

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of December 4, 2003

5:40 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Tim Bowen (HSS), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Daniel Jentzen (CFA), Sooran Kim (CFA), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Sivanipriya Nattama (SCS), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Jay Pujara (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Jack Wu (SCS), Joshua Yearsley (HSS), Christopher Watkins (HSS), Michelle Webb (MCS), James Hazelrig (CIT, late, 0.5 absence)

Senators Absent: Chen Huang (CIT, 1 absence), Naomi Haskell (SIA, 1 absence), Ben Loving (MCS, 1 absence), Matt Rado (HSS, 1 absence), Deniz Secilmis (CFA, 1 absence), Wei Tang (SHS, 1 absence)

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

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Pedro Ferraz (HSS, 1 absence), Elizabeth Kolmus (SHS, 1 absence), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, 1 absence), Dynne Sung (HSS, 1 absence), Yew Choe Won (CIT, 1 absence)

5:42 pm Call to Order

5:43 pm Approval of Minutes

5:43 pm Amendments to the November 20 minutes

- F2003-040 Questions: SALA has 4 or 5 members, not 45
- Strike Joe Arasin's absence count

5:45 pm Passed by acclamation

5:45 pm Audience Participation - None

5:45 pm Ex-Officio Reports

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

- Movies are showing this week as normal. Dark Days shown yesterday was December's monthly political film.
- Winter Fest will be held 4:30-6:30pm tomorrow in the U.C. Admission is free.
- The Gavel, the student senate newsletter, is being distributed with this week's ReadMe.

5:49 pm **Campus Police** (not present)

5:49 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** (not present)

5:49 pm **Greek Council** (not present)

5:49 pm **Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- Finals Fun on the UC third floor will be Dec 8, 8-9pm, and Dec 10, 4-6pm.
- There will be an Activities Fair in January.

5:51 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Mark Roboff)

- Booth committee is starting a new dorm blitz booth competition on midway.
- SDC is working to improve their communication and will be launching an advertising campaign next semester and hopes to work with cmuTV in the future.
- Films Committee had a great semester and has set some new sell-out records.
- The new dorm prepaid laundry system will be piloted next semester.
- Dorm access security is being evaluated.
- New network printing capabilities may be set up in Morewood and West Wing.
- Finals events – such as tournaments, a trip to Grove City, and final scream – are all up coming.

5:54 pm **Student Body President** (Dan Gilman)

- The Allegheny PAT Transit motion to cut budget and services for this year has been voted down. The Student Body President and GSA lobbied to have it defeated.
- GSA voted informally unanimously that they like the idea of turning Danforth lounge into a workout room but several undergrads have expressed concern.
- Work is being continued on the UC digital monitor possibilities.
- SBP will be meeting with Marcia Gerwig to discuss UC operations such as room reservations
- Buggy is done practicing for the semester. A carnival theme has been selected.
- GSA elected new officers last night.
- GSIA student government would like to integrate GSIA through activities with other students on campus.

5:57 pm **Student Body Vice President** (not present)

5:57 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** (not present)

5:58 pm Motion to move F2003-046 and F2003-050 before Standing Committee Reports
(Megan Flocken)

5:58 pm Passes by acclamation

5:58 pm **F2003-046 Non-Funded Recognition of the Carnegie Mellon Libertarian Club**

5:58 pm Questions on F2003-046

- The organization is not affiliated with national party and is primarily interested in education, philosophy, film series, etc

6:01 pm Discussion on F2003-046

6:01 pm Vote on F2003-046

Passes, voice vote

6:01 pm **F2003-050 Special Allocation to Office of the Dean of Student Affairs of \$4000 for Black History Month (3/4 vote, honorarium)**

6:01 pm Questions on F2003-050

- Lecture, funded _ last year and recommending funding _ of total cost this semester
- Thursday February 26, Dr. Jameson, first black female who has traveled in space
- Also funded by Dean of student affairs and other orgs
- The funding is contingent on securing this particular speaker.

6:03 pm Discussion on F2003-050

6:03 pm Vote on F2003-050

Passes, voice vote

6:04 pm Motion to bring up F2003-043 and move F2003-048 before Standing Committee Reports (Megan Flocken)

6:04 pm Passes by acclamation

6:05 pm **F2003-043 Special Allocation of \$125 to Racquetball Club**

6:05 pm Questions on F2003-043

- This allocation will purchase 46 cans (92 balls) which is enough to get the organization through the semester. Each member will get 2 cans.
- Existing lockers can hold balls but not rackets.

6:09 pm Discussion on F2003-043

6:09 pm Vote on F2003-043

Passes, voice vote

6:10 pm **F2003-048 Non-Funded Recognition of Carnegie Mellon University
Student Association**

6:10 pm Questions on F2003-048

- This organization will work with but not be affiliated with the National Student Association

6:11 pm Discussion on F2003-048

6:11 pm Vote on F2003-048

Passes, voice vote

6:12 pm Motion to move F2003-049 before Standing Committee Reports

6:12 pm Passes by acclamation

6:12 pm **F2003-049 Special Allocation of \$1500 to Pioneers**

6:12 pm Questions on F2003-049

- The allocation will go towards a commuter purchase that will be shared with CIA and Fringe with other recognized buggy organizations invited to share in as well.
- The computer will be used for CAD work to help design and plan for materials, and will act as a secure server.

6:18 pm Discussion on F2003-049

- Computer vs. I-pods and other portable devices
- CAD software availability on campus
- Cluster amenities vs. exclusive buggy machine

6:26 pm Straw Poll

6:26 pm Discussion on F2003-049

- Use regulation issues
- Precedents of funding computer purchases

6:28 pm Motion to end discussion (Steven Kling)

6:28 pm Vote to end discussion

Passes, hand vote (18-1-5)

6:29 pm Vote on F2003-049

Passes, hand vote (13-1-10)

6:30 pm Standing Committee Reports

6:30 pm Motion to limit reports to 5 minutes (Daniel Papasian)

6:31 pm **Academic Affairs** (James Hazelrig)

- *See Official Senate Records*

6:33 pm Motion to give speaking rights to Michael Moiseyev

6:33 pm Passes by Acclimation

6:33 pm **Business Affairs** (Steven Kling)

- *See Official Senate Records*

6:36 pm **Campus Life** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- *See Official Senate Records*

6:39 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- *See Official Senate Records*
- An addition of The Gavel, student senate's newsletter, has been printed and is being distributed.

6:44 pm **Funded Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- *See Official Senate Records*
- There is \$5378.17 left in this semester's budget that will roll into next semester's \$30,000 budget.

6:46 pm **Internal Development** (Sivanipriya Nattama)

- *See Official Senate Records*

6:49 pm **Transparency and Accountability** (Sivanipriya Nattama and Steven Kling)

- TASC's policy coming up this evening.
- TASC has a number of recommendations for future changes (e.g.: keeping TASC around for future semesters as needed)

6:52 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- *See Official Senate Records*

6:56 pm Motion to recess after the election of the senate chair (Daniel Papasian)

6:56 pm Passes by acclamation

6:58 pm New Business from Committee

6:58 pm **F2003-047 Non-Funded Recognition of the European Student Association**

6:58 pm Questions on F2003-047

- This cultural organization will focus on education, support of European issues and culture, and will support educational and professional opportunities abroad.
- The organization is open to all members of the campus community and would like to have representation from as many European countries as possible.

7:00 pm Discussion on F2003-047

- Precedent of recognizing organizations without members present

7:03 pm Motion to table F2003-047 (Daniel Papasian)

7:03 pm Vote to table F2003-047

Fails (voice vote)

7:05 pm Discussion on F2003-047

7:05 pm Vote on F2003-047

Passes, voice vote

7:05 pm **F2003-051 Academic Affairs Committee Recommendation Regarding the Diplomas Controversy**

7:07 pm Questions on F2003-051

- Diploma style is based on student starting date, not actual graduation date
- This recommendation is drawing on information collected during the diploma forums.

7:08 pm Discussion on F2003-051

7:08 pm Motion to amend to first whereas to state “ ... passed a resolution on October 23, 3003 regarding the diploma ...” (Steven Kling) – accepted as friendly

7:09 pm Discussion on F2003-051

7:09 pm Vote on F2003-051

Passes, voice vote

7:09 pm **F2003-052 Adoption of the Transparency and Accountability in Student Government Policy**

7:09 pm Questions on F2003-052

- Committee and organization chairs are responsible for monitoring published info and maintaining accuracy.

7:12 pm Discussion on F2003-052

- Large scope of impact
- Adequacy of consideration time

7:13 pm Motion to amend to correct grammatical mistake (James Auwaerter) – accepted as friendly

7:14 pm Discussion on F2003-052

- Adequacy of consideration time

7:15 pm Vote on F2003-052

Passes, voice vote

7:15 pm Special Business

7:15 pm Motion to move Election of Senate Chair next

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Passes, voice vote

7:15 pm **Election of the Senate Chair**

7:15 pm Nominations for the Senate Chair: Vito Fiore

7:16 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Vito Fiore

7:20 pm Discussion on election of the Senate Chair

7:20 pm Motion to fill the Senate Chair seat with Vito Fiore

7:20 pm Discussion on filling the Senate Chair seat with Vito Fiore

7:20 pm Vote to fill the Senate Chair seat with Vito Fiore

Passes, voice vote

7:20 pm Recess

7:35 Recall to Order

7:35 pm **F2003-053 Approval of the Spring 2004 Student Senate Budget**

7:35 pm Questions on F2003-053

- This motion is in accordance with the new TASC policy passed this evening
- Budgets were proposed by individual committee chairs

7:37 pm Motion to amend Communications to include \$23 for business cards

7:37 pm Passes by acclamation

7:37 pm Questions on F2003-053

- The budget can be amended in the future if needed.

7:38 pm Discussion on F2003-053

7:39 pm Motion to cut Academic Affairs budget by \$50 (Megan Flocken)

7:39 pm Discussion on motion to cut Academic Affairs budget by \$50

- \$50 refreshment allocation is intended to celebrate work accomplished
- Precedents for food budgets for other organizations and in senate
- Productivity level vs. food available
- Food allocations in other committee budgets

7:48 pm Vote on motion to cut Academic Affairs budget by \$50

Passes, hand vote (14-3-4)

7:50 pm Discussion on F2003-053

- ID computer expense will accommodate poster and graphics needs, word documents, and other senate related computing needs.

7:53 pm Vote on F2003-053 (*Spring 2004 budget total: \$7181.00*)

Passes, voice vote

7:54 pm **Motion to limit election speeches to 5 minutes** (Daniel Papasian)

7:54 pm Vote to limit speaking time

Passes, voice vote

7:55 pm **Election of the Academic Affairs Chair**

7:55 pm Nominations for the Academic Affairs Chair: James Hazelrig

7:55 pm Candidate speech and questioning: James Hazelrig

7:56 pm Discussion on election of the Academic Affairs Chair

7:57 pm Motion to fill the Academic Affairs Chair seat with James Hazelrig

7:57 pm Discussion on filling the Academic Affairs Chair seat with James Hazelrig

7:57 pm Vote to fill the Academic Affairs Chair seat with James Hazelrig

Passes, voice vote

7:58 pm **Election of the Business Affairs Chair**

7:58 pm Nominations for the Business Affairs Chair: James Auwaerter, Jay Pujara

7:59 pm Candidate speech and questioning: James Auwaerter

8:05 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Jay Pujara

8:11 pm Discussion on election of the Business Affairs Chair

8:11 pm Straw Poll on candidates

8:12 pm Discussion on election of the Business Affairs Chair

8:12 pm Motion to fill the Business Affairs Chair seat with Jay Pujara

8:12 pm Discussion on filling the Business Affairs Chair seat with Jay Pujara

8:20 pm Vote to fill the Business Affairs Chair seat with Jay Pujara

Passes, hand vote

8:21 pm **Election of the Campus Life Committee Chair**

8:21 pm Nominations for the Campus Life Committee Chair: Rebecca Nathan

8:22 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Rebecca Nathan

8:24 pm Discussion on election of the Campus Life Committee Chair

8:25 pm Motion to fill the Campus Life Committee Chair seat with Rebecca Nathan

8:25 pm Discussion on filling the Campus Life Committee Chair seat with Rebecca Nathan

8:25 pm Vote to fill the Campus Life Committee Chair seat with Rebecca Nathan

Passes, voice vote

8:26 pm **Election of the Communications Committee Chair**

8:26 pm Nominations for the Communications Committee Chair: Erik Michaels-Ober

8:26 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Erik Michaels-Ober

8:28 pm Discussion on election of the Communications Committee Chair

8:28 pm Motion to fill the Communications Committee Chair seat with Erik Michaels-Ober
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8:28 pm Discussion on filling the Communications Committee Chair seat with Erik Michaels-Ober
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8:28 pm Vote to fill the Communications Committee Chair seat with Erik Michaels-Ober
Passes, voice vote

8:29 pm **Election of the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair**

8:29 pm Nominations for the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair: Megan Flocken
Flocken

8:29 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Megan Flocken

8:33 pm Discussion on election of the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair

8:33 pm Motion to fill the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair seat with Megan Flocken
Flocken

8:33 pm Discussion on filling the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair seat with Megan Flocken
Megan Flocken

8:34 pm Vote to fill the Funding and Recognitions Committee Chair seat with Megan Flocken
Flocken
Passes, voice vote

8:35 pm **Election of the Internal Development Committee Chair**

8:35 pm Nominations for the Internal Development Committee Chair: Nicholas Scocozzo, Steven Kling
Scocozzo, Steven Kling

8:36 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Nicholas Scocozzo

8:46 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Steven Kling

8:59 pm Discussion on election of the Internal Development Committee Chair

9:01 pm Motion to fill the Internal Development Committee Chair seat with Nicholas Scocozzo
Scocozzo

9:01 pm Discussion on filling the Internal Development Committee Chair seat with Nicholas Scocozzo
Nicholas Scocozzo

9:02 pm Straw Poll

9:02 pm Discussion on filling the Internal Development Committee Chair seat with Nicholas Scocozzo
Nicholas Scocozzo

9:06 pm Motion to end discussion

9:07 pm Vote to end discussion
Division, voice vote

Passes, hand vote

9:08 pm Vote to fill the Internal Development Committee Chair seat with Nicholas Scocozzo

Passes, voice vote

9:09 pm Election of the Sergeant at Arms

9:09 pm Nominations for the Sergeant at Arms: Kristina Wiltsee, James Auwaerter

9:10 pm Candidate speech and questioning: James Auwaerter

9:14 pm Candidate speech and questioning: Kristina Wiltsee

9:18 pm Discussion on election of the Sergeant at Arms

9:21 pm Motion to fill the Sergeant at Arms seat with James Auwaerter

9:21 pm Discussion on filling the Sergeant at Arms seat with James Auwaerter

9:24 pm Vote to fill the Sergeant at Arms seat with James Auwaerter

Fails, hand vote

9:25 pm Discussion on election of the Sergeant at Arms

9:25 pm Motion to fill the Sergeant at Arms seat with Kristina Wiltsee

9:25 pm Discussion on filling the Sergeant at Arms seat with Kristina Wiltsee

9:25 pm Vote to fill the Sergeant at Arms seat with Kristina Wiltsee

Passes, voice vote

9:26 New Business from the Floor

9:26 pm Points of Discussion

- Potential dorm newspaper delivery service

9:28 pm Announcements

- Thank you everyone for a great semester.
- Final committee reports will be posted to www.stusen.org shortly; remember to communicate with your Senators through the contacts on the website.
- Congratulations to the new leaders of senate. Past and future leaders, please stick around briefly after the meeting so the transition can be coordinated.
- Remember Senators, all of your terms continue through April 29, 2004. The next meeting of the session is Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 5:30pm in UC Rangos
1. Student Senate shall remain in recess until that time.
- Activities fee rose to \$80 per semester last night.
- Book buyback and a pajama party in the bookstore will happen next week.

9:31 pm Adjourn