

# CMU Student Senate

Minutes of April 8, 2004

## 5:37 pm Roll Call

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

**Senators Absent:** Matt Brooks (HSS, 1 absence), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, 1 absence), Meg Richards (SCS, 1 absence)

**Members at Large Present:** Joe Arasin (SCS), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Aaron Walker (CIT, proxy),

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

## 5:38 pm Call To Order

## 5:39 pm Approval of Minutes

5:39 pm Amendments to the April 1<sup>st</sup> minutes

- Alex Sussman was not absent
- First bullet under the Academic Affairs report should state that Matt has an appointment with John Papinchak
- The “T” in “Tartan” should have been capitalized in the Communications report
- There should be a mention that there are at least as many people running for seats as there are seats in the Communications report
- The 2 definite spots for write-in candidates does not necessarily only apply to SCS
- It should be “statement of assurance” in the Funding and Recognitions report
- Should be “freshmen” not “freshman” in the first bullet point under 6:18 pm General Questions

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

**5:42 pm Audience Participation**

5:44 pm Motion to give Gerrit Betz speaking rights to ask questions during any of the motions tonight (Jay Pujara)

5:44 pm Passed by acclamation

**5:44 pm Ex-Officio Reports**

5:44 pm **Activities Board** (not present)

**5:44 pm Campus Police**

- There have been 5 burglaries in 3 days at the fraternity quad, involving over \$6,000 of stolen property.
- In most cases, the doors were unlocked. In once case, a stranger was found in the house for about 15 minutes without anyone questioning his presence. Laptops, jewelry, gameboys, etc were stolen.
- Two gentlemen were just stopped right outside of Pika with \$2,000 in stolen goods.

**5:48 pm Graduate Student Assembly** (Rob Reeder)

- Passed a resolution endorsing the Freedom of Information Policy, but there is no similar policy within GSA
- Discussed NATRAT incident and is concerned that free speech may be squelched after this incident. Hopefully will pass some amendments regarding free speech.
- Passed Student Body Constitution

**5:50 pm Greek Council** (Misty Muscatel)

- Move-on for booth is tomorrow
- Greek awards are on May 2 at 4 pm in Rangos 1,2,3.
- Greek Council is sponsoring a MS walk on April 18.
- Delta Gamma is doing Most Beautiful Eyes next week
- Tri-Delta will be holding a Habitat for Humanity bake sale tomorrow
- Greek Sing raised roughly around \$11,000. Tickets were almost completely sold out. Looking to either book Greek Sing at Soldiers and Sailors or at a new venue next year.
- Elections for new Greek Council executives will be on April 26.

**5:53 pm Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- UCAB recommendations have been posted on [www.tcpulse.com](http://www.tcpulse.com) and on bulletin boards in the UC. If an organization wants to appeal the recommendations, they must appeal by April 12.

- There are applications for Student Activities Leader Intern. Due by 5pm on April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The intern will work approximately 6 hours per week.

5:54 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Debbie Hugh)

- Mudge and Webster are building blitz booths.
- There was a problem with getting film from distributor so SDC is not showing Lord of the Rings or Mystic River and therefore will not have films for the next 2 Saturdays.
- Look out for fliers advertising events during Finals week.

5:56 pm **Student Body President** (Dan Gilman)

- Monday at 5:30 in Rangos 2 is the meeting about moving athletic equipment into Danforth
- If you are parked at Morewood or the fraternity alleyway after 5:30 your car will be towed during Move-on.
- Email Dan if interested in helping with the Kerry campaign.
- Dan has been asked to co-chair the commission regarding the NATRAT incident John Hannon. Still waiting on the charge from Dean Murphy regarding the goal of the committee.

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

- Friday and Saturday of Carnival weekend the Red Team will be displayed
- Update of Web Portal.
- Update of cluster printing issue
- Multicultural banquet will take place at April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. It is open to all organizations
- Discussed 5% increase of student activities fee and how it will be appropriately handled.

6:01 pm **Student Body Vice President for Finance** (not present)

6:01 pm **Elections Board** (Chris Watkins)

- 2 Problems with elections:
  - First problem happened Tuesday when board discovered Graduate students were allowed to vote for the undergraduate Senators, so the senate votes were invalidated and only allowed elections for Student Body President and Student Body for Finance to continue
  - At 5:30 pm Tuesday, the elections server was removed from the network due to high bandwidth.
- 2,035 votes received, which is a record!
- Announcements for the results for the Student Body President and Student Body for Finance will be posted tomorrow on the website.

- Did not wait to release these votes until after Senate validates the votes because of fear of leakage.
- Posted messages to bulletin boards, elections page on Student Senate's websites, John Hannon sent out an email to his dists (student leaders and organizations).
- There are plans to prevent future election problems. The elections server being removed from the network was completely out of control of the elections board.

#### **6:06 pm New Business From Committee**

6:06 pm Motion to discuss S2004-071 Non-Funded Recognition of Undergraduate Investment Club before S2004-066 Non-Funded Recognition of Women in Business so the representative for S2004-071 can make his class (Megan Flocken)

6:07 pm Passed by acclamation

6:07 pm Motion to SLATE S2004-071 Non-Funded Recognition of Undergraduate Investment Club, S2004-066 Non-Funded Recognition of Women in Business, S2004-067 Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Mellon Mac Users Group, S2004-068 Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Mellon College Democrats, S2004-069 Non-Funded Recognition of Christian Student Fellowship, and S2004-070 Non-Funded Recognition of Pittsburgh Technology Student

6:08 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (17-7-2)

6:09 pm Questions on the SLATE

- Women in Business deals with issues with gender

6:10 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:10 Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:11 pm S2004-072 Special Allocation of \$800 to Scotch 'n' Soda

6:12 pm Questions

6:12 pm Discussion

6:12 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:13 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:13 pm S2004-073 Special Allocation of \$1500 to Orientation 2004

- There is \$6,520 left in the Special Allocations fund. If all the Special Allocation requests are passed tonight, there will be \$3,520 left in the fund.

6:13 pm Motion to table S2004-073 (Dan Papasian)

6:14 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:14 pm Objection

6:15 pm Straw Poll (Tim Bowen)

6:15 pm Discussion of motion to table S2004-073

- There is currently one outstanding request, which is for the Labor Day Picnic. Student Senate has previously give \$1,900 for it.

6:19 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:19 pm Vote on tabling S2004-073

Passes, hand vote (15-12-3)

6:20 pm S2004-074 Special Allocation of \$700 to Lacrosse Team

- Representative might have been told to not come to tonight's meeting by a Funding and Recognition committee member based on miscommunication. Nonetheless, this is a valid motion

6:22 pm Questions

- The team is currently receiving a JFC subsidy of \$5,250
- They are ranked 15 among 120 teams in the region
- They would like to use the money to get practices and games in before the season ends
- The Lacrosse team cannot qualify for University funding because the University does not have enough funds
- This motion will require a \_ vote because the costs are related to off-campus space

6:24 pm Discussion

6:24 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:24 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:25 pm S2004-075 Introduction of Amendment to the Poster Policy

6:26 pm Questions

- Rebecca does not care about the exact placement of the date (as it is specified in the amendment), as long as it is present on the poster
- Date does not have to be an "official date stamp" – it can be written right onto the poster
- This policy applies to posters with no specified end date
- No posters will be permitted to be posted for more than 1 month
- Posters advertising events 1 month later than the poster date will be removed
- Violators of the poster policy will be subject to fines and removal of the poster
- Report violators to the Campus Life committee or Student Activities offices
- This policy applies to all legal campus posters

### **6:35 pm New Business From the Floor**

6:35 pm Introduction of a motion to consider what should be done about the NATRAT incident (Jay Pujara)

### **6:37 pm Points of Discussion**

- The NATRAT clearly states that it is “funded by the Student Activities fee”
- Possibility of forming a student government committee to handle “student scandals”

6:45 pm Call to Points of Discussion (Wei Tang)

### **6:46 pm Announcements**

- Student Government Elections for Executive Positions should be ongoing at <http://elections.andrew.cmu.edu>, despite some technical problems. Elections for Student Senate are postponed to Monday April 12 and Tuesday April 13. On behalf of the Elections Board and Student Government, we apologize and thank all students for their patience with the process.
- Senate’s social follows immediately after the meeting tonight in the Intersection Lounge (on the Hill, under the sororities). Food and games will be provided. See you there!
- There will be a forum concerning possible changes to Danforth Lounge (for use as an athletic facility) on Monday, April 12 at 5:30 PM in UC Rangos 2, hosted by the Student Body President. Please attend and share your ideas!
- The constitutional amendments (voted on by Senate last month) were passed last night by the Graduate Student Assembly without any further changes. Thus they take effect immediately.
- There is no General Body Meeting next week due to Spring Carnival, but all other committee business will take place as scheduled. Enjoy Carnival!
- The next Student Senate General Body Meeting is Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 5:30 PM in Margaret Morrison 103. See you there!
- Erik would like to speak to the Communications committee after meeting
- KGB is looking for anyone to help with move-on
- Senators interested in the Most Beautiful Eyes Philanthropy, please contact Kristina Wiltsee
- Anyone interested in joining the College Democrats, please speak to Jonathan Mendelson
- Matt Rado would like to meet with his Academic Affairs committee after meeting

6:49 pm Motion to officially nominate Vito Fiore to represent Student Senate in the Most Beautiful Eyes philanthropy (Erik Michaels-Ober and Nick Scocozzo)

6:49 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:49 pm Passed by acclamation

6:49 pm Motion to Adjourn (Vito Fiore)

6:50 pm Passed by acclamation

**6:50 pm Adjourn**