

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of March 18, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Hussein Al Baya (SIA), James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Matt Brooks (HSS, left early, .5 absence), Maureen Burns (CFA), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, left early, excused), Sooran Kim (CFA, left early, .5 absence), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT, proxy), Ben Loving (MCS, came late, excused), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT, left early, .5 absence), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Nasheena Porter (HSS, proxy), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Meg Richards (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS, left early, excused), Thomas Sabram (CIT, proxy), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA, left early, excused), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT, left early, .5 absence), Jack Wu (SCS, left early, excused), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS), Yanna Weisberg (SHS, came late, excused)

Senators Absent: Tim Bowen (HSS, 1 absence), Hanish Dayal (CIT, 1 absence),

Members at Large Present: Andres Bermudez (HSS), Joe Arasin (SCS, came late)

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Waylon Lu (SIA, 1 absence), Sarah Sareen (HSS, 1 absence), Aaron Walker (CIT, 1 absence), Lisette Yoon (HSS, 1 absence)

5:40 pm Call to Order

5:40 pm Approval of Minutes

5:40 pm Amendments to the February 26th minutes

- Attendance for James Auwaerter should be stated “left early,” not “proxy”
- Friendly motion at 8:45 should just be normal motion

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

5:42 pm Audience Participation (none)

5:42 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:42 pm **Academic Affairs** (Matt Rado)

- Will follow up with John Papinchak regarding student exams.
- An Academic Advising Task Force has been implemented. Student opinions regarding the advising quality will be gathered.
- Extension of Hunt Library hours is not feasible but there is a possibility of rearranging library hours. Student feedback is needed.
- Thanks to the committee for a great job.

5:44 pm **Business Affairs** (Jay Pujara)

- Put together an article in The Gavel
- Working on an Amnesty Program where community service can be exchanged for parking fines.
- Dining options have been put forward by Dean Murphy: adding more people to the meal plan, reopening Highlander, change the hours of operation, investigating internally to find out why a deficit exists.
- Transition for IDs did not happen after Spring Break because the implementation of Social Security Numbers has been delayed until the fall.

5:47 pm **Campus Life** – (Rebecca Nathan)

- Working on a smoking policy prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of building entrances. In the process of asking smokers for their opinion.
- Picking up lighting so that the Stadium and IM fields will be lighted at all times.

5:50 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- Postcards will be distributed to all student mailboxes on campus encouraging people to vote and run for positions in Student Government.
- A series of posters are posted in academic and residence halls to advertise the election and encourage students to run for seats.
- To encourage CFA seats to fill up, advertisements on special Japanese Samurai paper will be distributed to CFA students. It will be stapled to a petition form.
- An ad will be placed in The Tartan this week, hopefully on page 3 so that it will be very visible.
- The gavel will hopefully be out within the next few weeks
- The library sign is now up. There is also a brochure rack with information on RAD and the shuttle and escort services. Working on getting Port Authority brochures. Let Communications Committee know if brochures are getting low so the rack can be replenished.

6:00 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- There is \$14,211 and change in the Special Allocation Fund.
- There are 6 meetings left after this meeting.
- Starting next week there will be increased access to the web and more links to other information. Apologies if information seems sparse.

6:01 pm **Internal Development** (Nick Scocozzo)

- There is a motion to approve the elections board chair, amendments to the constitution, and amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws.

6:03 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- Reminder that executive petitions are due next Tuesday and Student Senate petitions are due a week from Saturday. The best thing to help candidacy is to have your name on the ballot. Would like there to be as much competition as possible.
- New rule regarding Org Tracker is now in effect.
- Student Government is hosting a town hall meeting about free speech. It is being co-sponsored by Student Affairs.
- There are 5 more meetings after tonight.

6:06 pm New Business from Committee

6:07 pm Motion to move S2004-041 to after S2004-057 (Megan Flocken)

6:07 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote.

6:07 pm **S2004-052 Funded Recognition of CMU Gaming Club**

6:09 pm Questions

- Currently rely heavily on donations for board games, etc and does not spend money.
- Club membership requires \$10 donation or donation of a game.
- Only members may borrow games for 1 week but everyone is welcome to come to meetings and use the games during that time.
- Club is not interested in computer/online games, only social tabletop games.

6:11 pm Discussion

6:11 pm Motion to change Funded Recognition motion to \$500 Special Allocation (Matt Rado)

- Not appropriate because the new motion does not retain the base of the original motion. This is dictated by Robert's Rules.

6:15 pm Discussion

6:16 pm Call the Question (Megan Flocken)

6:16 pm Vote on S2004-052

Passes, voice vote

6:16 pm **S2004-053 Funded Recognition of Undergraduate Finance Association**

6:17 pm Questions

- Examples of events: panels to have people speak about ethical concerns and life in the financial world, panels of current students who have experience in the finance world to speak about it.
 - Working with ARCC to bring in a guest speaker to speak about Chinese culture in the finance world but cannot pay for speaker fees.
- Chartered Honor society
- Investment challenge for people interested. It requires books about finance culture that the library does not have and people have requested.
- Alumni speakers are not paid – voluntary. Club is not able to give any type of recognition gift. If funding is given, it might make it easier to promote goodwill because a small gift of appreciation can be given.
- Dues go to food for meetings and printing costs. Money is limited.
- Focus is not to draw members to the professional world but to prepare members and bring their interest together.
- Not asking for money for those programs because already covered by schools. Would like to use money to enhance social events. They are really small right now but would like to extend this to whole community.
- Would like to run movie night in places like Doherty but do not have money.

6:24 pm Discussion

6:24 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:24 pm Vote on S2004-53

Passes, voice vote

6:25 pm Motion to move S2004-54 after S2004-51 (Megan Flocken)

6:25 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote.

6:25 pm **S2004-055 Special Allocation of \$1750 to Robotics**

6:27 pm Questions

- This special allocation goes towards parts acquisition/building the robot.

- Official members pay dues.

6:30 pm Discussion

6:30 pm Motion to suspend the 36 hour word-tracking rule in effect so that this motion can be passed without violation (Steve Kling)

6:30 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

6:31 pm Call the Question (Steve Kling)

6:31 pm Vote on S2004-055

Passes, voice vote

6:31 pm **S2004-056 Special Allocation of \$1000 to OM**

6:33 pm Questions

- OM is a spiritual organization for Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs so it does not qualify for funded recognition status because it is a religious organization.
- \$5 entrance fee covers t-shirt and lunch.\

6:34 pm Discussion

6:34 pm Call the Question (Wei Tang)

6:34 pm Vote on S2004-056

Passes, voice vote

6:34 pm Motion to move S2004-057 to after S2004-054 (Megan Flocken)

6:35 pm Motion withdrawn because James Auwaerter will abstain from voting and represent the Tartan

6:35 pm **S2004-057 Special Allocation of \$2500 to The Tartan**

6:35 pm Questions

- Allocation will go towards the special publication of the Natrat.
- No revenues will be generated because people are hesitant to place ads in Natrat due to repercussions that occurred 2 years ago.
- Natrat is the most popular issue of The Tartan so distribution will not be reduced. This is an extremely commemorative issue that people tend to save/remember more than other issues of Tartan.
- The Natrat planned for the fall semester was not distributed last year.

6:41 pm Discussion

6:44 pm Call the Question

6:44 pm Objection (Wei Tang)

6:46 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:46 pm Vote on S2004-057

Passes, hand vote (18-2-5)

6:47 pm **S2004-051 Non-Funded Recognition of Student Initiative for the Arts**

6:49 pm Questions

- There are no organizations with similar awareness goals. Trying to work with Scotch 'n' Soda, AB Tech, and Dancer's Symposium.

6:50 pm Discussion

6:50 pm Call the Question (Kristina Wiltsee)

6:50 pm Vote on S2004-051

Passes, voice vote

6:51 pm **S2004-054 Non-Funded Recognition of Game Creation Society**

6:51 pm Questions

- This active group is planning to get a one time startup fee to get desktops/laptops/high performance machines to allow members to do their work.

6:54 pm Discussion

6:54 pm Call the Question (Hussein Al-Baya)

6:54 pm Vote on S2004-054

Passes, voice vote

6:54 pm Special Business

6:55 pm Motion to move S2004-050 to after S2004-049 (Daniel Papasian)

6:55 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

6:55 pm **S2004-048 Amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body**

6:57 pm Questions

- Recommend restating to Vice President *for* Finance for consistency

6:58 pm Discussion

6:58 pm Motion from Internal Development to amend last item to read that excess funds are "solely for the JFC budgeting process for the following spring." (Nicholas Scocozzo)

Passes, acclamation

6:59 pm Motion to divide out amendment to change "Treasurer" to "Vice President of Finance" (Daniel Papasian)

7:00 pm Discussion on motion to divide out amendment to change "Treasurer" to "Vice President of Finance"

- Change to "Vice President for Finance" made under the Harber administration

7:00 pm Vote on Motion to divide out amendment to change "Treasurer" to "Vice President of Finance"

Passes, voice vote

7:03 pm Discussion of motion to amend all references of "Treasurer" to "Vice President of Finance"

7:03 pm Motion to change Vice President of Finance to Vice President for Finance for the sake of consistency (Nicholas Scocozzo)

7:03 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

7:04 pm Discussion on original motion for amendment

7:04 pm Call to Question (Steve Kling)

7:04 pm Objection

7:06 pm Move to Question (Steve Kling)

Passes, hand vote (19-3-3)

7:08 pm Vote on the amendment of changing Treasurer to Vice President for Finance as stated in the proposed amendments

Passes, hand vote (20-3-3)

7:10 pm Motion to amend the Vice President of Finance from "of" to "for" in Vacant Seat section (Nicholas Scocozzo)

7:10 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

7:11 pm Motion to add "as funded" after "Organizations recognized" in the first proposed amendments

7:11 pm Discussion

7:13 pm Call the Question (Steve Kling)

7:14 pm Objection (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:14 pm Straw Poll (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:14 pm Move the Question (Jonathan Mendelson)

Passes, hand vote (15-7-2)

7:16 pm Vote on amendment to add "as funded" after "organizations recognized"

Fails, hand vote (7-12-5)

7:18 pm Discussion on the rest of the slate of amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body

7:23 pm Motion to divide out filling Vice President for Finance vacancies from the rest of the amendments (Dan Papasian)

Passes, voice vote

7:24 pm Discussion of this motion

7:31 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:32 pm Objection (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:32 pm Motion to amend it to: In the event of a vacant Vice President for Finance seat, Senate and GSA should approve an interim from the student body. (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:33 pm Motion to have a 2 minute recess so Erik can put his motion in writing (Daniel Papasian)

7:33 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

7:39 pm Reconvene

7:40 pm Discussion of amendment to filling the Vice President for Finance vacancy procedure to: In the event of a vacancy of the Vice President for Finance's seat, an interim who meets the eligibility requirements for the position shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Student Senate and GSA. (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:40 pm Discussion

7:45 pm Call to Question (Matt Rado)

7:45 pm Vote on the amendment of 2a on the proposed amendments list

Fails, hand vote (4-13-4)

7:46 pm Discussion of the vacancy amendment 2a as stated on the proposed amendments sheet

7:47 pm Call to Question (Steve Kling)

7:47 pm Vote on amending the constitution as seen written on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body regarding section 2a

Passes, hand vote (16-4-1)

7:48 pm Discussion of the slate of the remainder of the constitutional amendments

7:48 pm Call to Question

7:48 pm Objection

7:49 pm Move the Question (Matt Rado)

Fails, hand vote (9-9-2)

7:50 pm Motion to divide out first proposed amendment/point (Daniel Papasian)

7:51 pm Discussion

7:52 pm Call to Question (James Auwaerter)

7:52 pm Vote on motion to divide out first proposed amendment

Fails, hand vote (9-10-3)

7:53 pm Discussion of the rest of the slate of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body

8:00 pm Motion to reconsider the amendment to restate the first amendment to

“recognized as funded” (Michelle Birchak)

(Senator Birchak was in opposition to the original corresponding motion to amend, making this motion valid.)

8:02 pm Discussion

8:06 pm Move the Question (James Auwaerter)

Passes, voice vote.

8:07 pm Vote on reconsidering the ‘as funded’ addition

Passes, hand vote (15-2-4)

8:08 pm Discussion

8:08 pm Move the Question (Jonathan Mendelson)

Passes, hand vote (12-6-3)

8:09 pm Vote on amending the slate to state “organizations recognized as funded...”

Passes, hand vote (16-2-4)

8:10 pm Discussion of main slate proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body

8:11 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

8:11 pm Objection

8:11 pm Move the Question (James Auwaerter)

Fails, hand vote (6-11-4)

8:14 pm Discussion of main slate

8:15 pm Motion to remove the comma after President’s seat in amendment 1a. (Erik Michaels-Ober)

8:16 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

8:17 pm Motion to amend “swift, but considerate” to “15 academic days” regarding the process of setting a deadline for receiving petitions (Erik Michaels-Ober)

8:17 pm Discussion

8:24 pm Friendly amendment to set deadline to “no fewer than 15 and no more than 20 academic days” (Jay Pujara)

Accepted as friendly.

8:25 pm Discussion

8:28 pm Motion to change the “15 days” to “10 days” (Julie Beckenstein)

8:28 pm Move the Question (Steve Kling)

Passes, voice vote

8:29 pm Vote on motion to change deadline from “no fewer than 15” to “no fewer than 10”

Passes, voice vote

8:30 pm Discussion on motion of specifying deadline

8:30 pm Call the Question (Megan Flocken)

8:30 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

8:31 pm Discussion on remainder of main slate

8:31 pm Call to Question (Matt Rado)

8:31 pm Vote on passing the remainder of slate

Passes, hand vote (16-2-3)

8:32 pm **Motion to postpone S2004-049 Amendment to the Student Senate Bylaws to next meeting** (Steve Kling)

8:32 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote.

8:33 pm **S2004-050 Approval of the Elections Board Chair** – Chris Watkins, nominee

8:35 pm Questions

- The elections board chair will have control of elections.
- Current status of elections server is that it is complete except for Websio and programming names into databases.
- Testing of the server will be investigated further.

8:37 pm Discussion

8:37 pm Vote on S2004-050

Passes, voice vote

8:37 pm New Business From the Floor (none)

8:38 pm Points of Discussion

- Internal Development has been discussing Senate Social.

- Discussion of April 1 for the Social (after Senate meeting) because other dates are either too close or too past carnival.
 - Social is after Senate meeting because of tradition
 - Go to ID to voice concerns regarding date of social
- Discussion of appropriate use of moving the question
 - Should discuss this issue when more Senators are present

9:01 pm Motion to end Points of Discussion

Passes by acclamation

9:01 pm Announcements

- Student Government and Student Affairs is hosting a campus wide discussion entitled “Free Speech, Public Expression, and Community Engagement” on Tuesday March 23 at 4:30 PM in UC Rangos 3. Come and participate in this discussion!
- Petition deadlines are getting close! Run for Student Government! Petitions for Executive (SBP, SBVPF) positions are due March 23 at 5 PM, and petitions for Senate are due March 27 at 5 PM at the UC Info Desk. Petitions are available at the Info Desk or at www.stusen.org. Let’s get as many people on the ballot as possible!
- The next Student Senate meeting is Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 5:30 PM in Margaret Morrison 103. See you there!

9:02 pm Motion to Adjourn (Vito Fiore)

Passes by acclamation

9:02 pm Adjourn