

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of August 28, 2003

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: James Auwaerter (CIT), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Tim Bowen (HSS), Wai-Loon Chan (CFA, left early, 0.5 absences), Jason Chen (CFA), Vito Fiore (MCS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Naomi Haskell (SIA), James Hazelrig (CIT), Chen Huang (CIT), Sooran Kim (CFA, left early, excused, 0.5 absences), Steven Kling (CIT), Ben Loving (MCS), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Priya Nattama (SCS), Jay Pujara (SCS, left early, excused, 0.5 absence), Matt Rado (HSS, left early, 0.5 absences), Edward Ryan (MCS), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Deniz Secilmis (CFA, left early, 0.5 absences), Randy Sinnott (CIT, late, excused), Alex Sussman (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Christopher Watkins (HSS), Michelle Webb (MCS), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Jack Wu (SCS, left early, excused), Joshua Yearsley (HSS, left early, excused)

Senators Absent: Elizabeth Anderson (HSS, 1 absence), Robert Andre (CIT, 1 absence), Eric Hong (CFA, 1 absence), Morgan Springer (CFA, 1 absence)

5:39 pm Call to Order

5:39 pm Approval of Minutes

5:39 pm Amendments to the May 1 minutes, last meeting of the spring 2003 session

- Remove timestamp for Points of Discussion
- Aviva Rubin was excused absent

5:42 pm Minutes pass by acclamation

5:42 pm Amendments to the May 1 minutes, first meeting of the fall 2003 session

- Aviva Rubin, Wai-Loon Chan, Jason Chen, Sergio DeOrbeta, Sooran Kim, Jonathan Mendelson, and Deniz Secilmis, were excused absent
- 8:08 pm Election of Academic Affairs Chairperson: correct all spellings of Erik Michaels-Ober
- 9:45 pm Election of the Internal Development Chairperson: Change all instances of "Priya" to "Sivanipriya"

5:44 pm Minutes pass by acclamation

5:44 pm Pending Unfinished Special Business

5:44 pm Election of Sergeant-at-Arms

5:44 pm Nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms: James Auwaerter

5:45 pm Candidate speech and questioning: James Auwaerter

5:47 pm Discussion on election of sergeant-at-arms

5:48 pm Motion to elect James Auwaerter as sergeant-at-arms

5:48 pm Discussion on electing James Auwaerter as sergeant-at-arms

5:48 pm Vote to elect James Auwaerter as sergeant-at-arms

Passes, voice vote

5:49 pm Audience Participation – None

5:49 pm Ex-Officio Reports

5:49 pm Activities Board (Chris Smoak)

- This semester's 1st issue of ReadMe is out.
- AB helped fund bond fire and laser tag orientation events.
- McConomy movies will be shown this week as normal.
- There will be a concert in the Underground this weekend.
- The green bike project bikes are now available for checkout.
- AB and WRCT are sponsoring a concert Saturday September 6.
- Political films will be shown the first Wednesday of every month in McConomy.

5:53 pm Campus Police (Steve Senkel)

- New shuttle escort pamphlets are available
- Blue light emergency phones have been installed. Six additional phones will be going up soon.
- Campus police bike-officers have new brightly colored uniforms.

5:56 pm Graduate Student Assembly – Not Present

5:56 pm Greek Council (Ben Loving)

- Greek Council met last night. For the next 3 weeks, meetings will be held Monday nights at 9pm.
- The Greek community is undertaking the yearlong philanthropy event Up Til Dawn.
- Greek council will be working to improve relations between the Greek community and the campus community this semester.
- There will hopefully be a Greek newsletter coming out soon.

5:59 pm **Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- The deadline to register for a table at the Student Activities Fair is 5pm tomorrow

6:01 pm **Student Dormitory Council** – Not Present

6:01 pm **Student Body President** (Dan Gilman)

- The UC Lower Level Grand Opening will be tomorrow from noon to 5pm. Please send your feedback on the new facilities to concerns@andrew.cmu.edu.
- Safe walk will operate from 10pm-2am out of the UC basement this semester.
- Blue light phones have been installed and the escort stops are now marked.
- A letter to the freshmen funded by Student Senate, Activities Board, and Student Affairs was sent out and many responses have been received.

6:03 pm **Student Body Vice President** – Not Present

6:03 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** – Not Present

6:03 pm Standing Committee Reports

6:03 pm **Academic Affairs** (James Hazelrig)

- The commencement speaker e-mail will be sent out to seniors soon.
- Diploma issues are still being worked out
- The new exam policy, the music department's implementation of the moratorium policy, and HSS overloading policies are still being addressed.

6:05 pm **Business Affairs** (Steven Kling)

- Over the summer, a report was put together looking at the bookstore pricing. A link to the report can be found on the business affairs webpage.
- Parking and dining issues are still being worked out.
- Due to lack of funding, letters regarding the social security student ids was not sent to the freshman.

6:08 pm **Campus Life** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Last semester the poster and graffiti policy was updated. This semester Campus Life will work to ensure compliance with the new policy.
- The smoking policy is still being worked out.
- The cluster printing policy will be evaluated this semester.

6:12 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- The new senate webpage will be ready soon. Please let us take your photo for the new page.

6:13 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Naomi Haskell) – No Report

6:13 pm **Internal Development** (Priya Nattama)

- The Freedom of Information Policy will be reevaluated this semester.
- Committee assignments have been made.
- The senate retreat will be Saturday, September 6. Attendance is mandatory. If you can't make it, an alternate time will be arranged to go over the missed information.
- TESA locks were installed on the UC third floor over the summer.
- Senate will have a table set up at the Activities Fair next Thursday from 4:30-6:30. Please come and help out.

6:19 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- Welcome.
- Weekly committee meetings will be starting up soon. Please attend.
- Please read all your senate e-mail.

6:21 pm New Business from Committee - None

6:21 pm Special Business

6:21 pm **Special Election to fill the Funding and Recognition Committee Chairperson Vacancy**

6:21 pm Motion to table until future meeting and for seat to be filled by an interim chair appointed by the Senate Chair in the interim (Steven Kling)

6:21 pm Questions about motion to table and appoint interim chair

- A chair is needed to get the funding process underway. However, some feel that better candidates for the position will be available next week.
- Discussion about the bylaws relative to the motion

6:27 pm Motion determined out of order by the chair

6:27 pm Nominations for the position of Funding and Recognition Chairperson: Randy Sinnott

6:28 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Randy Sinnott

6:35 pm Discussion on the election of the funding and recognition chairperson

6:41 pm Motion to give Daniel Papasian speaking rights (Steven Kling)

6:41 pm Objection to motion to give Daniel Papasian speaking rights

6:41 pm Motion to give Daniel Papasian speaking rights withdrawn

6:42 pm Discussion on the election of the funding and recognition chairperson

6:50 pm Motion to table until future meeting and for seat to be filled by an interim chair appointed by the Senate Chair in the interim (Steven Kling)

6:50 pm Motion determined out of order by the chair

6:50 pm Appeal to overturn ruling of the chair (Steven Kling)

6:51 pm Reading of bylaws sections III.B.2.f and III.B.2.d

6:52 pm Vote to overturn ruling of the chair (2/3 vote)

Hand vote, fails (6-18-2)

6:53 pm Discussion on the election of the funding and recognition chairperson

6:55 pm Motion to elect Randy Sinnott as funding and recognition chairperson (Yanna Weisberg)

6:55 pm Discussion on electing Randy Sinnott as funding and recognition chairperson

6:57 pm Motion to end discussion

6:57 pm Vote to end discussion (2/3 vote)

Hand vote, passes (20-0-5)

6:59 pm Vote to elect Randy Sinnott as funding and recognition chairperson

Fails, hand vote

6:59 pm Discussion on the election of the funding and recognition chairperson

7:00 pm Motion to table until future meeting and for seat to be filled by an interim chair appointed by the Senate Chair in the interim (Steven Kling)

7:00 pm Vote to table until future meeting and for seat to be filled by an interim chair appointed by the Senate Chair in the interim

Passes, hand vote (24-0-1)

7:03 pm **F2003-01 Approval of Student Body President's Ad-Hoc Committee on the Student Activities Fee**

7:03 pm Questions on F2003-01

- Committee members will include the student body vice president of finance, the president of the graduate student assembly, the undergraduate student senate chair, one member of the undergraduate student body, and one member of the graduate student body.
- The committee may make recommendations to adjust the student activities fee amount.

7:06 pm Discussion of F2003-01

7:06 pm Vote on F2003-01

Passes, hand vote (22-0-1)

7:07 pm New Business from the Floor

7:07 pm **Motion to suspend the bylaws** to allow Ben Magallon to use his most recent petition to fill a vacancy this semester

7:07 pm Questions

- Ben Magallon asked to use his vacancy petition for the elections held last spring in accordance to the bylaws. Due to error, his name was never placed on the ballot.

7:09 pm Discussion on suspending the bylaws

7:09 pm Vote to suspend the bylaws (2/3 vote)

Passes, hand vote (18-0-5)

7:10 pm Motion to fill CFA vacancy with Ben Magallon (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:10 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Ben Magallon not present

7:10 pm Discussion on filling CFA vacancy with Ben Magallon

7:13 pm Motion to end discussion on filling CFA vacancy with Ben Magallon

7:13 pm Vote to end discussion

Passes, hand vote (16-4-2)

7:14 pm Vote to fill CFA vacancy with Ben Magallon

Passes, hand vote

7:16 pm **Motion to recess for website photos** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:16 pm Objection (Priya Nattama)

7:16 pm Motion withdrawn

7:16 pm **Motion to elect Aaron Walker as a Member at Large**

7:16 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Aaron Walker not present

7:16 pm Discussion on electing Aaron Walker as a member at large

7:18 pm Vote to elect Aaron Walker as a member at large

Passes, hand vote

7:18 pm **Motion to elect Daniel Papasian as a Member at Large**

7:18 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Daniel Papasian

7:19 pm Discussion on electing Daniel Papasian as a member at large

7:19 pm Vote to elect Daniel Papasian as a member at large

Passes, voice vote

7:19 pm Points of Discussion

- Appropriateness of granting speaking rights
- Randy Sinnott and Daniel Papasian are both interested in filling either the JFC chair or the F&R chair position with no preference other than time constraints.
- Difference between calling and moving the question and appropriateness of using one or the other

- There are no CFA vacancies still existing
- Appropriate use of suspending of the rules

7:24 pm Announcements

- Welcome to Senate! Committee assignments are complete and your committee chairs should contact you shortly to set up your meeting schedule. Let's get down to business!
- The Student Senate Retreat will be held Saturday, September 6 from 11 AM to 3 PM. More information will be provided soon. Senators are required to attend. Please RSVP to Priya (snattama@andrew.cmu.edu) ASAP.
- Student Senate needs to send 8 Senate representatives to serve on the Joint Funding Committee. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Vito (yvf@andrew.cmu.edu).
- The Fall Activities Fair is 4:30-6:30 PM on Thursday September 4. Student Senate will be present at the fair prior to our meeting to promote the organization and to talk to interested students. Please consider attending.
- The newly renovated University Center Lower Level is now open, complete with a new recreation center (Scotland Yard), food vendor (Andy's), a unified mail center, and an expanded Career Center. Spread the word!

7:28 pm Adjourn