

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of February 26, 2004

5:39 pm Roll Call

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

Senators Absent: Michelle Birchak (CIT, 1 absence), Tom Terraccino (SIA, excused)

Members at Large Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Sarah Sareen (HSS)

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

5:41 pm Call to Order

5:43 pm Approval of Minutes

5:43 pm Amendments to the February 19th minutes

- Text of the original amendment of S2004-035 should be stated in the minutes
- Change the spelling to “fliers” and “fence” in the 5th bullet.
- KGB’s event is at 7 PM

5:45 pm Passed by acclamation

5:45 pm Audience Participation (none)

5:45 pm Ex-officio Reports

5:45 pm **Activities Board** (Chris Smoak)

- Little Otik, Master and Commander, and Donnie Darko are playing this week at the UC

5:46 pm **Campus Police**

- Fliers discussing safety alerts and street smarts distributed

- Discussed tips on personal safety: many victims put themselves in a position to be victimized. Everyone should take personal precautions, such as never walking alone at night, females especially.

5:49 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** – not present

5:49 pm **Greek Council** (Derrick Steigerwalt)

- Data Match forms will be available this week. Forms are free to fill out, but cost \$2 to receive results. Each Greek house will have its own box. All the money made by each house will go towards the philanthropy of the house's choice.
- No update on issue with using AB Tech for Greek Sing
 - Soldiers and Sailors recently acquired new equipment and is hesitant to let AB Tech come in and use their own equipment for Greek Sing.

5:51 pm **Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- Pre-College Counselor forms available in the Student Life Office.
 - Info Sessions: March 2 and March 3 at 4:30 in the McKenna room
 - Applications are due March 17 by noon
 - 7,300 high school students participate in this 6 week program
- Dean Murphy is speaking in the Dowd room tonight at 7:30 PM

5:52 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Dan Jentzen)

- Election results: new President is Debbie Hugh, new Vice-President is Jana Leong
- Other positions will be filled next week
- Matrix Revolutions is playing Saturday night
- The mp3 issue for the cross-campus Napster service for music has not been resolved
 - Feedback on the mp3 project can be sent to SDC@andrew.cmu.edu
- 184 attended Scary Movie 3 last week

5:55 pm **Student Body President** (Dan Gilman)

- Student Commencement speaker will be decided tomorrow.
- SARC and Alumni Relations are trying to change relationships with students.
- Buggy practices are starting soon, so move your cars during practice hours from the practice area or it will be towed. If you are involved in Buggy, start practicing.
- A transcript of the Bill Gates lecture can be found on both the CMU and Microsoft websites.
- Office Hours have been changed from 3:30 to 2:30 on Monday.

5:58 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Gil Dussek)

- Dean Murphy and Anita Barkin have put together a 3 page summary of what Health Services provides for those who have the cold or flu.

- The Carnegie Mellon Web Portal is now open and can be accessed at my.cmu.edu. It has Campus Express and DineX purchase and balance information. Currently the purchase history dates back to a month but soon it will show the history for the entire semester. After Spring Break, it will have the functionality of giving bus schedule information – when the next bus coming inbound or outbound will come. It can also be used to find what is currently on at WRCT. Posters to advertise this service will be posted after Spring Break.

6:00 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** (Paul Richelmi)

- JFC has started.
- Questions about process or any of the groups can be directed to Paul, Nick, or the reps.
- Budgets are due Saturday, March 20.
- Student Body Activities Fee Committee has met again and hopefully their report will come out next month to direct JFC.
- New JFC chair is Nick Scocozzo.
- SSA, Ice Hockey Club, and Ballroom Dance Club have been audited.

6:04 pm **Student Body Dining Chair** (Russell Borum)

- Met with Dean Murphy to work on informing students about dining plan.
 - Expect to present to SDC and Student Senate at the end of March
 - Possibility of reopening Highlander
 - Students will receive financial information about dining plans
 - Implementation of mandatory meal plans a possible solution for Dining Services' financial problems

6:05 pm New Business from Committee

6:05 pm Motion to move S2004-040 to after S2004-046 (Megan Flocken)

6:05 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote.

6:07 pm **S2004-037 SLATE of Non-Funded Recognition of Student National Medical Association Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (SNMA-MAPS) and Non-Funded Recognition of Draw Everything! Club**

6:08 pm Questions

- SNMA-MAPS focuses on minority doctors and pre-health students (example: nurses)

6:09 pm Discussion

6:09 pm Call the Question

6:09 pm Vote on S2004-037

Passes, voice vote

6:09 pm **S2004-038 Funded Recognition of Carnegie Mellon Computer Club**

6:11 pm Questions on S2004-038

- Club is currently carrying approximately \$1900 in bills.
- Working on upgrading the mail server and new spam filter
- Most hardware has been donated and there are no immediate plans for purchasing new hardware. Once the club is out of debt, any remaining money will be used to purchase new hardware.
- New server address is cc.cmu.edu
- Student Senate consulted the Computer Club 2.5 years ago about elections. The Computer Club was contracted by Student Senate.
- General position is that anyone seeking computer expertise from the club will receive help. Members are usually pretty knowledgeable about computing services.
- Computer Club meetings are held Saturdays at 6 PM.

6:15 pm Discussion on S2004-038

6:15 pm Call the Question

6:15 pm Vote on S2004-038

Passes, voice vote

6:16 pm **S2004-039 Funded Recognition of the Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team**

6:16 pm Questions on S2004-039

- Dues are not collected from members but members pay for their own permanent equipment. There are been no fundraisers to date.
- Events are intercollegiate. There are local and regional tournaments.
- The club started last semester.
- Their mailing list has 20-25 people and there are 8-9 active participants.

6:19 pm Discussion on S2004-039

6:19 pm Call the Question (Hussein Al Baya)

6:19 pm Objection (Tim Bowen)

6:25 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:25 pm Objection (Edward Ryan)

6:27 pm Straw Poll (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:27 pm Discussion on S2004-039

- Distinction between Paintball Team and Paintball Club.

6:36 pm Move the Question

Passes, hand vote (28-0-2)

6:38 pm Vote on S2004-039

Passes, 2/3 hand vote (19-9-3)

6:39 pm **S2004-041 Special Allocation of \$940 to Water Polo**

6:41 pm Questions on S2004-041

- Teams from the area play

6:42 pm Discussion on S2004-041

6:43 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

Passes, voice vote

6:43 pm **S2004-042 Special Allocation of \$591.60 to Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team**

6:43 pm Questions on S2004-042

6:46 pm Motion to divide the paint and entry fees from the rest of the allocation so that \$400 is to be allocated to the Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:46 pm Straw Poll (Jonathan Mendelson)

6:46 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:46 pm Objection

6:48 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

Passes, voice vote

6:50 pm Motion to allocate \$191.60 to the Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team

6:51 pm Discussion on new motion

6:51 pm Motion to change the allocation to half the amount (\$95.80)

6:51 pm Discussion on the amended motion

6:53 pm Straw Poll (Matt Brooks)

6:53 pm Discussion of the amended motion

6:58 pm Move the Question (Jonathan Mendelson)

Passes, voice vote

6:59 pm Vote on amendment of motion to allocate \$191.60 to the Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team

Fails, hand vote

7:01 pm Motion to discuss original motion to allocate \$191.60 to the Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team

7:01 pm Discussion of motion to allocate \$191.60 to Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team

7:04 pm Move the Question (Matt)

Passes, voice vote

7:05 pm Motion for a roll call vote (Jonathan Mendelson)

7:06 pm Vote on motion to allocate \$191.60 to Carnegie Mellon Paintball Team

Passes, roll call (26-3-2) – see Appendix I

7:08 pm Motion to move S2004-040 to be discussed currently

7:09 pm **S2004-040 Special Allocation of \$4000 to Rebecca Deutsch for Women's Voices in Higher Education**

7:12 pm Questions on S2004-040

- Asking for \$4000 because total cost of project is \$6700. Any donors will have their names put on the plaques so Student Senate may have their names placed on a plaque.
- Finished project will last on the conservative estimate of 10-15 years.
- Dean Murphy and Indira Nair support the project but do not have the funds to donate the money.
- Rebecca is a 5th year scholar who is working on this project as part of her requirement for the program. She will not receive any course credit for this project.
- The mural will go inside the Margaret Morrison and will relate directly to the quotes on the rotunda of Margaret Morrison.
- Carnegie Mellon foundations are reluctant to give monetary support to this project because it does not directly help the greater community.

7:24 pm Discussion of S2004-040

7:24 pm Point of Order requested (Steven Kling)

7:24 pm Point of Order overruled (Vito Fiore)

7:25 pm Discussion of S2004-040

7:30 pm Motion to amend the allocation to \$1500 (Matt Rado)

7:31 pm Discussion of amendment to S2004-040

- Giving the reduced amount of \$1500 means the project cannot be completed.

7:48 pm Move the Question (Nicolette Louissaint)

Passes, hand vote (19-6-1)

7:50 pm Vote on motion to amend S2004-040

Fails, hand vote (4-18-4)

7:50 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:51 pm Objection

7:51 pm Move the Question (Tom Terraccino)

Fails, 2/3 hand vote (13-11-3)

7:52 pm Discussion of S2004-040

8:00 pm Move the Question (Jay Pujara)

Passes, 2/3 hand vote (19-2-4)

8:03 pm Vote on S2004-040

Passes, roll call (16-9-1) – see Appendix II

8:08 pm Motion to postpone S2004-036 to March 25

Passes, voice vote

8:08 pm Motion to Slate S2004-043 and S2004-044

Passes by acclamation

8:08 pm **S2004-043 and S2004-044 Special Allocation of \$130 to Sustainable Students and \$150 to Circle K**

8:09 pm Questions on S2004-043 and S2004-044

- Public service announcements are environmental, not political.

8:10 pm Discussion of S2004-043 and S2004-044

8:11 pm Call the Question

Passes, voice vote

8:11 pm Motion to slate S2004-045 and S2004-046

Fails by acclamation

8:12 pm **S2004-045 Special Allocation of \$1000 to SIAM (Thai Students Organization)**

8:14 pm Questions on S2004-045

- Thai Night 2004 will be held on March 26.

8:15 pm Discussion of S2004-045

- At Food for Thought, people commented that more intercollegiate events were needed.

8:15 pm Call the Question (Hussein Al Baya)

8:16 pm Vote on S2004-045

Passes, voice vote

8:16 pm **S2004-046 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Vietnamese Student Association**

8:17 pm Questions on S2004-046

- The pageant will be a competition for all recognized campus organizations. Each organization can enter a representative to compete.
- There will be a panel of judges to decide the winner. The winner will be crowned Miss CMU and Mr. CMU. They will receive a trophy and a ticket to Europe, paid for by sponsors, not Student Senate.
- This will become an annual beauty/cultural/creativity/talent pageant.

8:19 pm Discussion of S2004-046

- 50% of the involvement will come from audience participation.

- There is already some organizational interest.

8:19 pm Call the Question (Jon Mendelson)

8:19 pm Objection (Tim Bowen)

8:23 pm Call the Question (Ben Loving)

8:23 pm Vote on S2004-046

Passes, voice vote

8:24 pm **S2004-047 Senate Session Rule on Committee Business Notification**

8:25 pm Questions on S2004-047

8:26 pm Motion to recess for 5 minutes to relocate to UC 318 (Jay Pujara)

Passes by acclamation

8:26 pm Recess

8:34 pm Call to Order

8:34 pm Friendly motion to amend S2004-047 to “any committee business not submitted 48 hours in advance will be postponed to the next meeting.”

8:35 pm Motion to amend “48 hours” to “36 hours” (Jay Pujara)

8:35 pm Discussion on motion to amend S2004-047

8:43 pm Vote on S2004-047 amendment to 36 hours

Passes, voice vote

8:43 pm Vote on S2004-047

Passes, voice vote

(Text of passed session rule: *All motions from committee must be reduced to text via Motiontracker or by email to Senate 36 hours before the General Body meeting. Any committee business not submitted 36 hours in advance will be postponed to the next meeting. If the motion is in relation to a student organization, the organization's Orgtracker entry must be updated.*)

8:44 pm **S2004-048 Introduction of SLATE of Amendments to the Constitution of the Student Body and S2004-049 Introduction of SLATE of Amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws**

8:44 pm Discussion of S2004-048 and S2004-049

- Senators are encouraged to read the documents
- Email Internal Development for any questions or comments

8:45 pm Motion to welcome Eileen (Daniel Papasian)

“Whoo” by Vito

8:46 pm New Business From the Floor (none)

8:46 pm Points of Discussion

- Please be mindful of each other's comments. Try not to interrupt when someone has the floor.
- Respect not only Senators, but everyone else present at meeting and/or speaking.
- Vito apologizes for time constraint in Peter/Wright/McKenna room.
- Issues are given more consideration at meetings now than they were in meetings of past years.
- All motions should be given full consideration, regardless of time.,
- Please try not to insult other Senators, regardless of personal feelings toward the Senator or the Senator's comments.
- "Racing" to Call the question is inappropriate. It shows disrespect to the motion. Comments should be made to acknowledge the motion.
- FNR Committee would not allow motions to be brought to the floor unless it believes Student Senate can/should fund it.
- Every dollar is important and should be spent for a good cause, not because Student Senate can afford to fund.
- There was an editorial in the Tartan about the inappropriateness of signing the Black National Anthem at school events. Student Senate should not try to censor, but consider the issue to prevent campus fights.

9:07 pm Motion to end Points of Discussion

Passes by acclamation

9:08 pm Announcements

- Student Government Elections are April 6 and 7, 2004. Petitions for Executive positions (President and Vice President for Finance) are due March 23, 2004 and petitions for Senate seats are due March 27, 2004. All Senate seats are up for re-election. Contact jd-chair@stusen.org with any questions.
- The Joint Funding Committee's Information Sessions for funded organizations are being held this Saturday February 28, 2004 at 2 PM and 3 PM in UC McConomy. E-mail sbt@andrew.cmu.edu with any questions.
- There is no general body meeting next week, but all committee business will still take place. The following week is Spring Break and no meetings are scheduled. Enjoy your break!
- The next Student Senate General Body Meeting is Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 5:30 PM in UC Connan. See you there!
- Senators should be proud of their work.

9:10 pm Move to Adjourn (Vito)
Passes by acclamation

9:10 pm Adjourn

February 26, 2004 – Appendix I

Hussein Al Baya	SIA	affirmative
James Auwaerter	CIT	opposed
Julie Beckenstein	HSS	affirmative
Michelle Birchak	CIT	not present
Tim Bowen	HSS	opposed
Matt Brooks	HSS	affirmative
Maureen Burns	CFA	affirmative
Hanish Dayal	CIT	affirmative
Vito Fiore	HSS	abstain
Megan Flocken	HSS	affirmative
Daniel Jentzen	CFA	affirmative
Sooran Kim	CFA	affirmative
Steven Kling	CIT	opposed
Nicolette Louissaint	CIT	affirmative
Ben Loving	MCS	affirmative
Jonathan Mendelson	SCS	affirmative
Erik Michaels-Ober	HSS	affirmative
Rebecca Nathan	CIT	affirmative
Daniel Papasian	CIT	affirmative
Nasheena Porter	HSS	affirmative
Jay Pujara	SCS	affirmative
Matt Rado	HSS	affirmative
Meg Richards	SCS	affirmative
Edward Ryan	MCS	abstain
Thomas Sabram	CIT	affirmative
Nicholas Scocozzo	CIT	affirmative
Alex Sussman	SIA	affirmative
Wei Tang	SHS	affirmative
Tom Terraccino	SIA	not present
Kristina Wiltsee	MCS	affirmative
Yanna Weisberg	SHS	affirmative
Yew Choe Wong	CIT	affirmative
Jack Wu	SCS	affirmative
Eleanor Zimmermann	MCS	affirmative

February 26, 2004 – Appendix II

Hussein Al Baya	SIA	affirmative
James Auwaerter	CIT	opposed
Julie Beckenstein	HSS	affirmative
Michelle Birchak	CIT	not present
Tim Bowen	HSS	opposed
Matt Brooks	HSS	affirmative
Maureen Burns	CFA	affirmative
Hanish Dayal	CIT	opposed
Vito Fiore	HSS	abstain
Megan Flocken	HSS	affirmative
Daniel Jentzen	CFA	opposed
Sooran Kim	CFA	affirmative
Steven Kling	CIT	opposed
Nicolette Louissaint	CIT	affirmative
Ben Loving	MCS	affirmative
Jonathan Mendelson	SCS	affirmative
Erik Michaels-Ober	HSS	affirmative
Rebecca Nathan	CIT	affirmative
Daniel Papasian	CIT	affirmative
Nasheena Porter	HSS	affirmative
Jay Pujara	SCS	affirmative
Matt Rado	HSS	opposed
Meg Richards	SCS	not present
Edward Ryan	MCS	not present
Thomas Sabram	CIT	affirmative
Nicholas Scocozzo	CIT	opposed
Alex Sussman	SIA	not present
Wei Tang	SHS	opposed
Tom Terraccino	SIA	not present
Kristina Wiltsee	MCS	not present
Yanna Weisberg	SHS	affirmative
Yew Choe Wong	CIT	not present
Jack Wu	SCS	not present
Eleanor Zimmermann	MCS	opposed