

# CMU Student Senate

Minutes of September 4, 2003

## 5:42 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** James Auwaerter (CIT), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Tim Bowen (HSS), Wai-Loon Chan (CFA, left early, 0.5 absences), Jason Chen (CFA), Vito Fiore (MCS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Naomi Haskell (SIA), James Hazelrig (CIT), Sooran Kim (CFA), Steven Kling (CIT), Ben Magallon (CFA), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS, late, 0.5 absences), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Priya Nattama (SCS, late, excused), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Randy Sinnott (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS, late, excused), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Christopher Watkins (HSS, 1 absence), Michelle Webb (MCS), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Jack Wu (SCS, 1 absence), Joshua Yearsley (HSS, left early, excused)

**Senators Absent:** Elizabeth Anderson (HSS, 1 absence), Robert Andre (CIT), Eric Hong (CFA, 1 absence), Chen Huang (CIT, 1 absence), Ben Loving (MCS, 1 absence), Edward Ryan (MCS, 1 absence), Deniz Secilmis (CFA, excused), Morgan Springer (CFA, 1 absence),

**Members at Large Present:** Daniel Papasian (CIT), Aaron Walker (CIT)

## 5:44 pm Call to Order

### 5:44 pm Approval of Minutes

5:44 pm Amendments to the August 28 minutes

- Sooran Kim and Jay Pujara were excused

5:45 pm Minutes pass by acclamation

### 5:45 pm Audience Participation – None

### 5:46 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:46 pm **Academic Affairs** (James Hazelrig)

- AA met last Tuesday for an unofficial meeting. Official meeting times for the semester will be Tuesdays 5pm in UC318.
- The commencement speaker e-mail will be finished tomorrow and sent to Dean Murphy.

- The HSS overloading issues sparked a petition and there will be a meeting at 8pm tonight.

5:50 pm **Business Affairs** – Not Present

5:50 pm **Campus Life** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- The next committee meeting will be September 9, 5:30pm in the Senate office.
- Campus Life is looking into the student art pass funding status.
- Complaints about health services doctors notes are being investigated
- Dining Committee meets from 4:30-5:30 every week.
- There were 2 official crime alerts in the past few weeks. Flyers regarding the incidents are available.

5:57 pm **Communications** (Tim Bowen)

- Posters advertising current senate vacancies are in the works.
- Long term plans to improve communication with other organizations such as the Tartan and WRCT are being developed.
- Senate T-shirt options are being explored.
- Committee meetings will probably be held on Monday evenings.

5:59 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Randy Sinnott)

- F&R met yesterday to discuss committee affairs with the past vice-chair.
- Committee meetings will be held from 4:30-6:30.

6:00 pm **Internal Development** (Rebecca Nathan)

- The activities fair is underway and going well.
- The retreat will be Saturday from 11-3pm. Attendance will be taken.
- Weekly meeting times are not yet finalized.
- Discrepancies in the election rules will be reviewed this semester.
- The current HSS and CFA vacancy petition deadlines will be September 9.
- ID would like to make room reservations 2 semesters at a time to ensure consistent meeting places.

6:04 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- The table at the activities fair is having success.
- F&R will be up and running next week.
- Please attend your committee meetings and get stuff done.

6:06 pm **New Business from Committee** - None

6:06 pm **Special Business**

6:06 pm **Special Election to fill the Funding and Recognition Committee**

**Chairperson Vacancy** (tabled from last meeting)

6:06 pm Nominations for the position of Funding and Recognition Chairperson: none

6:07 pm Discussion on the election of the funding and recognition chairperson

6:07 pm Motion to table until future meeting

6:07 pm Motion passes by acclamation

6:08 pm **F2003-03 Charging of the Transparency and Accountability in Student Government Committee**

6:09 pm Request for recess for less than 10 minutes, passes by acclamation

6:18 pm Recall to order

6:18 pm **F2003-03 Charging of the Transparency and Accountability in Student Government Committee**

6:18 pm Questions on F2003-03

- ExCom formed this AdHoc committee last week in response to issues surrounding last semester's vetoed Freedom of Information policy proposal.
- Senate has an obligation to publish the internal budget to meet a stipulation passed when the budgets were passed.
- This committee will deal with internal senate issues only. External organizations will not be required to change their own practices though they are certainly invited to follow suit.
- Activities Board is an extension of Student Senate but go through the F&R process separately.
- The Senate general body can overrule committee decisions.
- The committee will give bi-weekly reports at the general body meetings.

6:32 pm Discussion F2003-03

- The process used to open up the budget should be publicized as well so that other organizations can have an easier time opening up their own budgets should they choose to do so.
- Priya Nattama, Steven Kling, and Chris Smoak will be the first members. Other senators are welcome to join.

6:34 pm Vote F2003-03

Passes, voice vote

**6:35 pm New Business from the Floor**

6:35 pm **Communications Report**

- Posters announcing vacancies will be distributed.

#### **6:36 pm Points of Discussion**

- Campus services no longer print all 9 digits of the student ID number on the receipts. This was presented at the Business Affairs Committee.

#### **6:37 pm Announcements**

- The Student Senate Retreat will be held in the UC THIS Saturday, September 6 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Senators are required to attend. Information will be forwarded to you. If you have not done so already, please RSVP to Priya (snattama@andrew.cmu.edu) ASAP.
- There is presently one HSS vacancy and one CIT vacancy. Petitions are available at the UC Info Desk, and are due to be returned there (to Box 46) by Tuesday, September 9. If you have questions, contact Vito (vvf@andrew.cmu.edu).
- Committee business is underway, and the Funding and Recognition process will begin next week. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!
- Student Senate needs to send 8 Senate representatives to serve on the Joint Funding Committee. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact SBVPF Jeff Plate (sbt@andrew.cmu.edu).
- Thanks to all those who helped with the Activities Fair!

#### **6:40 pm Adjourn**