

# CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of February 5, 2004

## 5:36 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT, left early, 0.5 absences), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, left early, 0.5 absences), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Ben Loving (MCS, left early, excused), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS, left early, 0.5 absences), Edward Ryan (MCS, proxy), Thomas Sabram (CIT, late, excused), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA, left early, excused), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA, left early, 0.5 absences), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS, left early, 0.5 absences), Yanna Weisberg (SHS, came late, excused), Jack Wu (SCS, left early, excused)

**Senators Absent:** Tim Bowen (HSS, 1 absence), Sooran Kim (CFA, 1 absence)

**Members at Large Present:** Joe Arasin (SCS), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Ananya Bubna (SIA), Sara Sareen (HSS, left early, excused), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Eleanor Zimmerman (MCS)

**Members at Large Absent:** Aaron Walker (CIT, 1 absence)

## 5:38 pm Call to Order

### 5:38 pm Approval of Minutes

5:38 pm Amendments to the January 29<sup>th</sup> minutes

- James Auwaerter and Tom Terraccino were present, didn't have proxies
- Bermudez is the correct spelling
- Steven Kling was not late
- NERD, not NARD

5:40 pm Passed by acclamation

**5:40 pm Audience Participation** (none)

**5:40 pm Standing Committee Reports**

5:40 pm **Academic Affairs** (Matt Rado)

- The info sheets on the Exam policy, the HSS Overload policy, and SAC's are done and have been sent to Communications, and hope to be available for future C4C's

- Talked with CFA dean about sending out a survey to CFA students, or at least to do interviews in CFA about the moratorium policy and their opinions
- Will be talking with the Librarian about extending Library Hours

5:42 pm **Business Affairs** (Jay Pujara)

- The Bookstore will provide ISBN numbers for textbooks by March for easier looking up.
- Hoping to get feedback from groups interested in fair trade coffee, and hope to extend fair trade coffee to other Student Activities dining locations.
- Still looking into issues from SSN number to random numbers
- At the SBDC meeting, the administration wasn't able to provide numbers that have been due for a while

5:44 pm **Campus Life** (Rebecca Nathan)

- A copy of the Poster Policy is now up around the public bulletin boards around campus.
- Looking into getting additional locks for the UC, and possibly benches, but the current problem is, where is the money coming from.
- There is no correlation between the people who got sick and where they ate, and therefore food poisoning not likely.

5:48 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- Ran a successful "Join Student Senate" campaign with 19 people petitioning and getting enough people for each seat, except for CFA, which has been a historical problem.
- Secured a board in the basement, and now working with AB get to get 1<sup>st</sup> floor board space before elections, hoping to get a more permanent space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor next year
- News minute will be done by Ed Ryan and will be aired over WRCT soon
- For a brief period, the spam filter was down and is now back up and running

5:51 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- Voted to Slate three motions which combine three non-funded recognitions, and the general body can divide them easily.

5:52 pm **Internal Development** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Reviewing suggested changes to Constitution from last semester, talking to GSA President and Student Body VPF
- Submitted Bylaws amendment relating to Funded Recognition (Non-funded 1 year before funded)
- Upcoming, reviewing Bylaws

5:55 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- We have a full house and a long agenda.

- The JFC reform committee, from the SAF resolution last semester, will start meeting soon. Vito, Nick, Megan will serve on it with three members from GSA, and the SBVFP will be the chair.
- Roll Call vote for the elections

**5:59 pm New Business from Committee**

**5:59 pm S2004-009 Special Allocation of \$480 to Carnegie Mellon Ski Club**

- Only need this one special allocation and will be subsidizing by fund raisers for other ski trips
- Includes lift ticket and bus, cost will be 20 dollars, and be the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month,
- Have to compete with other clubs that are funded to stay competitive.

6:02 pm Discussion on S2004-009

6:02 pm Call the question (Dan Papasian)

Objection

6:02 pm Discussion on S2004-009

Extreme demand for ski trips around campus

6:04 pm Call the question (Nicolette Louissaint)

6:04 pm Vote on S2004-009

Passes, hand vote (19-2-2)

**6:05 pm S2004-010 SLATE of Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Baha'i Association, Non-Funded Recognition of Students for a Younger Pittsburgh, and Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Pulse**

6:05 pm Motion to Divide S2004-010 to remove Carnegie Pulse from the slate (James Auwaerter)

Objection to being passed by acclamation

6:06 pm Vote on the Motion to Divide

Passes, voice vote

**6:06 pm S2004-010 SLATE of Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Baha'i Association and Non-Funded Recognition of Students for a Younger Pittsburgh**

- Baha'i has been working with FnR for a long time with getting their constitution in order, Students for a Younger Pittsburgh have been working to deal with trying to make Pittsburgh more attractive to younger people
- Baha'i's constitution has been modified to allow all students to be officers but has a preference

6:09 pm Discussion on S2004-010

6:09 pm Call the question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:09 pm Vote on S2004-010

Passes, voice vote

6:09 pm **Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Pulse**

- It will serve as another source of news. It will be published daily. Their membership does limit contributors to not be contributing to other news organizations, but this is standard practice in journalism and not discriminatory.
- There is interest to continue the organization after graduation.

6:11 pm Discussion on Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Pulse

6:11 pm Call the question (Matt Rado)

6:11 pm Vote on Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Pulse

Passes, voice vote

6:11 pm **S2004-011 Funded Recognition of The Tartan**

6:12 pm Move to postpone S2004-011 by one week (Steven Kling)

6:12 pm Vote

Fails, hand vote (8-11-4)

6:12 pm Questions on S2004-011

- Currently in debt, became independent about two years, but coming back since it is necessary for CMU to have a newspaper
- Amount of debt 90,000+, about 20,000 since they have been independent, budget includes restitution of \$3,000 a year, with being able to pay it off in 30 plus years
- The Tartan wanted to be free to be critical of Student Government, but will face the financial reality that it needs to be in the JFC process
- Limited to \$500 for the next year, but the JFC can override that
- Budget cuts have been made to keep The Tartan to avoid debt,
- Fiscal responsibility is needed for groups to be funded though they are in debt.
- They are a core part of the campus.
- Cost of paper for once a week: 25 issues a year, 3800 from print run
- Sources of revenue, 1800 from subscriptions and money from advertisements

6:24 pm Motion to Move to Discussion (Dan Papasian)

Objection

6:24 pm Questions on S2004-011

6:24 pm Discussion on S2004-011

- Every campus needs a newspaper; though they wanted to leave student funding, and we shouldn't hold this against the campus
- It may be useful for The Tartan to be placed on probation to provide oversight by the Excomm over the funds, but only the SBVPF can place a group on probation
- There was never a conflict of interest, since even before they were funded, they were critical of Senate

6:28 pm Call the question (Wei Tang)

6:28 pm Vote on S2004-011

Passes, voice vote

6:29 pm **S2004-012 Special Allocation of \$490 to the Carnegie Mellon Chess Club**

- They have a shortage of chess sets and chess clocks – \$255 for clocks (\$40 a piece), \$135 for the chess sets.
- They currently have 5 chess sets and 2 clocks, so can't hold special events without borrowing from the Pitt Chess Club, which is somewhat embarrassing for this hi-tech of a school

6:31 pm Discussion on S2006-012

6:31 pm Call the question (Matt Rado)

6:31 pm Vote on S2004-012

Passes, voice vote

6:31 pm **S2004-013 Special Allocation of \$703 to Steven Shamlian (Embedded Systems StuCo)**

- This is for 32 MB flash memory chips for 30-some students. StuCo classes can not overlap with academics and can receive money from any source. The class has a wide variety of student in the class some representation from each college
- There is no prohibition of giving money to individuals. The stipulations on special allocations to any group do apply to money given to individuals.

6:36 pm Discussion on S2004-013

- It is inappropriate to give money to a class, and this is a class that you enroll and that you pay for, and that is considered academic since students are receiving credit for it.
- There are no prereq's for the class. StuCo classes are somewhat like clubs in which students teach other students, like how the tartan and AB teaches things to students, other clubs will teach languages.

6:43 pm Call the question (Nicolette Louissaint)

Objection

6:43 pm Move the question (Matt Rado)

Passes, hand vote (15-2-4)

6:44 pm Vote on S2004-013

Voice vote, division

Passes, hand vote (13-6-2)

6:45 pm **S2004-014 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Spic Macay**

- This is a dance concert for Asian Heritage Week.
- Spic Macay sponsors Indian cultural activities. They had planned to do a larger event later in the semester, but have the opportunity to fund an event on campus.

6:48 pm Discussion on S2004-014

6:48 pm Call the question (Matt Rado)

6:48 pm Vote on S2004-008

Passes, voice vote

6:48 pm **S2004-015 Special Allocation of \$2500 to Vietnam Film Festival**

- Vietnam film festival is being put on by a film class. The money would go for the tech expenses.
- This allocation is the same as last year, and there is open to involvement from other students not in the class.
- Cost will be for \$1 for students, \$3 for non/per film, may have an all-film pass. There will have speakers for the event, and there is no intended political agenda

6:53 pm Discussion on S2004-015

- This is an academic class, and students are receiving credit for the class
- While this has academic effects, this does provide a film festival, a thing Senate has funded in the past

6:56 pm Move the Question (Matt Rado)

Passes, hand vote (13-3-4)

6:57 pm Vote on S2004-015

Passes, hand vote (14-3-2)

6:59 pm **S2004-016 Introduction of a Bylaws amendment on the Requirements for Funded Recognition**

- The amendment would insert the following as Article VII, Section A, Subsection 2, Paragraph C, and to correct the ordering below it: "Organizations which have not had non-funded recognition for at least one year require a third-fourths vote to receive funded recognition."

- This motion will come before Senate next week with a recommendation from Excomm.

**6:59 pm Special Business**

6:59 pm Motion to restrict all speeches and questioning to 5 minutes (Steven Kling)

7:01 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

7:03 pm **S2004-017 Filling the CFA vacancies (5 seats, 1 petitioned)**

7:03 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Maureen Burns

7:07 pm Discussion on S2004-017

7:08 pm Call the question

7:08 pm Vote to fill the vacancy with Maureen Burns

Passes (voice vote)

7:08 pm **S2004-018 Filling the CIT vacancies (2 seats, 3 petitioned)**

7:09 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Amy Haeuser

7:12 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Yew Choe Wong

7:15 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Hanish Dayal

7:20 pm Discussion on S2004-018

7:27 pm Call the question

Objection

7:27 pm Discussion on S2004-018

7:29 pm Call the question

Objection

7:29 pm Discussion on S2004-018

7:30 pm Call the question

7:33 pm Vote on S2004-018

Yew Choe Wong and Hanish Dayal fill the seats, roll call

7:34 pm **S2004-019 Filling the HSS vacancies (2 seats, 9 petitioned)**

7:34 pm Motion to move the speech and questioning of Sara Sareen first

Passes, acclamation

7:35 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Sara Sareen

7:40 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Lisette Yoon

7:46 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Dynne Sung – not present

7:46 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Caryl Tuma – not present

7:46 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Kevin Manley – not present

7:47 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Andres Bermudez

7:52 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Norma Espinosa – not present

7:53 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Nasheena Porter

7:57 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Matt Brooks

8:02 pm Motion to extend Questioning for 3 minutes

8:05 pm Discussion on S2004-019

8:13 pm Call the question

Objection

8:13 pm Discussion on S2004-019

8:19 pm Call the question

8:19 pm Vote on the Filling of the HSS vacancies

Matt Brooks and Nasheena Porter fill the vacancies, roll call

8:23 pm Quorum Call

8:24 pm **S2004-020 Filling the MCS vacancies (1 seat, 1 petitioned)**

8:25 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Eleanor Zimmermann

8:27 pm Discussion on S2004-020

8:27 pm Call the question

8:27 pm Vote on the filling the MCS vacancy with Eleanor Zimmermann

Passes, voice vote

8:28 pm **S2004-021 Filling the SCS vacancies (1 seat, 2 petitioned)**

8:29 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Meg Richards

8:32 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Joe Arasin

8:38 pm Discussion on S2004-021

8:54 pm Call the question

Objection

8:54 pm Move the question

Passes, hand vote

8:55 pm Vote on S2004-021

Meg Richards fills the vacancy, roll call

9:00 pm **S2004-022 Filling the SIA vacancies (1 seat, 3 petitioned)**

9:01 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Hussein Al Baya

9:05 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Waylon Lu

9:11 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Ananya Bubna

9:16 pm Discussion on S2004-022

9:20 pm Call the question

Objected

9:24 pm Call the question

Objected

9:25 pm Call the question

9:26 pm Vote on S2004-022

Hussein Al Baya fills the vacancy, roll call

9:28 pm **S2004-023 Approving the Spring 2004 JFC Appointments**

*Slate: (Joe Arasin, Tim Bowen, Megan Flocken, Rebecca Nathan, Matt Rado, Ed Ryan, Nick Scocozzo, Eleanor Zimmerman)*

9:29 pm Motion to Divide Tim Bowen from the Slate (Megan Flocken)

Passes

9:32 pm Nominations for the last spot on the Slate

- Hussein Al Baya, Tim Bowen, Joe Wong

9:35 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Hussein Al Baya

9:38 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Joe Wong

9:41 pm Candidate Discussion on his behalf: Tim Bowen

9:43 pm Call the question

9:43 pm Vote on the last spot on the S2004-023 Slate

Hussein Al Baya fills the last spot on the Slate, roll call

9:46 pm Discussion on S2004-023 Slate

9:47 pm Motion to approve the slate by acclamation

Passes, acclamation

**9:48 pm New Business from the Floor**

9:49 pm Motion to make Amy Haeuser a Member at large (Erik Michaels-Ober)

9:50 pm Motion to make a friendly amendment to add Lisette Yoon and Waylon Lu to be

Members at large (Jon Mendelson)

9:51 pm Candidates waive their right to make a speech, without objection

9:52 pm Call the question (Jon Mendelson)

Objection

9:53 pm Move the question (Steven Kling)

Passes, voice vote

9:53 pm Vote on the Motion to make Amy Haeuser, Lisette Yoon, and Waylon Lu Members at large

Passes, voice vote

9:53 pm Motion to remove Points of Discussion from the Agenda

Passes, acclamation

**9:54 pm Announcements**

- Congratulations to the new Senators! For those that were unable to fill a spot, thanks for your interest. Be reminded that petitions submitted to fill vacancies are valid for that entire session, and may be used in order to be placed on the election ballot later this spring. You will be contacted about this opportunity at the appropriate time. Contact [id-chair@stusen.org](mailto:id-chair@stusen.org) if you have any questions.
- There are presently Senate vacancies in CFA. These will be filled on a rolling basis for the foreseeable future. Please pick up a petition at the UC Info Desk if interested, or contact [id-chair@stusen.org](mailto:id-chair@stusen.org) for more information.
- Senate is hiring its Chief Technology Officer and Clerk positions – please contact [id-chair@stusen.org](mailto:id-chair@stusen.org) if interested. Deadline is Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Senate's Committee and General Body meetings are set for the remainder of the semester – check [stusen.org](http://stusen.org) for the schedule.
- The next Student Senate meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2004 at 5:30 PM in UC McKenna/Peter/Wright. See you there!
- Anne Wichener is soliciting student involvement for next year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Contact [aw0w@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:aw0w@andrew.cmu.edu) if interested.
- Senator Daniel Papasian is now officially a Political Science Major
- KGB Scavenger Hunt, Friday February 6.
- Joe Arasin still needs a few more people for a Puzzlestorm team, this weekend.
- Transparency and Accountability in Student Government will be starting back up and needs some new people, please email Steven Kling at [sfk@stusen.org](mailto:sfk@stusen.org)

**9:55 pm Adjourn**