CMU Student Senate

RAW Minutes of April 5, 2007

5:05 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Rotimi Abimbola (HSS, 2 absences), Matt Adams (TSB, 2 absences, proxy), Robert Bethea (CIT, 1 absence, .5absence), Joel Bergstein (CIT), Gerrit Betz (HSS), Byron Chou (TSB, .5absence), Alan Eaton (CIT), Kate Eckerle (MCS), Joe Gershenson (SCS, 1 absence), Danielle Griswold (HSS, 1 absence), Jenny Han (SCS), Ashley Hill (CIT, 2 absence, .5absence), Lauren Hudock (HSS), Jared Itkowitz (TSB, 1 absence), Megan Larcom (TSB), Cyrus Larijani (BHA), Emily Leathers (SCS), Julia Li (CFA, 2 absences), Edward Oh (1 absence, .5absence), Evan Osheroff (MCS, 1 absence), Dan O'Toole (CIT), Fredrico Pineda (MCS, 2 absences), Colin Sternhell (HSS), Krishan Taylor (SCS), Brian Wade (HSS, .5absence), Lauren Walch (CIT)

Senators Absent: Matt Erhard (CIT, 3 absences), Philip Croul (HSS, 1 absence), Melissa Kim (CIT, 1 absence, .5absence) , Paris Obdan (CIT, 1 absence, .5absence)

Members at Large Present:

Members at Large Absent:

5:06 pm Call to Order

5:06 pm Approval of Minutes from 3/29/2007

- Philip Croul has one absence

5:07 pm Audience Participation

5:07 pm Committee Reports

5:07 pm **Campus Life** (Megan Larcom)

- The Gear Sale will be on Friday the 13th
- Everyone must sign up for a shift, otherwise you get an absence

5:07 pm Questions

- What time will it go to?
- ◊ It will go till Move On

5:08 pm **Communications** (Lauren Hudock)

- There is a new Elections schedule
- I want to table the week after Carnival

- I'll printout new posters, can help me with that?
- I want to take the fence sometime next week
- I'll have more information next Thursday, but still check your email

5:08 pm Questions

- Why did the schedule change?
- ◊ We'll go over that in New Business from the Floor

5:08 pm New Business from the Floor

- I got an email Tuesday from the Elections Board. They only received 10 petitions for 38 vacancies and they were concerned
- Platforms are now due April 13th
- They want to make sure there is time for a debate and time to get the word out
- Does the number of petitions include current senators?
- No
- They will help us with advertisements
- We need to vote on it in order to change it

5:11 pm Questions

- When are the official dates?
- ◊ It's on the agenda under announcements
- What exactly are we voting on?
- ◊ We either have to have a 2/3 vote to suspend the Senate bylaws or a 2/3 vote to delay elections. The Elections Board would rather us delay the elections
- ◊ GSA is ok with this

5:13 pm Passed by Consent

- Is Elections Board supposed to do majority of the PR?
- According to Election rules, Elections Board does not do PR.

5:15 pm New Business from Committee

5:15 pm **0607-084 Special Allocation of $400 to Pi Delta Psi for Ken Oak Band**

- They brought Ken Oak last year and had a pretty good turn out
- He's a cellist
- They've obtained additional funding from OIE and SDC
- They event costs $900 and they are asking for $400

5:16 pm Questions

- Are you looking at other sources of funding?
- ◊ We have funding from SDC and OIE and we will see Dean Church

- What kind of group is Pi Delta Psi?
- ◊ It's a cultural fraternity. It's fairly new. It was established 6 years ago. We want to promote cultural awareness
- When is the event?
- ◊ April 12th in the Merson Courtyard

5:17 pm Discussion

5:17 pm Call the Question (Colin Sternhell)

5:17 pm Voice Vote, passed

5:17 pm **0607085- Special Allocation of $500 to CMU Rally and Autocross Club**

- The Autocross Club was founded in 2005. They hold a variety of motor sports events
- They are the primary venue for motor sports in CMU. They do things like working on cars to performance driving
- Committee decided to fund 1 helmet and 1 harness, which costs $500

5:18 pm Questions

- What is Autocross?
- ◊ We set up the parking lot full of cones and drivers navigate through them

5:19 pm Discussion

- Safety first

5:19 pm Call the Question (Byron Chou)

5:19 pm Voice Vote, passed

5:19 pm **Senate Retreat**

Points of Discussion

Announcements

- New Elections Schedule

Adjourn