Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Student Senate

Minutes: 8th General Body Meeting Fall 2009 – October 1, 2009

5:03 Call to Order and First Roll Call
Senators Present: Natalie Morris (SCS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS, 1 absence), Eric Wu (SCS), William Zhang (SCS, .5 absence), Rohan Agashe (CIT, 1 absence),Brandon Chock (CIT), Jake Flittner (CIT, .5 absence), Bryan Lewis (CIT, .5 absence), Matthew Hwang (CIT, .5 absence), Diane Lee (CIT, 1.5 absence, .5 proxy), Robert Piston Jr. (CIT), Keshav Raghavan (CIT, 1 proxy), Jessica Santana (CIT), Sonali Shah (CIT, 1.5 absence), Jonathan Mark (CFA), Jarrett Adams (HSS), Eduardo J. Benatuil (HSS, 2 absence), Yael Bushoy (HSS, 1.5 absence), Nikhil Iyer (HSS, 1.5 absence),Meghan Nahass (HSS, 2 absence), Stuti Pandey (HSS,1 .5 absence, 1 proxy),Nicholas Ferrell (BHA/BSA/SHS, 1.5 absence), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, .5 absence), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS, .5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS, .5 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA, 1 absence), Jon Mark (CFA, 1.5 absence), Akshay Udiavar (CFA, 3 absence), Toro Adeyemi (TSB, 1.5 absence), Stephanie Schneider (TSB, 1 proxy, 1 absence)
Senators Absent: Matthew Kuhn (CIT, 1 proxy, 1 absence), Kush Mangal (MCS, 3 absence)
Members-at-Large Present: Nakul Bagla (TSB), Rutwik Parikh (CIT)

5:05 Approval of Agenda and Minutes from 9/24/09

5:05 Audience Participation

5:05 Ex-Officio Reports—Lisa Krieg, Director of Enrollment Services
- o Move to electronic billing
- o Skip Shelly - involved in design work with new Hub
- o New Information system called s3 – seeking clever URL address
- o Pretty outdated system. Slowly replacing the system over next 5 years. Using software oriented architecture
- o Electronic invoice project, SIO, and new student account system, and Financial Aid Packaging
- o (Tuttle) why not use hub.cmu.edu? Why not.
- o Can we make a contest out of this?
- o (Jarrett) Find an easier way to access parts of the HUB using the URL
- o (Tuttle) Will all of this be on one page? Interesting question. Trying to explore different options. Launch page buried inside website. Seeking to bring everything together in one location.
- o (Nick) Any way that students can sign in once and then various links all on one page?
- o Quick update on e-bills. October 2009 implementation of e-bills. No longer mailing paper bills. If anyone wants to help pay bills, they must sign up to receive bills by email. Website: www.cmu.edu/hub/sa/ebills.html. Please authorize bill payer to receive bills by email. Parents might get their own Andrew ID to pay bills. No private information disclosed.
- o Student Information Online
    - ▪ Address/emergency update
    - ▪ See billing and account detail
    - ▪ Financial aid award letter provided
    - ▪ Verification of enrollment

- - Trying to make new user interface as part of S3
  - New software and architecture testing.
  - New plug-in abilities
- SIO redesign
  - Expectations
    - Replace and improve SIO functions
    - Add new features
    - Set priorities for future development
    - Launch in early 2010
  - Student survey findings
    - Surveyed 991 students/108 responses
    - 93% Seeing curriculum requirements for major and how they've met those requirements
    - 93% would like to view the amount owed.
    - Would also like to see schedule in better format.
  - Opportunities for input
    - Undergrad Student Workshop
      - Wednesday, 10/7, 3:30 to 5 UC Pake
      - Wednesday, 10/7, 5 to 6:30 UC McKenna
    - Advisory
      - 1 meeting a month
      - Seeking undergrad student rep to advisory
      - Contact Lisa Krieg
  - Contact Lisa Krieg
    - 412-268-5399
    - krieg@andrew.cmu.edu
    - Director, Enrollment Services
- (Adams) I don't think I want my grades to be on my home page.
- (Nick) Have the ability to choose what you want on your home page.
- (Tuttle) Portal's performance is terrible. Try not to give up speed for having the amount of direct information shown.
- Make windows collapsible
- (Nahass) Make it similar to iGoogle. Have the ability to choose.
- (Nick) Put a campus calendar on there.
- Andrew Webmail being considered for redesign? Not my field.
- (Nahass) Have schedule as option for home page? Yes.
- (Piston) Have "course suggestions"? Yes!
- (Tuttle) Would university be able to have ratings for courses? Sure
- (Krieg) Have QPA in major? Sure.
- (Schneider) Have a departmental average available to students? I'm not sure.
- (Nick) I like the idea of having a picture where you can edit you page to make it personalized.
- Possibly add themes to the page. Facebook-like?
- (Tuttle) Will we be able to access OLR while professors add grades? Yes. These problems will go away over time as we move to the new system.
- (Nick) Will the system have the ability to be used at night? Yes we will move towards removing these problems from the system.
- (Jarrett) I think having the general information on who your advisor is and other

personal information about contacts would be useful to have on your page. Ok!

5:45 Committee Reports

Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)
- Looking at how different schools use General-Education and Advising system.

Business Affairs (Jake Fittner)
- GSA is now part of program. Change what newspaper vendors' say allowing all students access to them. Looking at where we should put in a new machine. Asking GSA where they want to put it.
- Problem with Hamburg? Building manager didn't want to put it in the front but he wanted to put it in an inconvenient area.
- Move newspaper stand in Hunt to closer to café.
- Trying to bring CEO forum probably next semester.

Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)
- Working on T-Shirt Contest
- Working on campus gear
- Talked to some vendors to see where we are cost-wise.
- Doing a partnership with AB films on October 23rd showing Harry Potter and its going to be a costume thing where people dress up in Harry Potter theme and will get into the show by dressing up.
- Working on Graffiti and poster policy. Going over tidbits of drafts. Come participate in the discussion.
- Rules for fence were not clearly defined.
- Been any more submissions for T-Shirt contest? 2 more

Communications (Toro Adeyemi)
- Finished first Gavel
- Natalie is Senator of month.
- Send nominations for Senator of month for next month
- Send article ideas to Toro
- Lack of communication between Senate and college advisors.

Internal Development (Eric Wu)
- Working on getting dinner with Dean
- Weekly By-Law of the week – if one person runs for vacancy unopposed, that person must get the seat.

Finance (Robert Piston)
- If you have receipts for Oracle string, please turn them in to Rob. And you need his signature if you need funding for anything.

Chair
- I object to the consideration of this motion. – Student Senate votes immediately whether or not to consider the motion.
- If voted by 2/3 votes, main motion is killed.

5:59 Special Allocation 09-10 014 of $1500 to the Film-making club
- o Requesting money for new computer. In the spirit of special allocation.
- o Computer was finicky last year. It died after the summer. Computer Guru looked at it and said it'll take at least 1000 to fix. Use footage for improve and shorts. Used for student film festival. Also used to edit HD video.
  - o (Flittner) Would you consider getting a refurbished iMac?
  - o (Morris) Refurbished iMacs are just as good. Is that student discount price? A: Yes.
  - o (Zheng) In 5 years, that computer is going to be very outdated. Why not get a PC.
  - o Transition from CFA computers to this computer is ideal.
  - o (Adams) Buy a Macbook pro because it is upgradable and will last longer. What is the benefit that you are looking out of this? Are you looking for quick fix or for longevity? A: Both
  - o Mac pros run $2400.
  - o (Schneider) Did you do you research on this computer? Yes.
  - o (Tuttle) I feel like expecting it to last 5 years, its hard to swap out components.
- **Move to vote. Vote passed – 20-0-0**

Special Allocation 09-10 015 of **$500 to Pool Club**
- o (Finance Chair) Intro: This is a newer organization. It covers food and materials. Must be ¾ vote.
- o Will you consider keeping your equipment for yourselves? A: Possibly.
- o (Piston) When you buy the new sets, will put them out only for yourselves? A: Yes for tournaments.
- **Move to vote. Vote Passed – 23-0-2**

6:20 New business from the Floor
Member at large elections
- Nakul Bagla
- Rutwik Parikh
- Both are now new Members-at-large

6:30 Points of Discussion
College Caucus Proposal
- o The whole point is that students don't know who their senators are.
SAC Reports
- Updates on meal plan.
- Extras on the dine-x meal plan.
- New and improved version of Sir Crazy.
- D-sac will make some progress this year.
- USAC—get to know you meeting with Dean Boyd
- Lots of Policy Review

- Meetings on Thursdays at 4:30PM
- Discussion swine flu and Greek orientation fiasco.
  - Were first-years banned from going on the Greek Quad?
    - School policy is that it's always been that way—only enforced this year.
- SIO redesign workshop—email names to Lisa.

6:45 PM: Second Roll Call/Announcements
    a. Senate Elections – Next Week!! 1 CIT, 2 MCS, 5 CFA, 1 TSB
    b. StuGov Relay for Life team – Sign up!
    c. September's *Gavel* Issue
    d. Attendance Reminders

6:45 PM: Adjourn