A message from the Office of Alumni Relations/Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association

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Dear Alumni,

I am writing to share some important new developments.

In the days leading up to the scheduled Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association June 2, 2015 Annual Meeting & Election, several of our alumni expressed concern with the nominations and elections process and offered recommendations to improve it. We received suggestions regarding bylaws amendments, as well as, specific requests pertaining to the write-in candidate process and also a request for an extension of the timeframe for PIAA elections.

Therefore, after careful consideration, and, in an effort to conduct a totally transparent election that incorporates some of the suggestions received, we are asking for your indulgence as we are extending the voting period until June 26 for the 2015 PIAA Officers and International Board of Directors and PIAA elections. What this means is that the nominations and voting process has now been extended to 12:00 PM on June 26, 2015. This will ensure that all alumni have a chance to submit any additional alternate/write-in candidates, if they so choose.

Upon your review of the updated information on the NYU Polytechnic website, if you are completely satisfied with your proxy submitted on or before June 1, 2015, or your in-person vote on June 2, that vote will stand, with no further action needed on your part. All new or revised proxies will be accepted until Friday, June 26, 2015 at 12:00PM (EDT).

Regarding the new proposed Bylaws which is a necessary first step in becoming a recognized school alumni association of NYU, a majority vote on these new proposed bylaws took place on June 2, 2015 to authorize approval for the establishment of the new NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering Alumni Association (PAA), a chapter of the NYU Alumni Association, as proposed by the PIAA Bylaws Committee and recommended by the PIAA’s International Board of Directors. Discussions around the suggested amendments will take place throughout the coming months under the direction of the Bylaws Committee.

The administration of the new organization will be handled as follows: Elected officers and directors of the PIAA will assume interim leadership of the PAA, the new organization, until such date as determined by the PIAA board and PAA elections would take place within an estimated 12 to 14 month timeframe.

The PIAA and the PAA will operate concurrently while preparing the necessary legal steps (including an eventual vote to be held at a special meeting of Alumni) to dissolve the PIAA Corporation. At the end of the process we will have a simpler structure with the PAA established as a recognized school alumni association of NYU that functions much more like NYU’s other alumni associations.

Stay tuned! Our alumni association is getting even more dynamic and engaging. As we grow and evolve, we will strive to remain an alumni association you will continue to be proud to support.

Best,

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