

**Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Student Senate**  
*Minutes: 10<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting Fall 2009 – October 22, 2009*

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**5:00 Call to Order and First Roll Call**

**Senators Present:** Natalie Morris (SCS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS, 1.5 absence), Eric Wu (SCS), William Zhang (SCS, 1 proxy, .5 absence), Rohan Agashe (CIT, 1 absence), Brandon Chock (CIT), Jake Flittner (CIT, 1.5 absence), Bryan Lewis (CIT, .5 absence), Matthew Hwang (CIT, 1 absence), Diane Lee (CIT, 1.5 absence, .5 proxy), Matthew Kuhn (CIT, 1 proxy, 1 absence), Robert Piston Jr. (CIT), Keshav Raghavan (CIT, 2 proxy), Jessica Santana (CIT, .5 absence), Sonali Shah (CIT, 2 absence), Abdul Torffick (CIT, .5 absence), Jonathan Mark (CFA), Jarrett Adams (HSS, .5 absence), Eduardo J. Benatuil (HSS, 1 proxy, 2 absence), Yael Bushoy (HSS, .5 proxy, 1.5 absence), Nikhil Iyer (HSS, 1.5 absence), Meghan Nahass (HSS, 1 proxy, 2 absence), Stuti Pandey (HSS, 1.5 absence, 1 proxy), Nicholas Ferrell (BHA/BSA/SHS, 1.5 absence), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, 1 proxy, .5 absence), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS, .5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS, .5 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA, 1.5 absence), Jon Mark (CFA, 2 absence), Akshay Udiavar (CFA, 3 absence), Toro Adeyemi (TSB, 2 absence)

**Senators Absent:** Stephanie Schneider (TSB, 2 proxy, 2 absence)

**Members-at-Large Present:** Rutwik Parikh (CIT)

**5:02 Approval of Agenda from 10/1/09**

**5:02 Audience Participation**

- Amy Revak
  - In writing for professionals
  - Need input—serious shortage of bike parking on campus.
  - Obscure areas are laden with bikes
  - Analyze places where bike racks are
  - (Adams) Concerned about there not being covers on bike racks—especially with Pittsburgh weather.
  - Talking about putting bike parking in the campus garage
  - (Morris) Need for bike racks around the UC—need better reallocation.

**5:07 Motion to recess for 5 minutes. Passed.**

**5:12 Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)**

- Absent.

**Business Affairs (Jake Fittner)**

- Need feedback on the health fee.
- WTF Series—similar concept, use surveys on BA related things on campus.

**Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)**

- Finalizing campus gear sale.
- Saw need for mid-semester break programming.
- Looking into a “Green” Fair

**Communications (Toro Adeyemi)**

- Have t-shirts today.
- Submit Gavel Articles
- Vote on Senator of the Month—email Toro.

**Internal Development (Eric Wu)**

- Working on Senator profiles
- Let constituents know who we are.
- Get new senators acquainted with Senate.

#### **Finance (Robert Piston)**

- Special allocations—discuss during points of discussion.

#### **Chair (Aaron Gross)**

- Taking back feedback on mid-semester evaluations
- Streamlining committee reports.
- Reduce ex-officio speaking times and increasing question time.
- Explicit ending time
- (Tuttle) Ex-officios don't know what they are at Senate for
- Brief them ahead of time on what we want them to discuss.

### **5:20 Old Business from Committee**

#### **09-10 018: Resolution to Replace Current Graffiti and Poster Policies**

- Added that the policy will be adequately advertised
- (Tuttle) Just Student Government?
- Student Activities is mentioned.
- Keep outside groups in the policy?
- (Tuttle) They have to be sponsored...should they indicate that on their chalking?
- Traditionally, chalking doesn't include contact information although outside groups must register to chalk.
- (Tuttle) What are the criteria that Student Activities uses to decide?
- (Morris) Student groups would be better filters to decide what outside groups are allowed to chalk.

5:30 Motion to Strike D 1 out. Passed.

- Outside groups can chalk with the permission of a Carnegie Mellon Student Group.
- (Flittner) Chalking has only been traditionally students—students can chalk for an organization.
- (Ferrell) Can think out an outside group that we would want to chalk.
- Should have language that groups must be sponsored to chalk.
- (Flittner) Read as the actual outside group come to chalk on campus, not a
- 5:36 Motion to Strike Section D.
- (Mark) Use more positive language—that students can chalk for someone else.
- (Morris) Strike D and only to beginning of C1.
- (Khun) All seems trivial, who's going to be there to enforce it?

5:39 Move to vote to strike out Section D and move to C1. Hand vote. 23-0-2. Passed

- Motion to extend discussion time.

5:41 Tabled until next week.

5:41 Motion to refer to committee. Passed.

### **5:41 PM: New Business from Committee**

#### **09-10 020: Special Allocation of \$300 to Student Body President**

- Tartan Rewards and Carnegie Clan
- Passed out shirts but the shirts were initially stuck in Michigan but Carnegie Clan helped.
- This is an unexpected debt.
- Student government initiative.
- 5:44 Move to Vote. Hand vote. 24-0-3. Passed. \$300 to Student Body President

**09-10 019: Special Allocation of \$5000 to cmuTV (Tabled until 10/29)**

- Down to one camera—close to not being able to function.
- Have a deal until Nov. 1
- Have many live events coming up in the fall.
- Just need to have cmuTV function properly.
- Requesting money from other student bodies as well.

5:47 Questions

- (Khun) Where are your other cameras?
  - Decided to buy one this semester and one next semester.
  - Still are sticking on the HD proposal.
- Fall: Concert, Mayur Salsa, lecture recording (2-3 a week), working on a new production.
- Last year they came to Senate to ask for money from the Senate operating reserve, this time they are just asking for money.
- (Tuttle) How did you guys go down to one camera?
  - Have 3 standard definition cameras, 2 are in repair. Also, student organizations are requesting that their productions be in full HD.
- (Khun) Is it justified?
  - Buying an SD camera is pointless because it'll be hard to repair parts because everything is moving to HD.
- (Flittner) How are you purchasing a third camera?
- (Adeyemi) Where are we now?
  - (Piston)\$ 76,000
- (Lu) Their request is valid—they desperately need this camera.

5:54 Move to vote. Hand vote. 21-1-2. Passed. \$5000 to cmuTV (Tabled until 10/29)

**09-10 021: Special Allocation of \$372 to The Tartan**

- Going under a redesign of the Tartan.
- Changing font.
- Received money to

5:56 Questions

- (Flittner) Why the change?
  - Want the paper to look newer.
- (Khun) Why do they have to pay for it?
  - Have to buy a license—similar to purchasing a Microsoft product.
- (Adeyemi) What font is it?
  - Veralag—has 30 styles. Using 2-3 of the styles.
  - This is an unbudgeted expense.
- (Zhang) Why wasn't this budgeted for?
  - Wasn't a decision made overnight.

5:58 Discussion

- (Khun) How much room to you have to play with in the budget?
  - None, that's why there are special allocations.
- (Flittner) For it, it's what a special allocation is for. It's new and innovative.

6:01 Move to Vote. Hand vote. 21-3-3. Passed. \$372 to *The Tartan*

**09-10 022: Special Allocation of \$150 to CMU Ballers/ASA**

- People play basketball in the Gym.
- For food and drinks—give incentives for people to join.

- Could make more successful events in the future.

6:03 Questions

- (Zhang) Not JFC funded?
  - It was newly established organization—didn't have an Oracle account but will go through the CoSO process.

6:03 Move to vote. Hand vote. 21-0-2. Passed. \$150 to CMU Ballers/ASA

**09-10 023: Special Allocation of \$900 to ASA**

- Asian Student Leadership Conference
- Was funded in the past.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Speakers are inspirational
- Need funding to be
- Workign with Shernell Smith
- Have a lot of sponsorship

6:05 Questions

- (Adeyemi) Turnout last year?
- 80 people. Last year it was during church.
- (Flittner) Who is the event to?
- Everyone. Certain groups are targeted, but are open to everyone.
- (Zhang) Who is coming?
- A performer and a V-P of a Vegas
- (Adeyemi) How long?
  - 2-3 hours.
- (Piston) Which are confirmed?
  - SDC was lowered to \$400.
- (Nahass) Are these the sources you had last year?

6:08 Move to vote. Voice vote. Passed. \$900 to ASA

**09-10 024: Special Allocation of \$400 to International Student Union**

- Organizing a trip to Fallingwater
- Need \$800 in total.
- (Piston) Only source that they came to was Senate—thought they could seek other funding sources.

6:09 Questions

- (Adeyemi) How are you advertising?
  - Posters, chalking.
- (Lu) How many people are you expecting?
  - 40-50.
- (Yael) Have you had an event like this before?
  - No.
- Who is it open to?
  - Everyone.
- (Nahass) Is it a school or charter bus?
  - School bus.
- (Palko) Charging any fees?
  - \$8 for tickets.
- (Adeyemi) Why did you choose this location?

- To appreciate other cultures. This is a renowned architectural place in the world.
- (Piston) Do you have a confirmed day?
  - November 7<sup>th</sup>.

6:14 Discussion

- (Adams) Wary, because we don't know what we're actually funding.
- Great event, but it won't just be ISO members.
- (Abimbola) It's fiscally responsible for you to come with details.
- (Flittner) Come back with details.

6:16 Motion to table. Failed.

- (Ferrell) They will probably have to come back for more.
- (Flittner) Kill it and have them come back for more—refer back to finance committee.
  - Need the money to make decisions.
- (Shah) Make sure they don't just reach out to their members.
- (Adeyemi) Come back when you know what your numbers are?

6:19 Move to vote. Hand vote. 12-6-4. Failed.

**6:21 Motion to extend time 10 minutes. Passed.**

**09-10 025: Special Allocation of \$101.50 to Fencing Club**

- More female fencers join than expected.
- Have problems providing equipment to new members.

6:22 Questions

- (Flittner) How many new members?
  - 4.
- (Khun) How many women are unprotected?
  - 4-5 members.

6:23 Move to vote. Voice vote. Passed. \$101.50 to Fencing Club

**09-10 026: Special Allocation of \$480 to Carnegie Clan**

- On Halloween
- Using JFC funding.
- Attendance is usually over 900 people.
- Have 20 organizations signed up.
- Most money goes to free mugs.
- Asking for Student IDs.
- (Piston) Putting Student Senate on the mugs,
- In the courtyard between West Wing and UC.
- Goes toward extra food.

6:26 Discussion

6:26 Move to vote. Hand vote. 23-0-2. Passed. \$480 to Carnegie Clan.

**09-10 027: Special Allocation of \$500 to Donner House Council**

- For POHLEES
- Donner resident 4 years ago, created large variety event.
- Passed away—event is in his memory.
- Scholarship associated with the event.
- Put out posters, have t-shirts, chalked. Also talked to all of the houses.

- (Adams) Great event, tradition.
- 6:30 Move to vote. Hand vote. 24-0-3. \$500 to Donner House Council.

### 6:30 New Business from the Floor

#### Points of Discussion

#### Health Fee

- Proposition Dean Boyd
  - Co-Pay for visits
  - Health Fee—must be given to
- Have a deliberative loop next week.
- (Ferrell) Why is it running out of money?
- (Raghavan ) Putting in a co-pay takes away incentive to go to the health center.
- (Nahass) Want to know what the specifics are and what cost money? Like if you need medicine for a cold?
- (Abimbola) Don't have enough information now to make an informed decision. A health fee may improve the services at the Health Center. Most schools also charge a fee.
- (Yael) Come to talk?
- (Tuttle) Need to know the details. Need to know how much is funded by insurance.
- (Morris) Co-pay would mean that students would not go to the health center if they are sick.
- (Zhang) Provide normally priced over-the-counter medicine.
- (Khun) Don't want to pay a health fee for something that they treat trivially or refer to a specialist.
- (Raghavan ) Students go there more for attendance slips.
- Look at usage statistics.
- (Piston) At the ER, they are legally bound to treat you—go to health center for small things.
- (Ferrell) CMU health insurance is through an outside provider.
- (Tuttle) Paying for intangible things that aren't covered by insurance. Both fees are reasonable if they are in proportion to what their fees are. Be more accessible.
- (Mark) What are people doing now that is costing so much and how can people change their behavior.
- (Adams) Important to realize that all insurance is private—except Medicaid. Needs more advertising.
- (Flittner) Medicine goes through insurance—insurance doesn't go to operating costs.
- (Nahass) Show where health fee go to—messages “this was paid for by your health fee”
- (Abimbola) Creates an opportunity to creating the health center that we want. We want something better so we can draft and create where we want it to go.
- (Mark) Have health fee as overhead and have co-pays so that other students are not necessarily shouldering the burden—keep costs lower.
- (Palko) Anita is willing to come and meet with the Senate. She can prepare all of the statistics.
- Business affairs can compile what else they need to know from Boyd about the policy to prepare before senate.
- Microsoft—refer to campus life.
- Read our emails—get feedback earlier to avoid tabling.
- (Tuttle) Use google Docs.
- Tartan Rewards program is expanding to nonathletic events on campus.

- Scotch n Soda play, cans across the cut
- 3D portfolio—create ones for portfolios—make it a tartan rewards event
- Think about ways to market and brand student government.

**6:55 Second Roll Call/Announcements**

- a. Vacancy Elections November 12th
- b. Mayoral Debate at CMU

**6:57 Adjourn**