The April 2018 CUAA Council meeting for 2018 was held on April 17, 2018 in 41 Cooper Square room LL101.

10 Council Members and 7 guests attended.

At 6:25 PM, CUAA President Paul Nikulin CE’06 opened the meeting and introduced the guest speakers for the evening.

3 members of the CU Motorsports Team made a presentation and gave a tour of their shop.  They were Connor Lowry, Simon Cohen, and Victor Franco. They gave an overview of the FSAE competition and of the CU Motorsports team which included photos of the 2017 car and plans for the 2018 car.  Then they gave a tour of the laboratory spaces where they are building the car and showed the many components that the students have designed and fabricated.  These included the car's frame, wheel struts, wheel frames, firewall, air intake and carbon fiber body.  The team invited alumni to the 2018 Rollout event on May 3, 2018, at 41 Cooper Square, in Room 101 from 6-9.

During the Business portion of the Meeting, CUAA President, Paul Nikulin CE'06 asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February Council meeting. Margaret made the motion which was seconded by Shankar Venkataraman. There were not enough council members to take the vote during the meeting, so it was done electronically on April 18. The vote passed.

Paul Nikulin made a request for more committee members and full participation by all council members in the Annual Fund. He explained that during our next Council meeting on May 23rd, the first hour will be used to place phone calls to alumni as part of a Thank-a-thon and that a second phone call event will be held on May 24th to answer questions from alumni.

Cristina Aguirre-Ross AR'81 announced that 50 tickets have been sold so far for the Glass House Tour on May 19th.  Paul Nikulin announced that we are planning an alumni Happy Hour coinciding with Opening Night for the End of Year Show.  Amy Westpfall A'00 is organizing this event.  Laura Spinner provided an update on the award fabrication and on the planning for the award ceremony.  She needs 5 alumni volunteers to help with check-in and ushering.  She also needs volunteers to help with the design of invitation and posters.

Margaret Matz AR'83 gave updates from alumni who serve on school committees. This included meeting reports prepared by Ed Palacio EE’75 for Engineering, Mina Greenstein A’56 for Art, and Ann Marie Edden AR’89 for Architecture.  She mentioned that we have an opening for an architecture alumnus/alumna.  Margaret also shared that that the Construction Specification Institute (CSI) has made three $750. grants to faculty members at The Cooper Union. One was given to a faculty member in each of the three degree programs. The CSI has also created a student competition for a $2000. Scholarship.

Paul Nikulin announced that we are launching some new alumni affinity groups.  It is hoped that we will have multiple affinity groups for alumni who share a profession or passion.  The affinity groups being discussed include, civil engineering, medical professions and academic professions. Paul welcomes suggestions from alumni for other affinity groups.

Shankar Venkataraman, Chair of the Election committee, stated that about 500 votes have been cast so far.

The next Executive meeting will be on May 3rd.

The next meeting will be held on May 23rd and will include a Thank-A-Thon

Paul Nikulin made a motion to close the meeting. Cristina Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:24 PM

Minutes prepared by: Mary Lynch, CUAA Secretary