

# CMU Student Senate

Minutes of April 29, 2004

## 9:28 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Michelle Birchak (CIT), Matt Brooks (HSS), Maureen Burns (CFA), Hanish Dayal (CIT), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Meg Richards (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS, proxy), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS)

**Senators Absent:** Hussein Al Baya (SIA, 1 absence), James Auwaerter (CIT, 1 absence), Julie Beckenstein (HSS, 1 absence), Tim Bowen (HSS, 1 absence), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, 1 absence), Sooran Kim (CFA, 1 absence), Ben Loving (MCS, 1 absence), Nasheena Porter (HSS, 1 absence), Alex Sussman (SIA, 1 absence), Wei Tang (SHS, 1 absence), Jack Wu (SCS, 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)

## 9:30 pm Call to Order

### 9:30 pm Approval of Minutes

9:30 pm Amendments to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes

- Matt Rado's Academic Affairs report should mention that ROTC and CFA classes have blanket exemptions to the University's moratorium policy.

9:31 pm Passed by acclamation

9:31 pm **Motion to remove Ex-Officio Reports and Final Standing Committee**

**Reports from the agenda and have them submitted by electronic format (Matt Rado)**

9:31 pm Discussion

9:32 pm Call the Question (Megan Flocken)

9:32 pm Vote

    Fails, voice vote

9:32 pm **Motion to limit each Ex-Officio Report and Final Standing Committee Report to only 2 minutes**

9:33 pm Passes by acclamation

9:34 pm **Motion to move S2004-085 and S2004-088 to before Ex-Officio Reports (Megan Flocken)**

9:34 pm Passes by acclamation

9:34 pm **S2004-085 Non-Funded Recognition of CMU Students for Life**

9:35 pm Questions

9:36 pm Discussion

9:36 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

9:36 pm Vote

    Passes, voice vote

9:36 pm **S2004-088 Funded Recognition of Dance Marathon**

9:37 pm Questions

- It is not required for participants to raise money

9:38 pm Discussion

9:30 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

9:39 pm Vote

    Passes, voice vote

9:39 pm **Motion to move S2004-079, S2004-081, and S2004-087 to before Ex-Officio Reports (Megan Flocken)**

9:40 pm Passes by acclamation

9:41 pm **S2004-079 Non-Funded Recognition of Investment Group Analysis**

9:43 pm Questions

9:43 pm Discussion

9:44 pm **Motion to postpone S2004-079 indefinitely with a recommendation that the new session of Senate and Funding and Recognition committee reconsider this motion (Steven Kling)**

9:44 pm Discussion

9:49 pm Call the Question (Daniel Papasian)

9:49 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (9-9-4), chair rules affirmative

9:50 pm **S2004-081 Non-Funded Recognition of Filipino Martial Arts Club**

9:51 pm Questions

9:52 pm Discussion

9:52 pm Call the Question (Nick Scocozzo)

9:52 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:53 pm **Motion to discuss S2004-089 to be before S2004-087**

9:53 pm **S2004-089 Approval of the Activities Board Chair (nominee: Andrew Moore)**

9:55 pm Questions

9:55 pm Discussion

9:55 pm Call the Question (Daniel Papasian)

9:56 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:56 pm **S2004-087 Non-Funded Recognition of Joke Event Student Association**

9:56 pm Questions

9:58 pm Discussion

9:58 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

9:58 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:59 pm **Motion to move S2004-086 to before Ex-Officio Reports** (Megan Flocken)

9:59 pm Passes by acclamation

9:59 pm **S2004-086 Non-Funded Recognition of Athletics Council**

10:00 pm Questions

10:00 pm Discussion

10:00 pm Call the Question (Tom Sabram)

10:00 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

**10:00 pm Ex-Officio Reports**

10:00 pm **Activities Board** (Chris Smoak)

- This has been a great year
- Thank you for voting to approve Andrew as the new chair and for accepting the budgets

- Currently working on bringing Adam West in the fall. He could not be here this spring due to scheduling conflicts

10:02 pm **Campus Police** (not present)

10:02 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** (not present)

10:02 pm **Greek Council** (not present)

10:02 pm **Student Affairs** (John Hannon)

- Jackie Issacson could not be present at this meeting due to a family emergency

10:04 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (not present)

10:04 pm **Student Body President** (not present)

10:04 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Gilbert Dussek)

- Proposals for events monitors will be done by the fall
- The Student Body Multicultural Committee had its banquet. It was very successful.
- Dan and Gil are currently transitioning Julie Beckenstein and Erik Michaels-Ober
- Thanks to Student Senate for all the hard work and effort

10:08 pm **Student Body Vice President for Finance** (not present)

10:08 pm **Student Body Dining Chair** (not present)

### 10:08 pm **Final Standing Committee Reports**

10:08 pm **Academic Affairs** (Matt Rado)

- Note the results of the library hours issue in the written report

10:08 pm **Business Affairs** (Jay Pujara)

- Thanks to the committee
- Please make sure issues do not fall off the table

10:09 pm **Campus Life** (Rebecca Nathan)

- Committee did a great job

10:10 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- The Gavel's latest edition is out
- Would like to acknowledge and thank all members of the committee
- Senate Radio show and CFA involvement in Student Senate were two areas in which this year's communications committee made up for past failures

10:12 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- There is about \$486 left over
- Spent about \$61,000 this year

- Thanks to committee

10:15 pm **Interval Development** (Nick Scocozzo)

- Thank committee
- Great retreat and Senate social this year

10:15 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- Final report was not printed
- This was an unforgettable session of Senate. Great policy changes were made that will be in effect for the next few years
- Dining, elections and finances were on the agenda to be addressed when Vito came into position in Fall 2003. All of these issues have been addressed.
- Freedom of Information Policy and fiscal policy were all huge changes
- Senate should be proud of their work
- Thanks to Ex-Com and executives

10:24 pm **Student Body Vice President for Finance** (Paul Richelmi)

- Report has been passed
- Audited about 12 organizations this year
- Very satisfied with how student organizations spent their money. It shows great responsibility
- Thanks to Vito Fiore, John Hannon, and Jen: it's been a great 4 years.

10:28 pm **S2004-077 Proposed Fiscal Policy Amendments to Senate Bylaws**  
**(Internal Development Committee)**

10:28 pm Questions

10:28 pm Discussion

10:29 pm Call the Question (Megan Flocken)

10:29 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

10:31 pm **Motion to postpone Fiscal Policy by-law amendments indefinitely** (Daniel Papasian)

10:31 pm Discussion

10:32 pm Call the Question (Nick Scocozzo)

10:32 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

10:33 pm **S2004-084 Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaws on Special Allocations to Charity Events**

10:34 pm Questions

- These amendments only pertain to the Special Allocations Fund, not JFC

10:36 pm Discussion

10:37 pm **Motion to add a comma after allocation** (Jay Pujara)

10:37 pm Passes by acclamation

10:37 pm Call the Question (Matt Brooks)

10:38 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (17-1-2)

**10:39 pm New Business from the Floor**

10:39 pm **Introduction of By-laws amendment**

10:40 pm **Motion to suspend the one week rule of introducing amendments** (Daniel Papasian)

10:40 pm Call the Question (Thomas Sabram)

10:40 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

10:40 pm Discussion on the By-laws amendment

10:41 pm Call the Question (Meg Richards)

10:41 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

10:41 pm **Motion to consider resolution to make Vito Fiore honorary chair** (Daniel Papasian)

10:42 pm Discussion

10:42 pm Call the Question (Jay Pujara)

10:43 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

10:43 pm Discussion on the resolution

- Vito Fiore has been one of the most inspiring and influential Senate chairs

10:43 pm Call the Question (Michelle Birchak)

10:43 pm Objection (Erik Michaels-Ober)

10:44 pm Discussion

10:45 pm Move the Question (Edward Ryan)

Fails, voice vote

10:45 pm Discussion

- Discussion of how appreciative Senators are of Vito Fiore's constant support, encouragement, and effort.

10:50 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

10:50 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

**10:51 pm Points of Discussion**

- Senators should reflect on what happened at the JFC meeting tonight.
- Many of the constituents were disappointed with Senate and felt that their voices were not heard
- Senate wanted to give more money but felt GSA repeatedly shut them down
- Constituents need to be more informed of Senate's offices and how they can contact Senators
- JFC's process should be re-organized so that organizations have enough time to understand why budget allocations were fair and to evaluate whether the allocations are fair or not.

11:00 pm **Motion to end this point**

- Any interested Senators should meet in Oakland for ½ priced food

**11:03 pm Announcements**

- The first meeting of the next session is currently being scheduled for within the next week. Thanks for your cooperation – new Senators, stay tuned to your e-mail.
- This is the final meeting of Senate's 2003-2004 session. Thanks for a great and successful session!
- KGB is holding a picnic at Flagstaff tomorrow at 7 pm. Rain location is Skibo Gym.
- Fiesta di Primavera will be held at the UC tomorrow
- There is an AB Coffeehouse show at 7 pm tomorrow

11:05 pm Motion to adjourn (Vito Fiore)

**11:05 pm Adjourn**