

CMU Student Senate

Official Minutes of September 2, 2004

5:35 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Adam Atkinson (H&SS, came late) Abigail Barnes (CIT), Andres Bermudez (HSS, came late), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Ananya Bubna (TSB), Maureen Burns (CFA), Trevor Clark (CFA), Laura Drogowski (MCS), Andrew Gehling (CFA), Aftyn Giles (CFA), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Kevin Lee (HSS), Jonathan Lee (CIT), Jean Lester (CFA), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS, came late), Nasheena Porter (HSS, came late), Margaret Richards (SCS, came late), James Rogers (CIT, left early, excused), Samantha Rosenthal (CIT), Stephanie Rosenthal (SCS, left early, excused), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Wei Tang (SHS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT)

Senators Absent: Mark Caola (SHS, 1 absence), Lauren Distefano (CFA, 1 absence), Seth Feinberg (MCS, 1 absence), Benjamin Hackett (HSS, 1 absence), Kirk Higgins (CIT, 1 absence), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT, excused), Kristin Sun (TSB), Courtney Thompson (TSB)

Members at Large Present: Aaron Walker (CIT)

5:37 pm Call to Order

5:38 pm Approval of Minutes

5:38 pm Amendments to the minutes

- April 29th - Add the number 29 to the date
- May 4th – Add Bermudez to Andres Bermudez name at 11:05pm and 11:09pm

5:38 pm Passed by acclamation

5:39 pm Committee Reports

5:39 pm **Academic Affairs**

- The AA chair is currently vacant and will be filled this meeting.

5:39 pm **Business Affairs** (Edward Ryan)

- Planning on an initiative of tuition accountability by working with the administration to open information on how tuition is used
- Cashless vending is going to happen very soon and will run off of CampusXpress

5:42 pm **Campus Life** (not present)

5:43 pm **Communications** (Maureen Burns)

- Communications was very busy this summer
- Bus schedules have been sent in and will be posted soon
- Senators visited Freshmen floors at their floor meetings
- Had a table at the Community Marketplace during Orientation
- New senators should stay after to have pictures taken for the website

5:47 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Tom Sabram)

- Looking for people to nominate for JFC
- Working with Dave in Student Activities to ease transition from the old F&R chair and since Jennifer Schmidt left
- Joint Funding Committee (JFC) recommends how to spend money
- JFC will be looking into how to make these things run smoother
- The F&R chair can appoint at least 5 members
- Any of the undergraduate can become part of the JFC

5:51 pm **Internal Development** (Michelle Birchak)

- Will be contacting committee to setup a meeting time
- Currently have one H&SS vacancy
- ID takes care of the Senate social
- Senate retreat was supposed to be September 11th, but may change
- Will be buying a new computer because of the problems with the old computer
- Activities Fair is Wednesday
- All senators can see Dave in Student Activities to get keys to the Senate office
- Old Keys from last semester expired in May

5:54 pm **Campus Life** (Nasheena Porter)

- Helping Eric and other organization to do voter registration
- Trying to organize trip during spring break with the possible options of an alternative spring break in the Caribbean, a trip to Europe stopping in Wales, Scotland, and two other places, or a trip to three cities in the US.
- Helping to plan activities next semester with Heather Andring
- Will work toward getting benches in the UC turnaround

5:57 pm **Summer Committee** (Ed Ryan)

- Had quorum at one meeting over the summer

- Was established to have make a Senate presence over the summer
- Checked up on various projects including the new locks in the UC and Computing Services new printer policy, which will include possibly getting rid of Pear and Grapenut, and having printing kiosks in the clusters

6:00 pm **Senate Chair** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Welcome back
- Keep an eye open for committee meetings

6:02 pm **Special Business**

6:02 pm Motion to move the Report from Campus Police to when Sgt. Hunt comes Passes, by acclamation

6:02 pm **0405-001 Introduction of Possible Judicial Board Nominees** (Holly Hippensteel, Coordinator of Community Standards)

- See Appendix I
- Student members of the Judicial Board are approved by the Student Senate as according to the Word
- Plans to interview each of the students and before the interviews would like to have feedback
- There is no limit to the size of the pool of people on the Board. Traditionally between 125 and 150 students
- From the Judicial Board pool, students are selected for the Residential Judicial Board, the Greek Judicial Board, and the University Discipline Council
- Can self-nominate or be nominated for the Board. The nomination period is always open but the training is done once a semester.

6:07 pm **0405-002 Election of the Academic Affairs Committee Chairperson**

6:08 pm Nominations: Jonathan Mendelson

6:09 pm Speech by Jonathan Mendelson

6:14 pm Questions for Jonathan Mendelson

6:17 pm Motion to give speaking rights to James Hazelrig (Michelle Birchak)
Passes by Acclamation

6:19 pm Discussion on filling the Academic Affairs Committee Chair with Jonathan Mendelson

6:22 pm Motion to End Discussion (Joe Arasin)
No second

6:25 pm Call the question

6:26 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:27 pm **0405-003 Approval of Presidential Ad Hoc Committee on Student Government Elections** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- The committee will look into Graduate involvement in student body elections and referenda.
- Review the role of GSA in administration and ratifications of Student Body-Wide referenda and elections for Executive officers
- Five members – Student Body Vice President, two undergrads, two grads

6:28 pm Questions on 0405-003

6:29 pm Discussion on 0405-003

6:29 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:30 pm **0405-004 Approval of Ad Hoc Committee on University Center Renovations**

- Develop a plan for renovations of student space in the UC
- Student Body President shall serve as Chair of the committee and select its members
- Will submit recommendations to the Student Senate and GSA by November 3rd, 2004

6:31 pm Questions on 0405-004

6:36 pm Discussion on 0405-004

6:36 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:36 pm New business from the floor

6:36 pm Motion to make Hanish Dayal a Member at Large

6:36 pm Questions on motion to make Hanish Dayal a Member at large

6:38 pm Discussion on motion to make Hanish Dayal a Member at Large

6:38 pm Call the question

6:38 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:38 pm Motion to make Sean Weinstock a Member at Large

6:39 pm Questions on motion to make Sean Weinstock a Member at Large

6:41 pm Discussion on motion to make Sean Weinstock a Member at Large

6:42 pm Call the question

6:42 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:43 pm Motion to make James Hazelrig a Member at Large

6:44 pm Questions on motion to make James Hazelrig a Member at Large

6:45 pm Discussion on motion to make James Hazelrig a Member at Large

6:45 pm Call the question

6:45 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:46 pm Points of Discussion

6:46 pm Blackout happened because of Duquesne Light problems (Andres Bermudez)

- No injuries involved

6:47 pm Senate retreat coming up soon (Michelle Birchak)

- Go over ins and outs of Senate, JFC, do some teambuilding
- Typically, a Saturday around 11 for two or three hours

6:50 pm Motion to end points of discussion

Passes, voice vote

6:50 pm Announcements

- Welcome back to Senate! Your committee chair already has or should be contacting you about possible meeting times soon. You can see what committee you are on by looking on the website, <http://www.stusen.org>, under "Committees".
- Your keycard to the Senate office can be picked up at the Student Activities Office, right between the Alumni Lounge and the UC Info Desk. You can talk to Dave Ruvolo at the desk. The Senate office is meant to be used by Senators, so please pick up your key!
- The Fall Activities Fair will be September 8th from 4:30-6:30pm in Rangos. Make sure your organization is signed up for the event by tomorrow Friday, September 3rd by 5:00pm if you want to participate.
- The Senate Retreat will be coming up soon. Please stay tuned for more details.
- Senate will have one person as part of the interviewing process of the Judicial Board Nominees. If you are interested, please contact Nicholas at chair@stusen.org.

- The Joint Funding Committee will be getting started soon and Senate is responsible for appointing 8 members to this important committee. If you are interested, please contact F&R Chair Tom Sabram, tsabram@stusen.org.
- Some Senators will be going for some food after the meeting. Hang around if you would like to go.
- All new senators should stay after for pictures for the website
- Communications committee please stay after the meeting in the back right corner
- ID please stay after in top left corner
- Campus Life please stay after in back left corner
- AA please stay after in top right corner
- KGB underground tour happening September 10th 7pm starting at Kirr Commons
- Adam Atkinson apologizes publicly for being late
- Please drink responsibly this weekend
- College democrats meeting soon

6:56 pm Adjourn

Appendix I:
Potential New Judicial Board Members
Submitted for Senate consideration 9/2/04

Elizabeth Buckser, Senior
Kevin Chang, Sophomore
Colin Cherry, Sophomore
Samira Gilani, Sophomore
Richard Kung, Sophomore
Bruce Lee, Senior
Brian Loo, Sophomore
Kelly McLaughlin, Senior
Sudeep Paul, Sophomore
Craig Radulovich, Senior
Rokhsana Safaai-Jazi, Junior
Brandon Salmon, Graduate Student
Anita Taylor, Sophomore
Benjamin Tilton, Junior
Sophie Wong, Senior
Jacqueline Xu, Sophomore