secretary and alumni outreach chair positions will be vacated in October; and Board membership will drop to 9 (8 voting) if no actions are taken. All Members are asked to step up and decide what their role will be as a member and/or chair of one or more committees and consider self-nomination for secretary and vice-chair. It would be great if members will make their commitments before adjournment today, but at least before the October meeting.

Schutter offered proposed guidelines for Geode Star posting when individuals are drafting biographical sketches. Guidelines are attached to these minutes. **Burkart** will post guidelines on EESD web site.

REVIEW ACTIONS of OCTOBER 23, 2020 MEETING:

(green = done or progress made as noted by Chair prior to meeting)

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Ririe made a presentation to the Environmental Science Seminar Class on February 2, 2021

Swanson is looking for speakers with career experiences to share with class. Board members are encouraged to contact Ben with prospective speakers.

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Sullivan commented on a previous action to determine the date of establishment of the Geology Department at Iowa. No evidence of a specific date establishing the department was found. However, Calvin was made a professor of Geology in 1874. This year is accepted as the establishment of the department. Consequently, the EESB's 2024 Triennial All Alumni Day will be celebrated as the Sesquicentennial of the Department of Geology.

CALL to BOARD SERVICE

A review of members' terms shows that in Oct. 2021 Leon Aden, Mike Burkart, Jennifer Wade will depart after one term. Also, Grant Smith and Steve Schutter will depart after 2 terms on the board. Amy will be on the board as Past Chair starting in Oct. (non-voting). Richard Denne, Lee Phillips, Liz Maas and Todd Ririe have agreed to second terms through Oct. 2024. Rob Decker, Rhawn Denniston, Melissa Evans' and Noah Stern's first terms will end Oct. 2023.

Sullivan noted that we will elect a new secretary, Vice Chair, and alumni outreach and nominating committee chairs prior to the October 2021 meeting.

Burkart and Schutter outlined the roles of secretary and alumni outreach committee chair (see attached slides for details).

Sullivan outlined the roles of nominating committee chair and importance of the triennial meeting planning.

Rhawn Denniston self-nominated himself for secretary. A show of hands confirmed Rhawn as the next Secretary His responsibilities will begin with the meeting October 14.

Melissa Evans and **Noah Stern** volunteered to join nominations committee. (sent email to Noah to confirm which committees)

Lee Phillips will participate on most committees when he assumes the Chair in October.

Rob Decker and **Noah Stern** volunteered to serve on the alumni outreach committee.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chairman David Peate

Courses continue to be conducted online and in person.

Introduced **Alexandra (Ali) Geraets** as the new Academic and Office Coordinator taking Chris Harms place, who retired in January.

Some research and travel restrictions have been reinstated and more are expected this summer and fall.

Most courses will be conducted in person this fall.

Personnel changes include:

Faculty lost this year include **Bill Barnhart**, **Mary Kosloski**, and **Ingrid Ukstins**. **Mark Reagan** will end his phased retirement after the fall semester 2021.

Good news:

Progress is being made to convert **Shamar Chin's** position to a tenure-track position.

Both interim CLAS dean and University provost were selected for permanent positions. They are Kevin Kregel, named the University of Iowa's executive vice president and provost after serving in the role as interim since July 15, 2020. He will begin in the permanent role on Feb. 15. Dr. Sara Sanders serves as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), as well as its Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

CLAS funding was reduced this year by a total of \$23 million: \$16mil due to enrollment decline and \$7mil in mismanagement by previous Dean.

The Ashton Prairie instrumentation project was funded for \$350,000 by CLAS. This is a site owned by the athletic department near the cross-country course west of Mormon Trek and north of Melrose Blvds.

The Paleo Lab building that has fallen into disrepair is being replaced in March 2022 by a newly vacated University building located about halfway to Hills. Tiffany Adrian and Professor of Biology, Joshua (Josh) Weiner, CLAS Associate Dean for Research, have led this effort.

Field Camp will be offered during the summer of 2021, for 3 weeks in late May and early June.

Kate Tierney earned a CLAS Collegiate Teaching Award, which are given each year to faculty who demonstrate outstanding performance in the classroom, laboratory, or studio.

Emily Finzel earned an Excellence in Safety Award to be announced in May

Brad Cramer accepted a new position as Provost's Faculty Fellow for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This is a 25% appointment position as a CLAS diversity advisor

Jane Gilotti was awarded a Fulbright scholarship for research in Poland.

Covid vaccinations are nearly complete for faculty and staff. Student vaccinations are expected to be complete by the end of this semester.

Teaching "student-hours" are stable this year.

The department is planning efforts to better link undergrads to the department.

The "One Day for Iowa" fundraiser was very successful.

Maas suggested reinstating the Halloween evening in Trowbridge and the department consider a booth or exhibit during the McBride museum open house as a presence to provide exposure to undergrads and pre-university students.

Phillips commented that it is important to help all students succeed academically. When he was an undergraduate it was understood that mineralogy was a weed-out course, causing many students to fear it and perhaps change major. **Peate** commented that this was no longer the case.

Finzel noted, in response to a question, that students missing field camp last summer will delay graduation until August to fulfill the field camp requirement. This solves the problem of potentially granting exceptions to the requirement, as was previously contemplated.

ALUMNI OUTREACH: Schutter and Sullivan

See attached slide for Alumni Day Celebration 2021 dates and scheduled activities.

Sullivan expects to see all EESB members October 14.

Heads up for all to book hotel reservations soon. Adam Blind affirmed the need to book early, although there are number of new hotels in Coralville since 2019. As of April 12th Ali has secured 10 rooms for the board, DAA and visiting alumni.

Burkart noted that it is important to notify all alumni of the October celebration and activities soon. **Finzel** offered to pass on all announcements through her email list (on Action Item List)

Aden suggested a special effort should be made to get alumni back to campus in general.

Blind offered to use the Center's analytical ability to search alumni data base for names of people who may be important to contact for specific activities or needs. not just fund-raising.

MENTORING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Ririe

Four Environmental Science Students applied for mentoring following Ririe's seminar. However, so far Geoscience students have not expressed interest in mentoring.

The lack of a required course for geoscience majors, such as the ENVS seminar course, makes it more difficult to reach Geoscience students with the opportunity to meet a mentor.

Finzel suggest posting a form online for students to sign up for mentoring. She also suggested the department should consider a seminar similar to the ENVS course for Geoscience students.

Swanson noted there is discussion about adding a requirement for Geoscience majors to join the second semester of the ENVS seminar course.

Phillips suggested articulating the value of mentoring as a good source for a professional reference. To provide a reference, it is necessary to build a relationship between student and mentor through more than just e-mail advice.

Ririe noted he had helped students by editing their resume.

Swanson explained that resumes are part of the exercises during the ENVS seminar.

Sullivan noted that she had contacted, via e-mail, four geoscience students regarding mentoring. Two did not respond; one found mentoring outside U Iowa; and one had quite rewarding connection with her.

FUND RAISING: Adam Blind

Giving is generally down, particularly long-term giving.

The One Day for Iowa received donations to EESD from 50 people, three donated more than \$5,000 each. About \$150,000 added to EESD activity since October 2020.

Blind to chat with all EESB members to explain his role.

Looking forward to engaging the EESB committee to obtain more information about individuals with potential for donations.

In response to question from **Sullivan, Blind** noted that the University-wide campaign is still planned to launch in 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ririe proposed some action to bring digital theses online. **Tierney** noted that the library has a system to digitize, working back in time with priorities established when requests are made for specific theses.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Burkart, Secretary

Appended:

EESB Meeting Photo

Meeting Agenda, Provided by Chair

Slides used during meeting, Provided by Chair

Suggested guidelines for writing a Geode Star biographical sketch, Provided by Steve Schutter

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Alumni Board Meeting
April 8, 2021



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2015 EES Alumni & Student Field Trip



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NOTE: Departmental Seminar 3:30 CDT via ZOOM

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Chair’s Main Messages



2021 will be a very good year for EES and EESB!!

- Board has a full compliment – we can pick up where Covid stalled actions
- All Alumni Day – The Triennial - To be held October 2021
- Another great DAA selection!

But it's a year of transition! Hence the “Call to EESB Service!”

- Lee will take the Chair at the October 2021 meeting
- Secretary and Alumni Outreach Chair Positions will be vacated in October
- New members will start to contribute to committees
- ... and Board membership will drop to 9 (8 voting) if no action taken

- As we go through our meeting make Your Commitment to Contribute

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Brad Cramer - Faculty Liaison Recognition



Brad Cramer – Just a short list of contributions directly impacting EESB:

- Invited and secured a new round of EESB members during the summer of 2018 working closely with Tom Foster, past DEO
- Represented EESB at faculty meetings
- Ensured field trips and poster sessions were open to alumni at homecoming
- Hosted numerous GSA and AAPG ice breakers to engage students and alumni
- Established a 2-way communication with the Center for Advancement working closely with Adam Blind.
- Held numerous discussions and feedback sessions on the EES future strategic plans
- Maintained open and transparent communication with EESB Chair on departmental challenges
- Championed diversity within the department (GSA publication, etc.) and moved to position as Provost's Faculty Fellow for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- But most of all ***Thank You Brad !! For Your Support !***

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Kate Tierney Cramer- New Faculty Liaison



- Kate is a lecturer for EES and with the department since 2015
- Kate organized the 2019 EES DAA celebration and ice breaker event at the Clinton Street Social Club
- She is the ENVV Student Club Co-President
- She knows the undergrads and graduates
- Has taught Geology of U.S. National Parks, Sedimentary Geology and Climate Change Seminar
- 2019 she took over the Spring Field trip course and 3 NSF-supported annual field trips (2019 San Salvador Island, Bahamas)
- Research: Permian limestones using lithostratigraphy and stable isotope chemostratigraphy; untangling the problems that have plagued selection of a Global Stratotype Section and Point for the Cisuralian, in particular the Kungurian Stage boundary (Spring 2016 newsletter)
- Kate ***Thank You for Joining Our Efforts!***

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Status of Past Actions



Items from October 2019:

- 6 - Amy will compile a condensed history for the departmental website also. **Done April 2021**
- 5- Investigate the initial naming of the department to define the origin date for purposes of scheduling a sesquicentennial celebration (Sullivan and Cramer). **Done from research on Department history. Answer: 1874 when Calvin becomes UI Professor of Natural Science (1892 is when Iowa Geological Survey established and State Geologist and Chair State University of Iowa is the same person). If 1874 then celebration is 2024, the next Triennial.**

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2021 Call to EESB Service!



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Nomination Committee – Board Membership Update



- In Oct. 2021 Leon Aden, Mike Burkart, Jennifer Wade will depart after one term. Thank You for your service over the last 3 years! We know they will continue to be support EES. We will celebrate in October.
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Nomination Committee Update



- Minimum on board is 8, maximum is 15, currently 14
- After October 2021 meeting will be 9 members if no action taken; and only 8 members will be able to vote
- New members should be identified over the summer to begin terms in October 2021
- Current committee: Burkart, Maas, Phillips, Schutter and Sullivan
- After Oct. 2021: Maas, Phillips, Sullivan (non-voting)
- Nominating Committee Chair must be filled
- New committee members needed

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Office Elections and Committee Chair Vacancies



- Bylaws indicate officers may be self-nominated or nominated by the board
 - *Chair recommends Secretary be nominated and approved for Oct. 2021 meeting (Mike can then transition during the Oct. 2021 meeting)*
 - *Chair Elect will need to be filled at the Oct. 2021 meeting. This can wait until October.*
- Fund Raising – Needs formal Chair, time for committee to really act
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- Mentoring – Todd is Chair
- Alumni Outreach – New Chair needed with Steve stepping down

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Secretary Responsibilities



From the By Laws:

e. The duties of the Secretary shall be to maintain minutes of meetings, with particular attention to decisions, and written communications to and from the EESB. Upon approval by the EESB, the Secretary shall transfer meeting minutes and communications to that section of the EESD website assigned to EESB (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/ees/alumni-and-friends/ees-alumni-board/documents>)

This results in these specific activities:

Take notes during meetings and provide draft of minutes for members to respond to and ultimately approve.

Post minutes on EESB web site maintained by EES web guru, Matt Wortel.

Post and maintain EESB documents on web site as approved by Board.

Maintain and file communications. So far, filing separate communications has not been needed. We have not received communications from outside entities. The Board and the Department exchange communications within the context of meetings and those communications are in the minutes.

Converting notes to minutes usually takes 1-1.5 hours following each meeting. I provide a draft to the Chair for review and Amy usually provides substantial additions and corrections. It is often difficult to keep complete and accurate notes, particularly during live meetings and during lengthy discussions. Finalizing edited minutes and attachments actually takes more cumulative time than the time for the initial draft. This could take as much as 3-4 cumulative hours over the 30 days between the meeting and posting of minutes.

I have been appending revisions to documents, like the By Laws, for posting as a way of simplifying the "archives." I also append slides of the meeting agenda and any slides that committee chairs use in any presentations.

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Alumni Outreach Chair Responsibilities



From the By Laws:

Article VI: Committees

c. The Alumni Outreach Committee will organize and maintain systems for regular communication among alumni and EESD faculty and students, assist in the selection of the Distinguished Alumni Award, and plan the Alumni Day as part of triennial meetings. (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/ees/alumni-and-friends/ees-alumni-board/documents>)

Our charge is to alert the alumni to what the EESD (faculty and students) are up to, and how the alumni can participate and support the department when possible. As much as anything, we are primarily concerned with the appropriate publicity, and secondarily look for opportunities to benefit the alumni, as well as the faculty and students of the EESD.

Supports the Triennial Alumni Day

Investigates alternative ways to communicate with alumni

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Committee Membership Refresh & Commitment



- Fund Raising – Needs formal Chair, time for committee to really act, membership needs refresh (now Aden, Denne, Maas, Sullivan)
- Nominating – Needs formal Chair, Amy led informally over 2020, membership needs refresh
- Mentoring – Todd is Chair, committee needs new members
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 - Triennial Alumni Day (part of Alumni Outreach) – Not an official committee, Event Chair would ensure Triennial success

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Call to Board Service Discussion



- Any self-nominations for Secretary?
- Nominations for Secretary from the board?
- Committee volunteers?

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Department Update (Peate)



- CLAS – Ashton Prairie funding
- New Department Secretary – [Ali Geraets](#)
- Department history on website

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All Alumni Day – The Triennial Alumni Outreach



- Call for Committee Members!! Expect 100% EESB attendance
- October 15, 2021 Homecoming – Make your travel plans

Example DRAFT AGENDA		
Thu Oct 14	DAA winners begin arriving	Joanna Thamke 2020 Ron Blakey 2021
Thurs or Fri Oct 14-15	Student lunch – Thamke, Blakey	
Fri Oct 15 1:30 – 3:30	Student Poster Session	Trowbridge Hall
Fri Oct 15 3:30 – 4:30	DAA Awards & Ron Blakey Lecture	
Fri Oct 15 5:30 – 7:00	DAA Reception & Homecoming Parade	Clinton St. Social Club (or other venue)
Sat Oct 16	Field Trip	
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All Alumni Day – The Triennial Alumni Outreach



It's Easy If We Plan Ahead! What Would
You Like to Do If You Came to Town???

- Additional Potential Activities and Events
 - Virtual Slide Show at ESS Website > Historical > Alumni Photos by Decade
 - Use slide show at in person events
 - Iowa Geode Star Posters in Lobby
 - Alumni Coffee and Bagels – on or off campus
 - Meet and Greet with smaller sets student groups
 - Raffle at Poster Session or other event
 - Alumni meet with AAPG Student Chapter and ENV5 Student Club
 - Tour Iowa Hall – Museum of Natural History >> Devonian to Ice Age Sloths!
 - Tour Repository
 - Emeritus Professor Meet and Greet
 - Spouse events or trips
 - Self Guided Coralville reservoir trip and picnic

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Mentoring Committee Update (Ririe, Swanson, Forbes)



- Progress to Date –
- Mentoring and the 2020-2021 Careers Course
- Training for Mentors on current University Policies to support the Careers Course

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EES Funding Initiative Update (Blind, Peate)



- Amy **has not led** a discussion on Fund Raising Committee (FRC) objectives, targets and dates (like the Nominating Committee!)
 - Meeting cadence (recommend monthly)
 - Builds trust, common language, get to know issues, info share
 - Philanthropic network building (recommend monthly)
 - Develop consistent 2-way alliance with Adam and the Center for Advancement
- Current FRC (Aden, Sullivan, Denne, Maas) welcome new members
 - Solicit new members for Fund Raising Committee
- Adam Blind October 2020 summary:
 - Center for Advancement is developing a 8-yr plan to be public in 2022. CLAS goal likely to be \$2MM. EES has accumulated \$1.2MM starting in 2018 and has possible \$5MM goal. Funding priorities: field camp, field rips, field research, funded grad assistantships, student technology, new or expanded building



No Action has happened since Oct. 2020.

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Any Other Business (All)



- Confirm action items for minutes (Burkart)
- Final Comments (All)

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