1. **Mission**

- Increase young alumni investment through the development of initiatives that link students to alumni, foster a culture of giving, and support the college’s strategic priorities.

2. **Goals**

- Bridge the gap between the student experience and greater alumni network
- Understand where young alumni and CEC needs overlap and provide strategic opportunities of engagement for mutually beneficial partnership
- Acclimate young alumni to providing help when possible (volunteerism) and foster a priority for giving
- Create and implement services and programming that provide young alumni access to professional development, networking, mentorship and socialization

3. **Values**

1. *Make a Difference*
   - Student Mentoring
   - Panelist/Keynote Speaker
   - Create a Legacy – Investment in CEC
   - Community Service

2. *Professional Growth*
   - Networking
   - Leadership Experience – Board or Committee
   - Project/Event Organization

3. *Gain Access*
   - Access to Dean and College Leadership
   - Insider knowledge
   - VIP Status – Events, Strategic vision

4. *Learn Something*
   - Continuing Education
   - Personal Development – Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, Social

5. *Connect with Peers*
   - Happy Hours and Social Events
4. **Criteria**

- College of Engineering and Computing graduate 35 years or younger by the time of membership (July 1)
- Will be an active member (defined as someone who will contribute his/her time and financial support, be a positive team player, be an active member on College of Engineering and Computing Young Alumni Board committee(s), be an active ambassador for the College in his/her local area
- Will add diversity to the College of Engineering and Computing YAB in terms of geographic, location, gender, and ethnic background

5. **Nomination Process**

- Nominations for the Young Alumni Board are due by May 15 of each year. Interested candidates are encouraged to meet with a member of the nominating committee.

*Nomination Requirements*

To be considered as a candidate for the College of Engineering and Computing Young Alumni Board, an interested individual must submit the following information:

1. Candidate Application
2. Letter of Recommendation
3. Resume

* Nomination process to be implemented starting 2019.

6. **Board Member Expectations**

- Successfully serve a three-year term (beginning July 1)
- Provide financial leadership by participating in the College of Engineering and Computing’s annual giving campaign with a multi-year pledge (*Sumwalt Society YA Member*: $1,801 over three year term annual gift is encouraged)
- Attend two board meetings per year (Fall and Spring)
- Serve on a standing committee of the Board
- Actively participate in the College of Engineering and Computing’s Strategic Initiatives
- Act as a host and ambassador for CEC Events (e.g., YA Happy Hours, Senior Sendoff, Seminars, E-Week, etc.)
- Champion CEC initiatives and the Dean’s priorities with your company and throughout the community
7. **Proposed Initiatives**
   - Industry 101 Lecture Series
   - Alumni Directory
   - CEC Alumni Corporate Ambassadors
   - YAB Legacy Campaign (Where do you want to invest?)

8. **Board Structure**

   **Executive Team**
   Chair and Co-Chair
   Chair(s) Professional Development
   Chair(s) Alumni Relations
   Chair(s) Development/Corporate Relations
   Secretary/Treasurer

   **Professional Development Committee: 5-8 Members**

   Objective: Two-pronged objective to: 1. Provide opportunities for young alumni to engage with current students and arm them with the necessary skills and experiences to further their professional development as they transition to the workforce, and 2. Provide opportunities for young alumni to engage with the greater alumni network for mentorship and in education to grow as professionals and leaders.

   **Alumni Relations: 10-15 Members**

   Objective: Improve young alumni engagement with the College of Engineering and Computing by increasing awareness of opportunities such as student engagement, networking with other alumni young alumni, giving, etc. Alumni relations will also spearhead the alumni directory and CEC alumni ambassador initiatives.

   **Development/Corporate Relations: 5-8 Members**

   Objective: Increase giving participation rates amongst young alumni. The development committee is responsible for setting and executing a development plan in conjunction with the Development Team that fulfills funding needs of the College.

   **Regional Ambassadors**
   - Atlanta
   - Charlotte
   - Houston
   - Washington DC

9. **YAB Aspirational Institutions**

   - Terry College of Business, UGA
   - School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University of Buffalo
   - Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Auburn University