

CMU Student Senate

Official Minutes of October 28, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Adam Atkinson (HSS), Abigail Barnes (CIT), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Maureen Burns (CFA), Trevor Clark (CFA), Laura Drogowski (MCS), Andrew Gehling (CFA), Aftyn Giles (CFA), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Benjamin Hackett (HSS), Kirk Higgins (CIT), Kevin Lee (HSS), Jean Lester (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS) Nasheena Porter (HSS), Margaret Richards (SCS), Samantha Rosenthal (CIT), Stephanie Rosenthal (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Tanvir Suri (TSB, proxy), Courtney Thompson (TSB), Yew Choe Wong (CIT)

Senators Absent: Ananya Bubna (TSB, excused), Jonathan Lee (CIT, excused), James Rogers (CIT, 2 absences), Wei Tang (SHS, excused), Joshua Yearsley (HSS, excused)

Members at Large Present: Hanish Dayal (CIT), Louisa Kinoshi (HSS), Aaron Walker (CIT), Sean Weinstock (HSS)

Members at Large Absent: James Hazelrig (CIT, excused), Ryan Keane (HSS, excused), Brittany McCandless (HSS), Corrine Pascale (CIT), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, excused)

5:39 pm Call to Order

5:40 pm Approval of Minutes

- Minutes passed by acclamation

5:40 pm Audience Participation (none)

5:41 pm Ex-officio Reports

5:41 pm Activities Board (Andrew Moore)

- Michael Moore was on campus October 26
- November 12 is the fall concert with Taking Back Sunday
- There will be a Motion City Soundtrack Coffeehouse Show on November 22
- AB attended the Forum on Political Speakers on October 27

5:43 pm Campus Police (Sergeant Hunt)

- CMU police has not done traffic enforcement for some time

5:47 pm Graduate Student Assembly (not present)

5:47 pm Student Affairs (Jennifer Parry Bird)

- Currently looking for RAs. If interested, contact Student Activities.

5:50 pm Student Dormitory Council (Debbie Hugh)

- Have a new Underground chair
- Are currently looking for shows to put in the Underground
- SDC films is showing Van Helsing this Saturday

5:52 pm Student Body Vice President (Julie Beckenstein)

- Beginning in February there will be no buses on nights and weekends
- Will be traveling to Harrisburg on November 10 to contest the funding cut
- On November 2nd there will be an election party in Rangos

5:56 pm Student Body President (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- Cashless vending is up and running
- We have approximately 250 vending machines on campus
- Come to the elections party on November 2nd

- Have been receiving a lot of positive feedback about the newspapers

6:02 pm Student Body Vice President for Finance (Steven Kling)

- Have elected Nicolette Louissaint to the position of JFC Chair
- JFC is meeting twice a week and things are going well

6:03 pm Greek Council (Adam Atkinson)

- Greek week went well
- Talks are continuing with diversity discussions

6:05 pm Student Body Dining Chair (Andres Bermudez)

- Still in discussion over what should happen in the Highlander space
- Hastings has replaced Dan Barnett in Skibo Coffeehouse, the Zebra Lounge, and Andy's

6:06 pm Special Business

6:06 pm Motion to move the filling of the SHS/BHA/BSA to now

- Passes, voice vote

6:06 pm Filling of the SHS/BHA/BSA vacancy

- Justin Berka speaks and then questions
- Andrea Hamilton speaks and then questions

6:21 pm Andrea Hamilton becomes senator

6:22 New Business from Committee

6:22 pm Non-Funded Recognition for Visual Arts Association

6:24 pm Discussion on Motion

- Motion passes, voice vote

6:25 pm \$675 Special Allocation to OM

6:25 pm Discussion on Motion

- Motion passes, voice vote

6:26 pm \$900 Special Allocation to Pulse

6:27 pm Motion to give Mark Egerman and JT Trollman speaking rights

- Motion passes, voice vote

6:28 pm Discussion on Motion

6:38 pm Motion to amend amount to \$1596.57

6:38 pm Discussion on Amendment

- Motion fails, voice vote

6:40 pm Motion to amend amount to \$1314.34 (Ben Hackett)

6:40 pm Discussion on Motion

6:46 pm Call the question

- Motion passes, voice vote

6:47 pm Discussion on Motion

6:47 pm Call the question

- Objection

6:57 pm Call the question

- Objection

6:59 pm Move the question (Tom Sabram)

- Motion passes

7:00 pm Motion passes, hand vote

7:01 pm \$800 Special Allocation to Spirit (3/4 vote, honorarium)

7:01 pm Discussion on Motion

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:04 pm \$2500 Special Allocation to Mosaic (3/4 vote, honorarium)

7:04 pm Discussion on Motion

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:06 pm \$1500 Special Allocation to Pi Delta Psi (3/4 vote, honorarium)

7:07 pm Discussion on Motion

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:10 pm Special Business

7:11 pm Charging of Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:12 pm Filling of the MCS Vacancy

7:15 pm Discussion on filling vacancy with Katie Cooper

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:16 pm New Business from the Floor

7:16 pm Motion to make Justin Berka a Member at Large (Joe Arasin)

- Motion passes, voice vote

7:17 pm Points of Discussion

7:17 pm There is concern addressed that the Pulse should not close off membership to competing organizations

7:23 pm Announcements

- Due to not receiving any petitions, Senate still has a vacancy in CFA. Please spread the word that we are still looking for someone to fill the spot. Senate will consider the vacancy at the General Body meeting after receiving a valid CFA petition.
- Senate's next meeting is November 4th in Margaret Morrison A14. Please note the different location. See you there!
- Immediately following this meeting, Senate will be having its semester social. Please join us for some good food and DDR.

7:25 pm Adjourn