The February CUAA Council meeting was held on February 27, 2018 in the Rose Auditorium.

In attendance were 40 alumni, 22 students, and 2 members of CU staff.

At 6:15 PM, CUAA President Paul Nikulin CE’06 opened the meeting and introduced 4 new Council members. They were previously elected as alternate council members and are filling terms that were vacated when four council members were elected to officer positions. They are:

Term Ending June 2018

* Kathryn Berry AR’80 replacing Ciera Lowe ChE’14
* Katie Correll ME’12 replacing Daren Rogers AR’05

Term Ending June 2019

* George DeFeis CE’84 replacing Lynn Lander ChE’60
* Michael Luke CE’14replacing Paul Nikulin CE’06

The first portion of the meeting was a discussion and feedback session on the proposed FEC plan to which current students were invited. This discussion was led by Victoria Sobel A’13, Harrison Cullen A’13, Rachel Appel A’13 and Kierston Mercado A’19. The discussion was informal and preliminary. It covered the following topics:

* Mandate given to the Free Education Committee (FEC) by NYS Attorney General
* FEC proposal
* CUAA actions 2014 to present
* Communications between school administration and students
* Concern about a potential for generation divide among alumni
* Concern about meeting fundraising goals in the FEC proposal

Two suggestions that emerged from the conversation;

* Sean Cusack BSE’98 suggested creating a Wiki where alumni and students can continue the conversation and share information.
* Kierston Mercado’19 asked students if they might be interested in a community summit. (A mini meeting will be held immediately following this meeting to discuss.)

Paul Nikulin CE’06 made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Council meeting and Mina Greenstein seconded the motion. The motion passed via oral vote with 23 council members voting “Aye.”

**Presentation of the 2018 Ballot**

Nominating Committee Chair, Susan Shaw A’72, presented the slate of candidates.

**Alumni Trustee:** Cristina Aguirre-Ross Architecture 1981; Lyn Pentecost Art 1970

**VP Faculty and Student Liason** Margaret Matz AR 1983

**VP Alumni Events** Kelly Occhiuzzo Zack A 1990

**VP Alumni Events** Hope Wade A 1987

**Secretary**Mary K. Lynch CHE 1982

**Treasurer**Stephen Verderese EE 1984

**2018-2021 Council:**

Daniel P. Burke, Esq CHE 1981; Brendan Butler EE 2007; Bernard (Bernie) Codd CHE 1983; Jennifer Collins A 1993; Caitlan (Katie) Correll ME 2012; Claudia F. Giordano A 1976; Standish Lee AR 2011; Lawrence Levine AR 1969; Genevieve Martin A 2011; Mark O’Grady A 1976; Anthony Manganiello CE 2006; Christopher Panebianco CHE 2016; Beatriz Ponce ME 2011; Justin Richter CHE 2016; James Haywood Rolling A 1988; Westley Rozen AR 2005; Shankar Venkataraman BSE 2003; Sabeel Yosef CE 2005; Lily Zand AR 1988.

Lynn Lander ChE’60 made a motion to approve the slate presented by the nominating committee. Jim Liubicich ChE’83, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee Chair, Kay Nordstrom ME’77, presented the nominating committee’s recommendations for candidates for the next nominating committee.

**2018-2019 Nominating Committee**

Elizabeth Graziolo AR   1995; Dennis Kong  IDE  2008; Tim Lim  CE  2012; James Liubicich CHE  1983; Darrell Low  EE   1989; Anthony Manganiello  CE   2006; Susan Shaw  A  1972; Laura Spinner A   1989; Nick Vargas  CE   2006; Curtis B Wayne  AR   1975; Shankar Venkataraman BSE   [2003](http://cooperalumni.org/vote-spring-2018/);

The following additional alumni were recommended for the **2018-2019 Nominating Committee**

By alumni present at the meeting: Kay Nordstrom  ME 1977; Scott Lyne  ChE 1992; Daniel Burke ChE 1981; Stephen Verderese EE 1984.

Lynn Lander ChE’60 made a motion to approve the nominating committee slate. Jim Liubicich ChE’83, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurers Report**

CUAA President, Paul Nikulin CE’06 reported that the 2017/2018 budget is $42,000. So far $18,000. Has bee spent. A substantial portion of the budget is allocated toward the June 1st Awards ceremony. Tonight’s food was $60.

**Events Committee**

VP Alumni Activities, Kelly Occhiuzzo Zack A’90, announce that turnout at McSorleys on Founder’s Day February 12th was about 30. Christina Ross AR’81 gave an update on tour event to the Glass House in New Canaan, CT. on May 19th. She had a meeting with the school alumni office earlier today and that office has agreed to set up an on-line form so that payments can be made by credit card. Reservations will need to be made by April 11st. Tickets are $85 for alumni and $45 for students. Registration will be done on the support.cooper.edu website

**Founder’s Day Committee**

The winners of the Founder’s Day Awards were announced by CUAA Secretary, Mary Lynch ChE’82, using slides submitted by the chairs of the respective award committees (attached). The winners are:

* Gano Dunn -- Richard Sarles CE’67
* Peter Cooper Public Service Award -- Joanna Sherman A’69
* John Q. Hejduk Award -- Michael Samuelian AR’97
* Augustus Saint-Gaudens -- Katie Merz A’84
* Augustus Saint-Gaudens(posthumously) – Jack Whitten A’64

Chair of the Founder’s Day Committee, Laura Spinner A’89 made the following recommendations for the nominating process in the future.

* Nominations open March 1, 2018 and remain open.
* Deadlines for nominations – Mon. Oct. 15, 2018
* Deadline to choose winners – Dec. 10, 2018 (approx.. 8 weeks)
* Nominations received after Oct. 15, 2018 will be considered for the 2020.
* This gives a two week buffer to get better photos and adjust bios, and 4 weeks to prepare materials for Founder’s Day Tues.Feb 5, 2019.

The consensus was that these recommendations are reasonable and should be passed on to the committee chairs next year. No action is required by the council at this time.

**Election Committee Report**

Shankar Venkataraman BSE’03 reported that Mock Interview Night will be April 10th in room LL101. The room reservations are made. One thing that still needs to occur is picking a moderator. Rachel Appel said she was available. The election will begin on March 15th and run through April 30th. He is still having discussion with the school about the best way to send ballots to the senior students.

**Announcement of upcoming events**

March 1, 2018  Mock Interview Night

March 1, 2018 Tickets go on sale for Reunion Weekend

March 7, 2018 Out of the Lab event in the Engineering School. (Event later postponed because of snow event)

April 10, 2018 Meet The Candidate Night

April 17, 2018 CUAA Council Meeting

April 26, 2018 Mechanical Engineering poster exhibit in NAB Lobby

May 19, 2018 CUAA Tour of The Glass House,

May 23rd, 2018 CUAA Council Meeting

June 1, 2018 CUAA Founders Day 2018 Award Ceremony

June 1st - June 2nd Reunion Weekend

The next Council meeting will be on April 17, 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Palacio EE’75 and seconded by Robert Tan AR’81. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Meeting was followed by mini meeting to discuss ways to further alumni/student/administration conversations.

Minutes prepared by: Mary Lynch, CUAA Secretary

Livestream Video: <https://livestream.com/cooperalumni/Feb2018Council/videos/170819501>