

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of October 30, 2003

5:36 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), James Hazelrig (CIT), Chen Huang (CIT), Steven Kling (CIT), Ben Loving (MCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Sivanipriya Nattama (SCS), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Deniz Secilmis (CFA), Alex Sussman (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Christopher Watkins (HSS), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Jack Wu (SCS), Joshua Yearsley (HSS), Michelle Webb (MCS)

Senators Absent: Tim Bowen (HSS), Naomi Haskell (SIA), Sooran Kim (CFA), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS)

Members at Large Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Elizabeth Kolmus (SHS), Aaron Walker (CIT)

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Pedro Ferraz (HSS, 1 absence), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, 1 absence), Dynne Sung (HSS, 1 absence)

5:38 pm Call to Order

5:38 pm Approval of Minutes

5:38 pm Amendments to the October 23 minutes

- Campus Life report – a bust of Andrew Carnegie was stolen, not a Carnegie Mellon Bus
- Chen Huang was excused absent
- 8:39pm Motion, correct spelling of “Joe Arasin” in all instances

5:40 pm Passed by acclamation

5:40 pm Audience Participation - None

5:41 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:41 pm **Activities Board** (Chris Smoak)

- AB Films is showing movies this week as normal.
- Gorilla Girls will be performing next week.

- The monthly Wednesday political film will be shown next week.

5:46 pm **Campus Police** (officer representative)

- Two new crime alerts, both regarding armed robberies, were issued this week.
Please utilize escort service and walk with company to protect yourself at night.

5:50 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** – Not present

5:50 pm **Greek Council** – Not present

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

- CA applications are due in 10 days and RA applications are due in January.
- The bust of Andrew Carnegie has been recovered.

5:51 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Dan Jentzen)

- Autumn Ball was successful.
- This Saturday “Bad Boys 2” will be shown in McConomy
- SDC is working to set up an upper-classmen dorm electronic check-in at beginning of year.
- Dorm security and social security numbers with HUB
- Cashless vending will be discussed at next Monday’s SDC meeting.
- The dorm-fee is being raised to \$15 per semester to integrate CMUTV into SDC

5:54 pm **Student Body President** – Not present

5:54 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Gil Dussek)

- A meeting of heads of campus cultural organizations was convened to encourage cultural organizations stay true to their purpose of cultural exchange.
- Plans to improve computing infrastructure on campus are being explored.
- Over mid-semester break, the Student Body President visited Boston universities looking for ways to improve Carnegie Mellon issues
- Positive feedback has been received regarding the new web portal.
- UC room reservation problems are evaluated.
- Student Activities Fee Committee will be reporting their recommendations next week

5:59 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** (Paul Richelmi)

- JFC is busy, has had a larger number of organizations contact them than expected, and has extended the deadline 1 week to accommodate everyone.

6:00 pm Recess

6:04 pm Recall to Order

6:04 pm New Business from Committee

6:04 pm Motion to move F2003-029 before F2003-028 (Daniel Papasian)

6:04 pm Passes by acclimation

6:04 pm **F2003-029 Special Allocation of \$2100 to WRCT** (honorarium)

6:04 pm Questions on F2003-029

- The allocation will help fund a concert featuring four local bands. The performance will be held on the drill deck and will be free for Carnegie Mellon students.
- The event is being heavily advertised and is expected to sell out.

6:07 pm Discussion on F2003-029

- Carnegie Mellon students will have preference over other community members

6:08 pm Vote on F2003-029

Passes, voice vote

6:08 pm **F2003-028 Special Allocation for \$950 to Women's Center** (honorarium)

6:08 pm Questions on F2003-028

- The funds will go towards a performance by the Guerilla Girls, a group of masked performers using humor to discuss serious topics.
- The event is being funded by other sources on campus.

6:12 pm Discussion on F2003-028

6:13 pm Vote on F2003-028

Passes, voice vote

6:13 pm **F2003-030 Funded Recognition of Russian House**

6:13 pm Questions on F2003-030

- Russian House is a cultural organization open to Russian and non-Russian students. The group would like to bring speakers to campus and host traditional Russian social events.
- The organization is a revival of an older organization and currently has 170 members.

6:18 pm Discussion on F2003-030

6:18 pm Vote on F2003-030

Passes, voice vote

6:18 Special Business

6:16 pm **F2003-031 Filling of the Senate CIT Vacancies** (2 vacancies, 3 petitioned)

6:16 pm Candidates: Nicolette Louissaint, Thomas Sabram, and Stephanie Lum

6:19 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Nicolette Louissaint

6:21 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Thomas Sabram

6:23 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Stephanie Lum (not present)

6:23 pm Discussion on Filling of the Senate CIT Vacancies

6:24 pm Motion to fill vacancies with Nicolette Louissaint and Thomas Sabram as a slate

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6:25 pm Vote to fill vacancies with Nicolette Louissaint and Thomas Sabram as a slate
Passes, voice vote

6:25 pm **F2003-032 Amendment of Senate Bylaws Section VII, Part A.1.c** (Leafleting, petitioning, and “postering” rights associated with non-funded recognition)

6:25 pm Questions on F2003-032

- Executive Committee supports this amendment.
- This change removes no student rights and is intended to clarify rights

6:29 pm Discussion on F2003-032

6:30 pm Vote on F2003-032

Passes, hand vote (25-0-1)

6:30 pm New Business from the Floor

6:30 pm **Submission of a reconsideration petition** regarding the USSA petition (Erik Michaels-Ober)

6:30 pm Reading of reconsideration petition

6:32 pm **Motion to bring F2003-023 off the table** (James Hazelrig)

6:32 pm Questions on motion to bring F2003-023 off the table

- The motion is to create a Student Body President Ad-hoc Committee to review the Constitution and suggest changes where needed

6:35 pm Discussion on motion to bring F2003-023 off the table

- Discussion about Student Body President’s absence at this meeting and the authority of his proxy
- Both the Student Senate and GSA must approve the committee. The GSA president has given the temporary go-ahead for the committee to begin work pending the next GSA meeting.

6:41 pm Vote to bring F2003-023 off the table

Fails, hand vote (6-17-4)

6:42 pm Points of Discussion

- Appropriate point in time for an organization planning large events to come before Senate for necessary funding.
 - Alternative funding sources, ability to make commitments and anticipate changes, event size, F&R process and responsibilities

6:59 pm Motion to end discussion on this question (Matt Rado)

6:59 pm Vote to end discussion on this question

Passes, voice vote

7:00 pm Announcements

- Unofficial minutes are currently being posted on the cmu.student.government bboard in advance of each meeting at which they are to be approved. Official version (with amendments incorporated) will also be posted later. The stusen.org website will also have agendas and minutes as well once it goes live shortly.
- There are currently 2 CIT vacancies and 5 CFA vacancies. Petitions are available at the UC Info Desk and are due back Tuesday, October 28 at 5 PM to the Info Desk to UC Box 46.
- Senators, the Senate Social begins immediately following the conclusion of this meeting, at the (Margaret Morrison) Intersection Lounge!
- A meeting to discuss web issues will be held right after this meeting
- Next Wednesday there are 2 events in McConomy at 5pm and 8pm

7:03 pm Adjourn