

### **Alumni meeting 3/3/2009**

The meeting started at 8:30pm with welcome speech by the chairman followed by brief introduction of the department effort to apply for ABET accreditation. Mainly, the program team directed the discussion towards the program educational objective. Although there was a general agreement about the proposed program objectives, few comments were raised as follows:

1. The employment fields for chemical engineers should not be limited to specific organizations, chemical engineers can work at Banks for example.
2. There is a wide spectrum of alumni who graduated at different time periods. Hence their response will vary with the program objectives and trends at these periods of time.
3. Some graduates complain about their weak communication skills at the time of graduation and application for jobs.
4. The importance of management and leadership as an objective is proposed to be added to the program objectives.
5. A senior engineer highlighted the importance of continuous education and encouraged the younger graduates to get involved in the self-development through training and attending workshops and conferences.
6. Another engineer suggested that research skills should be included in the program objectives.
7. Another comment suggests that the department build bridges with the CHE employers to facilitate the graduate's enrollment in these organizations.