I. Welcome & Introductions (Rich Nordlund)

A. **Engineering Departments Grants** – Branden Brown reported on the Chemical Engineering Distinguished Alumni Dinner on Friday March 29th were the grant money of $200.00 will be used. Students of the Department will be invited to the dinner at no cost using the grant money. Former Alumni Carl Horton (General Electric) and Gregory Stanley (Apache Corporation) will be honored.

B. **New Board Members** – The Board was asked to support names for the expansion of the Board for 2013 – 2014. We have two Board members retiring which means the Board will stand at 18. The bylaws allow for 24 Alumni Board Members. We are in need of former alumni members in Mechanical, Computer Sciences and Material Sciences engineers.

C. **College wide SAC meeting** – A number of Board Members will attend the meeting on March 27th at 5:15 pm in the Warnock Building. Our group will discuss ways to be able to help our student engineers.

D. **Graduate Student Recruitment** – This was held in February were approximately – 90 graduates were being recruited to the U of U. Next year the Board and the Alumni Association will be involved to give them responses to attending the COE.

E. **Alumni in the News** – This is new to our website so we need additional COE Alumnus who have been honored for their achievements with graduating from COE.

II. **Dean Rich Brown’s Report** –
The Dean reported on the growth of faculty and the COE’s ranking’s in engineering schools throughout the U.S. of specific note. The Computer Sciences Entertainment Arts and Engineering program was ranked by the Princeton Review as the number one undergraduate and the number two graduate program in all U.S. colleges. He also reported on the possible drop in government funding due to sequestration from 12% to 7%. Alumni giving back to the COE and mentoring by the Alumni Association to the students at the U of U and in schools from K-12 are critical items we need to continue to address.

III. **Building the Alumni Community** –
Josh Grant presented a power point presentation on ways the Alumni Association can be involved to create a culture in which alumni can give back to the COE. Those ways we can help are as follows:
A. Philan Trophy -
   a. Giving back
   b. Create normalcy in giving back
   c. Showing appreciation for those who went before us
   d. Helping current students become the supporters of the future
   e. Senior gift

B. Graduate School Recruitment –
   a. What role to be played by the alumni to help recruit
   b. Connecting grad students with an alum

C. Mentoring –
   a. Resumes & interview tips
   b. Selling your skills in an interview
   c. Non compete clause
   d. Whether to be employed by a small or large firm
   e. Internships

D. Networking –
   a. Gathering contact information and disseminating the information
   b. Creating a support and advice network
   c. Keeping graduates connected

Two minute presentations were also delivered by Brett Matsumura (Mentoring), Chris Spencer (Networking) and Dave Booth (Outreach).

IV. Break out sessions –
The Board Members then broke up in three groups discussing what the Engineering Alumni Association can do to enrich the Signature Experience, Real Life, Realistic and Actual Things that can have an effect on the following:

A. Networking – networking (incoming freshman social. Keeping recent grad’s connect and Philan Trophy (senior gift)

B. Mentoring – mentoring seminar’s internships / job placement and Philan Trophy (senior gift)

C. Outreach – Outreach graduate student recruitment and Philan Trophy (senior gift)

After approximately thirty minutes each group reported the following:

a. Networking – Get the word out; freshman orientation (partner with that event); get involved with your company; learn how the Civil Engineering Board does things; prepare a list of students you graduated with; invite one engineering friend to campus to show the new U of U.
b. **Mentoring** – Set up workshops with students for resume / interview skills, mentoring of students with alumni, and things you learned in school which relates to the world of engineering; create a database of alumni engineers for mentoring; prepare a workshop with alumni and students on April 11th with food between 5:00 and 7:00 pm in the Warnock Hall.

c. **Outreach** – Awareness and get the word out; prepare a year or semester schedule for engineering events to be emailed to all alumni; prepare a video giving a testimony or experience alumni had in school; go back to Board Members respective firms on what they are doing for outreach to the college and high schools so we could tie the public sector and the college together.

V. **Other Business** -
Next Board Meeting on May 9th at 6:00 pm in the Warnock Building

VI. **Adjourn** –
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.