Mission Statement:
Enhance the relationship between the College of Engineering and Applied Science (“CEAS”) and its recent graduates in a way that encourages alumni to maintain their close connections with the college and university at large, while simultaneously adding value to the reputation and contributions of the college.

Membership:
The GOLD Board is comprised of alumni that have graduated within the last decade from CEAS. If a member has multiple degrees from CEAS, their eligibility is based on the last degree they received from CEAS. The board will consist of 10 to 15 active members.

Board Member Expectations:
● Involvement:
  ○ Networking: Attend events in your region and connect with alumni
  ○ Outreach & Marketing: Reach out to alumni and encourage them to participate in engagement opportunities (events, volunteer opportunities, etc.) and promote them through your social media channels
  ○ Volunteering: Participate in at least one volunteer opportunity CEAS. Examples include: Mentoring current students, speaking to a class, participating as a judge for the engineering design expo, etc.
  ○ Feedback: Provide feedback and ideas to the CEAS engagement team for consideration of future initiatives
● Awards: Identify and curate nominees for the Recent Alumni Award (“RAA”). Promote and bring awareness to the awards nomination process. Nominate or provide a letter of support for one person during the RAA nominations. At least one member of the GOLD board will serve on the selection committee
● Philanthropy: Make a contribution of any size to the Engineering Dean’s Fund for Excellence or another engineering fund of your choice

Board Schedule:
The board will operate on an academic year calendar, with fall representing the beginning of a new term. There will be two in-person board meetings a year. The first meeting will coincide with Homecoming weekend, while the second will coincide with the Distinguished Engineers Alumni and Recent Alumni Awards banquet. Outside of the formal meetings and throughout the summer, the alumni engagement team will provide the board with updates and requests for feedback.

Bylaw Revisions and Voting:
Board members looking to revise the preexisting bylaws document can make recommendations at any point by proposing their changes to the chair. The board will vote on all revision recommendations before they are enacted. Discussion of bylaw revisions and voting will take
place once a year at the fall meeting. In order to vote on a measure, \( \frac{2}{3} \) or the voting body must be present. Majority rules.

**Membership Eligibility:**
- Board member terms are two years long and each member can serve up to three terms
- Must have graduated from CEAS with their most recent degree conferred in the last 10 years
- Attend one in-person meeting a year (preference being the meeting in the spring), with the option of attending a second meeting virtually

**E lecting New Members:**
Nominations can be made by GOLD Board members, as well as CEAS faculty and staff. Nominations for new board members should be submitted by March 1st of each year, and will be reviewed and vetted by the alumni engagement team before the spring meeting. After screening each of the candidates and gauging their interest in joining the GOLD Board, the alumni engagement team will present board members with the pool of nominations. Every board member will rank each nomination before the spring meeting takes place and the highest ranked nominations will be selected. The names of the new board members will be presented at the meeting in the spring. The number of newly elected members will be dependent upon the number of board vacancies. Newly elected members will begin their term in the fall.

**Leadership:**
- Chair - The chair motivates and guides the CEAS GOLD Board by providing vision in alignment with the Board’s chartered mission of working closely with the CEAS alumni engagement staff. Specific duties include setting and leading the semi-annual board meetings, conflict resolution, board member self-assessments and thought-leadership. The chair will serve a single two year term.
  - Chair Election - Every odd year the committee will vote on a new chair during the fall meeting. Board members will make nominations for the position of chair (we will also accept self-nominations). Chair nominations will be due two weeks before the fall meeting. The new chair’s term will begin at the following year’s spring meeting.

**Committees** (can be created on an ad hoc basis):
- Philanthropic Committee - Track and ensure that all GOLD Board members have met their philanthropic requirements. Advise in developing an annual giving strategy that targets young alumni
- Young Alumni Engagement Planning Committee - Provide ideas and feedback on events that are geared towards graduates of the last decade
- Recruitment Committee - Develop a GOLD board recruitment plan and help identify future GOLD board members or potential Recent Alumni Award nominations
- Student Outreach – Identify opportunities to facilitate connections between students and alumni and showcase lifelong engagement