

# CMU Student Senate

Minutes of March 25, 2004

## 5:38 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Hussein Al Baya (SIA), James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Tim Bowen (HSS), Matt Brooks (HSS), Maureen Burns (CFA), Hanish Dayal (CIT), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Sooran Kim (CFA, came late), Steven Kling (CIT, came late), 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), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Yanna Weisberg (SHS, came late), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Jack Wu (SCS)

**Senators Absent:** Daniel Jentzen (CFA, 1 absence), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS, 1 absence)

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

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

## 5:39 pm Call To Order

### 5:39 pm Approval of Minutes

5:39 pm Amendments to the March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes

- Should be a line on the record that notes that when Michelle Birchak makes the motion to reconsider during the discussion of S2004-048, she made an opposition to the original motion.
- Under 6:33 pm Question, it should read “does NOT qualify for funded recognition”
- Meg did not leave early
- 5:42 pm – Matt Rado’s report should be *will* follow up, not did follow up.
- Postcards distributed also encouraged people to run for positions.

- There is \$14,211 and change in the Special Allocation Fund

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

**5:42 pm Audience Participation**

- Alex would like to request speaking rights during discussion of the Freedom of Policy acts.

5:44 pm Motion to allow Alex to speak

5:44 pm Discussion

5:44 pm Motion to give Alex speaking rights during Freedom of Information S2004-036

5:45 pm Discussion

5:45 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

**5:45 pm Ex-Officio Reports**

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

- Greek Sing last weekend went well – no problems regarding AB Tech issue
- Women’s center film festival last week
- Dirty Pretty Things played Wednesday night (best Wednesday night movie so far), Crumb playing on Thursday, Something’s Gotta Give playing on Friday, and The Hunger on Sunday
- Working on Fiesta de Primavera
  - Big party outside on CFA lawn on the last day of classes.
  - Possibility of a coffeehouse concert

5:48 pm **Campus Police** (not present)

5:48 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** (not present)

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

- Tentative amount of money able to donate from Greek Sing is about \$11,000 dollars to the Leukemia Society
- Next year may not be allowed to use AB Tech at Soldiers and Sailors so location of Greek sing may be moved elsewhere
- Greek Awards coming up
  - New award: Outstanding Greek Intramural Athlete for males and females

5:50 pm **Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- On Friday there is a combined event for Women’s History Month and the UC Friday Event – Silent Auction and Reception from 4:30-6:30 pm

- On Tuesday, April 6, there is a leadership seminar called “Leadership Styles for Effective Communication” at 6:30pm in the Dowd Room
- Emily Half is putting together a multi-cultural cookbook and would appreciate any recipes
- Applications for the Leadership Intern for the next school year are due April 12.
- Please recognize Nicolette, Matt and Gil for working on UCAB (University Center Allocation Board)

5:53 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Debbie Hugh)

- Debbie is the new president. SDC is in the middle of transitioning so there is a half-new board.
- Working on budgets.
- This Friday there is a band play at the underground 8-10.
- Showing Gothika on Saturday.
- Food event in Morewood A-D next week.
- Piloting program for free laundry.
  - Able to check online which machines are open and how much time is left on machines.
  - It will be a \$75 fee for all students to live in dorms, charged on your student account.

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

- New Event: student and alumni art sale the Saturday of Carnival weekend.
- Monitor in Kirr Commons is unrelated to Dan’s initiative to get events monitored. The monitor currently in Kirr Commons is a 6-week temporary program and is the responsibility of ETC.
- Currently working on proposal of activities monitors in the UC with Dean Murphy.
- There is a Town Hall Meeting at 5:30 in Rangos 2 on April 12 to discuss the possibility of moving athletic equipment into Danforth Lounge
- Diversity Meeting this week
- A large portion of University advancement moved to PPG downtown
- An Asbestos problem was found in Warner Hall on floors 1-5 so all offices will be moved to Bramer Hall.

6:02 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Gilbert Dussek)

- Diversity Council decided to introduce the council in a banquet format instead of doing their Fashion show. The banquet will be take place on either Tuesday, April 27 or Thursday, April 29.
- There will be a networking event for new CMU grads and the major cities that recent grads go.
- Report from health services summarizing services offered is out.
- Dan and Gil are in the process of transitioning.

6:04 pm **Student Body Vice President for Finance** (Paul Richelmi)

- JFC is underway (over 1 million dollars in requests)
- Finished meeting with Student Body Activities Fee

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

6:06 pm Motion to move S2004-061 to before S2004-058 because representative has a conflict (Daniel Papasian)

6:06 pm Passed by acclamation

- Mock Trial returned \$3,000 because they did not qualify for competition

6:07 pm **S2004-061 Special Allocation of \$2750 to CMUTV**

6:08 pm Questions

- If buggy races are cancelled due to inclement weather, then there may be a discount on the rental of trucks.
- The only major event anticipated for special allocations for the remainder of the school year is Orientation Week.
- Allocation given to CMUTV to film buggy races was approximately \$1500 because CMUTV had more money in their budget to put towards this event last year.

6:11 pm Discussion

6:11 pm Call the Question (Steve Kling)

6:11 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:11 pm **S2004-058 Non-Funded Recognition of HAPAs**

6:12 pm Questions

- Planned an outing to Spice Island Tea House
- Participated in two IM events
- Planning a potluck

6:13 pm Discussion

6:13 pm Call the Question (Kristina Wiltsee)

6:13 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:13 pm **S2004-059 Funded Recognition of Ski Club**

6:15 pm Questions

- Club has incurred personal expenses of \$10,000, which includes money spent for people to go skiing
- Organization is not in debt.

6:16 pm Discussion

6:16 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:16 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:17 pm **S2004-060 Special Allocation of \$1040 to Spirit**

6:18 pm Questions

- Spirit is a cultural organization promotion Black awareness
- \$1040 is the quoted cost from AB Teach

6:18 pm Discussion

6:18 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:18 pm Point of Order: Parliamentary Courtesy dictates that Senators may abstain from voting if they have a conflict of interest. (Daniel Papasian)

6:19 pm vote

Passes, voice vote

6:20 pm **S2004-062 Special Allocation of \$893.15 to University Rowing Club**

6:20 pm Questions

- The crew had a subsidy from JFC of \$29,220
- Have about 10-20 fundraisers, 5 of which are done during carnival weekend

6:23 pm Discussion

6:23 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:23 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:23 pm **S2004-063 Special Allocation of \$500 to Co-Op Housing Initiative**

6:25 pm Questions

- CMU rents the building from the owner.
- This is the basement of the building of the co-op that is being furnished.

- The project costs about \$50,000. The rest of the money is coming from Housing and Fundraising.
  - Fundraisers include asking people for monetary support and bake sales

6:27 pm Discussion

- This project stems from the lack of meeting location for students off campus.
- This is a very expensive project in terms of construction costs. \$32,000 for construction and lighting fixtures. \$18,000 for carpeting, paint, furniture.
- May be available through Space Quest

6:35 pm Straw Poll (Wei Tang)

6:45 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

6:45 pm Vote

Fails, hand vote (14-14-2)

6:46 pm **S2004-064 Special Allocation of \$3000 to AB Special Events**

6:46 pm Questions

- Total cost to bring Adam West is around \$6500-\$7000.
- Allocation for AB Special Events this year is \$7680. Last year they were allocated about \$18,000. The reason for such a discrepancy in allocation money is because Student Senate felt that AB should be coming to Student Senate on an individual basis for money.
- There is currently no consideration for Bill Nye the Science Guy because he is more expensive than Adam West.
- This will require a \_ vote in order to pass

6:51 pm Motion to move to Discussion (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:51 pm Passed by acclamation

6:51 pm Discussion

6:52 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:52 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (25-0-5)

**6:53 pm Special Business**

6:53 pm Motion for a 2 minute recess to allow time for the projector turned to display the Freedom of Information Policy (Daniel Papasian)

7:00 pm Reconvene

7:01 pm **S2004-036 Freedom of Information Policy**

7:02 pm Questions

- This policy will apply only to Student Senate regarding all records.
- The phrase “working days” in section 5.2 is not defined anywhere in the policy.
- JFC budgets are not publicly available.

7:07 pm Discussion

7:07 pm Friendly Motion to strike sections 2.2 and the second to last bullet of section 5.2 from the policy and to clarify the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet of section 5.1 to change “available” to “in the possession of” (Dan Papasian)

7:09 pm Discussion of motion of striking 2.2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bullet of 5.1 and 5.1 clarification

7:14 pm Motion to consider 3 points separately (Dan Papasian)

7:14 pm Passes by acclamation

7:14 pm Discussion on removing point 2.2 from the Freedom of Information Policy

- Striking point 2.2 is to take responsibility away from the organizations.

7:20 pm Motion to change the wording of point 2.2 to “Student Senate shall ...” (Megan Flocken)

- Out of order – Instead of amending, Megan should vote against the motion to strike point 2.2 from the policy and move to amend the wording of point 2.2 because the original motion regarding point 2.2 was not to adjust it.

7:21 pm Discussion of striking 2.2 from the Freedom of Information Policy

7:23 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

7:23 pm Objection (Jay Pujara)

7:24 pm Discussion of striking point 2.2 from the Freedom of Information Policy

7:24 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

7:24 pm Vote on motion to strike point 2.2 from policy

Fails, voice vote

7:24 pm Discussion of striking the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bullet of section 5.1 of the

7:26 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:27 pm Vote on motion to strike the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bullet of section 5.1

Passes, voice vote

7:27 pm Motion to change “available” to “in the possession of” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet of point 5.1 (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:27 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:27 pm Objection (Matt Rado)

7:28 pm Discussion of changing “available” to “in the possession of” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet of point 5.1

7:29 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:29 pm Vote on motion

Passes, voice vote

7:29 pm Discussion of overall amended Freedom of Information Policy

7:29 pm Motion to change point 2.2 to “Undergraduate Student Senate can only release detailed information about the budgets of student organizations” (Megan Flocken)

7:31 pm Motion withdrawn (Megan Flocken)

7:31 pm Motion to change point 2.2 to “Student Senate shall disclose detailed information pertaining to the budgets of organizations funded by the Student Activities Fee. Student Senate shall also disclose any details regarding the use of any special allocations granted by Student Senate.” (Jay Pujara)

7:33 pm Motion to give Quinten Steenhuis speaking rights for the remainder of the meeting

7:34 pm Passes by acclamation

7:36 pm Jay Pujara’s motion accepted as friendly (Dan Papasian)

7:37 pm Discussion

7:38 pm Motion passes by acclamation

7:38 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

7:38 pm Motion to change “10 working days” to “10 school days” in point 5.2 (James Auwaerter)

7:39 pm Passes by acclamation

7:39 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

7:39 pm Motion to change heading of section 2.2 to “Disclosure of Student Information” (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:39 pm Motion withdrawn (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:40 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

7:41 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

7:41 pm Objection

7:42 pm Motion to change the title of section 2.2 to Applications to Student Organizations

7:43 pm Motion accepted as friendly by Daniel Papasian

7:46 pm Objection (Jonathan Mendelson)

7:47 pm Motion to change the title of 2.2 from no title to Applications to Student Organizations and Special Allocations (Jonathan Mendelson)

7:48 pm Objection (Jay Pujara)

7:48 pm Discussion

7:49 pm Objection withdrawn (Jay Pujara)

7:51 pm Discussion

7:51 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

7:52 pm Objection (Jay Pujara)

7:52 pm Move the Question (Wei Tang)  
Moved, hand vote (21-1-2)

7:53 pm Vote on giving 2.2 a title of "Applications to Student Organizations and Special Allocations"  
Passes, voice vote

7:53 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

7:53 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

7:54 pm Objection

7:54 pm Motion to postpone voting of policy to next week (Steve Kling)

7:54 pm Discussion

7:57 pm Call the Question (Jonathan Mendelson)

7:57 pm Objection

7:58 pm Discussion

8:00 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

8:00 pm Objection

8:03 pm Move the Question (Tom Terracino)  
Moved, voice vote

8:03 pm Vote on motion to postpone voting on the policy  
Fails, hand vote (6-16-3)

8:05 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

8:05 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

8:05 pm Objection

8:05 pm Motion to introduce the following amendments as a slate:  
5.4.2 Add "Any information whose release would violate any local, states, or federal law or regulation is automatically considered sensitive without requiring a vote by Student Senate."

5.4.5 Add "... for services rendered to Student Senate or any organization that receives funds from Student Senate" to first sentence.

Add 5.4.6 "The Student Senate or any member thereof shall not have the right to review any sensitive information if their reviewing of said information would violate any local, state or federal law or regulation or the privacy rights of any student or other individual".

6.1.2. Add "Any appeal to for release of information whose release would violate any local, state or federal law or regulation shall automatically be rejected by the Chair of Student Senate without any discussion by Senate".

(Julie Beckenstein, speaking on behalf of Member at Large Andres Bermudez)

8:10 pm Discussion

8:10 pm Motion to make grammar correction (Yanna Weisberg)

8:10 pm Motion withdrawn (Yanna Weisberg)

8:11 pm Discussion

8:12 pm Call the Question (Maureen Burns)

8:12 pm Objection

8:12 pm Discussion

8:18 pm Move the Question (Tim Bowen)

8:18 pm Motion to divide out motion to add wording to point 5.4.5 (Steven Kling)

8:19 pm Discussion of motion of amendment of 5.4.5

8:21 pm Move the Question (Tim Bowen)

Moved, hand vote (13-9-3)

8:21 pm Request to discuss 5.4.5 after discussion of the remainder of the slated amendments (Steven Kling)

8:23 pm Discussion of the remainder of the slated amendments

8:27 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

8:28 pm Vote on slate of amendments except amendment to point 5.4.5

Fails, hand vote (5-17-3)

8:30 pm Discussion of the amendment regarding student salaries in point 5.4.5 Salary Information

8:31 pm Call the Question (Tim Bowen)

8:31 pm Objection (Dan Papasian)

8:31 pm Discussion of 5.4.5

- This point applies to student senators only

8:35 pm Motion to add a comma after “elected member of Student Senate” (Megan Flocken)

8:36 pm Motion withdrawn

8:36 pm Move the Question (Jonathan Mendelson)

Fails, hand vote (9-13-2)

8:37 pm Discussion of point 5.4.5 amendment

8:42 pm Motion to amend point 5.4.5 to “unless such a salary is paid to an elected member of Student Senate [from the Student Activities fee]” (Jay Pujara)

8:44 pm Motion withdrawn, out of order

8:47 pm Call the Question (Ben Loving)

8:47 pm Objection

8:48 pm Motion to change wording of point 5.4.5 to “Individual student salaries are considered private, except for salaries paid to elected members of Student Senate, which includes only the salaries received for services rendered to Student Senate and the salaries received from organizations funded by Student Senate” (Matt Brooks)

8:52 pm Motion declared out of order by senate chair

8:54 pm Senate Chair reconsiders and declares motion in order

8:55 pm Call the Question (Megan Flocken)

8:56 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

8:56 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

8:56 pm Call the Question (Dan Papasian)

8:56 pm Objection

8:56 pm Discussion

8:57 pm Motion to add “funded by Student Activities fee” to the amendment instead of “funded by Student Senate” in point 5.4.5

8:57 pm Call the Question

8:58 pm Discussion

9:00 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-0ber)

9:00 pm Objection (Jonathan Mendelson)

9:00 pm Discussion of changing 5.4.5 to “Individual student salaries are considered private, except for salaries paid to elected members of Student Senate, which includes

only the salaries received for services rendered to Student Senate and the salaries received from organizations funded by Student Senate”

9:01 pm Motion to change “include” to “includes” (Jonathan Mendelson)

9:01 pm Call the Question (Matt Brooks)

9:01 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:02 pm Discussion on the remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

9:02 pm Call the Question (Ben Loving)

9:02 pm Objection (Erik Michaels-Ober)

9:02 pm Motion for general capitalization change (Erik Michaels-Ober)

Passes by acclamation

9:03 pm Discussion on remainder of the amended Freedom of Information Policy

9:03 pm Call the Question (Matt Brooks)

9:03 Vote

Passes, roll call (21-1-1), see Appendix I

9:06 pm **S2004-049 SLATE of Amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws**

9:07 pm Discussion

9:08 pm Motion to change “for him” to “him or her” (Nick Scocozzo)

9:08 pm Motion to divide out the motion to change “for him” to “for him or her” (James Auwaerter)

9:08 pm Passes by acclamation

9:08 pm Discussion of motion to change “for him” to “for him or her”

9:09 pm Call the Question (Daniel Papasian)

9:09 pm Objection (James Auwaerter)

9:09 pm Discussion

9:10 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

9:11 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:11 pm Motion to change title to “Vice President for Finance”

9:11 pm Passes by acclamation

9:11 pm Call the Question (Nicolette Louissaint)

9:11 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (20-0-2)

9:12 pm Motion to remove VIII and IX (Steven Kling)

9:12 pm Discussion

9:12 pm Call the Question

9:12 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

9:12 pm Call the Question

9:12 pm Vote on the SLATE of Amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws

Passes, hand vote (16-6-1)

**9:13 pm New Business From the Floor**

**9:13 pm Points of Discussion**

**9:14 pm Announcements**

- Student Government Elections are April 6 and 7, 2004. Petitions for Student Senate seats are due March 27, 2004 at 5 PM at the Info Desk. All Senate seats are up for re-election. Contact [cwatkins@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:cwatkins@andrew.cmu.edu) with any questions.
- The 2004 Student Government Elections Board is composed of the following students: Christopher Watkins (Chair), Matt Corbett, Yuchun (Peter) Wang, Elizabeth Durfee, Theresa Lin, and Erik Andreassen. Thanks to these students for all their help!
- The next Student Senate General Body Meeting is Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 5:30 PM in UC Rangos 2. See you there!
- Talk to Nick about suggestions for date of Student Senate Social

9:16 pm Motion to Adjourn (Vito Fiore)

9:16 pm Passes by acclamation

**9:16 pm Adjourn**

## March 25, 2004 – Appendix I

Hussein Al Baya	SIA	not present
James Auwaerter	CIT	affirmative
Julie Beckenstein	HSS	affirmative
Michelle Birchak	CIT	opposed
Tim Bowen	HSS	not present
Matt Brooks	HSS	affirmative
Maureen Burns	CFA	affirmative
Hanish Dayal	CIT	not present
Vito Fiore	HSS	abstain
Megan Flocken	HSS	affirmative
Daniel Jentzen	CFA	not present
Sooran Kim	CFA	not present
Steven Kling	CIT	affirmative
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	not present
Thomas Sabram	CIT	affirmative
Nicholas Scocozzo	CIT	affirmative
Alex Sussman	SIA	not present
Wei Tang	SHS	affirmative
Tom Terraccino	SIA	not present
Kristina Wiltsee	MCS	affirmative
Yanna Weisberg	SHS	affirmative
Yew Choe Wong	CIT	not present
Jack Wu	SCS	not present
Eleanor Zimmermann	MCS	not present