

# CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of September 23, 2004

## 5:41 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), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Benjamin Hackett (HSS), Kirk Higgins (CIT), Jonathan Lee (CIT), Kevin Lee (HSS), Jean Lester (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT, proxy), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS), Nasheena Porter (HSS), Margaret Richards (SCS), 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:** Ananya Bubna (TSB, 1 absence), Mark Caola (SHS, 1 absence), Lauren Distefano (CFA, 3 absences), Seth Feinberg (MCS, 2 absences), Aftyn Giles (CFA, 1 absence), Courtney Thompson (TSB, excused)

**Members at Large Present:** Hanish Dayal (CIT), Aaron Kao (CIT), Louisa Kinoshi (HSS), Tanvir Suri (TSB), Aaron Walker (CIT), Sean Weinstock (HSS), Joshua Yearsley (HSS)

**Members at Large Absent:** James Hazelrig (CIT, 1 absence), Brittany McCandless (HSS, 1 absence), Corrine Pascale (CIT, 1 absence), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, 1 absence)

## 5:44 pm Call to order

### 5:44 pm Approval of Minutes

5:44 pm Amendment to the minutes of September 16

- Adam Atkinson, Maureen Burns, Andrew Gehling, Jonathan Lee, James Rogers, and Thomas Sabram did not come late to the meeting.
- Sean Weinstock was not present.

5:46 pm Minutes passed by acclamation

**5:46 pm Audience Participation** (None)

**5:46 pm Ex-Officio Reports**

5:46 pm **Activities Board** (Andrew Moore)

- Friday film and Saturday film cancelled.
- Seth Tobocman gave a lecture in McConomy Auditorium
- Friday show in Highlander @ 8 - Ben Lee.
- Michael Moore contract will probably be signed today. Outdoors on Hamerschlag Mall with a rain site of Carnegie Music Hall.

5:51 pm **Campus Police** (None)

5:51 pm **Greek Council** (None)

5:51 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** (None)

5:51 pm **Student Affairs** (Jennifer Bird)

- President Cohen is out of town and is offering his box in Gesling Stadium to senators, so they can come hang out there and cheer on our football team
- Jeopardy is coming to town Wednesday

5:55 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Debbie Hugh)

- Now have a new booth chair – an enthusiastic freshman
- Currently do not have an Underground chair
- Approved money for ArtsPass and had a massive turnout of 60 people; a rumor spread that SDC was going to kill ArtsPass instead of approving money for it
- Fright night for Halloween in the dorms

5:59 pm **Student Body President** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- Will have free copies of USA Today, NY Times, and the Pittsburgh Post Gazette for a month, right before the election, as a trial.
- Going to mock political convention/debate and Vice Presidential debate in Cleveland.
- Student Government with a coalition of groups is putting on events for voter registration

6:05 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Julie Beckenstein)

- Looking into unisex bathrooms for those that do not feel comfortable using the male or female bathrooms – probably the third floor or the basement.
- Overlapping classes came up in UEC and possible reasons that came from that discussion was students taking double majors and minors or the faculty not scheduling their classes correctly – will be working toward getting the faculty scheduling their classes correctly and then hopefully that will clear the students

6:10 pm **Student Body Vice President for Finance** (Steve Kling)

- JFC is starting soon.
- You will be approving members for this group this week.

6:14 pm **Student Body Dining Chair** (Jay Pujara)

- Making progress on the little things to make dining better
- Will be coming up with a survey for Highlander

**6:18 pm New Business from Committee**

6:18 pm **0405-012 Non-funded Recognition for Undergraduate Consulting Club**

6:18 pm Motion to table 0405-012 until a representative from the club comes

Passed by acclamation

6:19 pm **0405-013 Non-funded Recognition for Financial Advisory Club**

- Open to everyone and founded by a group of Engineering majors

6:21 pm Questions on 0405-013

6:21 pm Discussion on 0405-013

6:23 pm Vote on 0405-013

Passes, voice vote

6:23 pm **0405-014 Non-funded Recognition for Swing Dancers Anonymous**

- Plan on concentrating on Swing and Latin.
- They were at the Activities Fair since they had a non-questionable constitution at that time, since F&R couldn't meet before the Activities Fair

6:24 pm Questions on 0405-014

6:24 pm Discussion on 0405-014

6:25 pm Vote on 0405-014

Passes, voice vote

6:25 pm **0405-015 Non-funded Recognition for Right On**

- Open to all. A conservatively-minded group.

6:26 pm Questions on 0405-015

- Will be trying to bring a healthy debate on campus of the issues

6:33 pm Discussion on 0405-015

6:33 pm Vote on 0405-015

Passes, voice vote

6:34 pm **0405-016 Special Allocation of \$2100 for Dance Marathon**

6:34 pm Questions on 0405-016

6:34 pm Discussion on 0405-016

6:36 pm Vote on 0405-016

Passes, voice vote

6:37 pm **0405-017 Special Allocation of \$300 for Tanah**

6:37 pm Questions on 0405-017

6:38 pm Discussion on 0405-017

6:38 pm Vote on 0405-017

Passes, voice vote

6:38 pm **0405-018 Senate Session Rule Regarding OrgTracker Updating**

6:39 pm Questions on 0405-018

6:41 pm Discussion on 0405-018

6:41 pm Call the Question (Wei Tang)

6:41 pm Vote on 0405-018

Passes, voice vote

6:41 pm **0405-019 - Appointment of the Undergraduate Delegation to the Joint Funding Committee**

6:41 pm Questions on 0405-019

6:42 pm Discussion on 0405-019

6:43 pm Vote on 0405-019

Passes, voice vote

**6:43 pm New Business from Floor** (none)

**6:43 pm Points of Discussion**

6:43 pm Michael Moore is cool but not knowing the amount of money paid is disturbing.

- They can't go more than the AB lectures budget.

6:50 pm Motion to end to this Point of Discussion (Ed Ryan)

6:51 pm Communications wants to have a BBQ and T-shirts

- The BBQ would be for Senators to interact with Students
- Please put your name down for a t-shirt. Same design, same color as last year.

6:58 pm Call for End of this Point of Discussion (Ed Ryan)

6:58 pm Greek Week invited Senate and other organizations to have a Poker table at their casino night.

7:00 pm Need some feedback on good places for display cases of Senators for each college

**7:01 pm Announcements**

- Thank you to all for coming to the Retreat. It was a very good

- success, especially the mock debate. If you could not make it to the retreat and would like to go over the things you missed, please contact Michelle at id-chair@stusen.org.
- President Cohon has offered to Student Government his box in Gesling
- Stadium for the game this Saturday. If you would like to see the game from the box, please email Jen, our advisor, or see her after the meeting.
- We do have two vacancies - one in H&SS and one in TSB. The deadline is Monday the 27th at 5:00pm in UC Box 46 at the Info Desk. You can get petition forms at the UC Info Desk or online at <http://senate.web.cmu.edu/id/petition.pdf>. Senate will fill those empty seats at our next meeting.
- Maureen would like to take a group picture of all of us, but doesn't have her camera with her now. She will take this picture next week.

**7:04 pm Adjourn**