

CMU Student Senate

RAW Minutes of April 12, 2007

5:04 pm Roll Call

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

Senators Absent: Kate Eckerle (MCS, 1 absence), Matt Erhard (CIT, 4 absences), Joe Gershenson (SCS, 2 absences), Jenny Han (SCS, 1 absence), Krishan Taylor (SCS, 1 absence)

5:05 pm Call to Order

5:06 pm Approval of Minutes from 4/5/2007

- Gerrit Betz did not have a proxy
- Philip Croul has 1 absence

5:06 pm Audience Participation

5:06 pm Ex Officio reports

- Megan and I talked to Flexcar about the Carshare program
- Rather than \$800 for 1 car, we want a 2 for 1 kind of deal
- It's \$400 a car or \$100 a week to bring a car to campus
- You don't have to put any money down now, but you'd have to agree to pass memorandum.
- Senate needs to sign the contract in order to bring the cars
- \$800 is the flat rate for 2 cars.

5:08 pm Questions

- How long is contract?
- ◇ We're trying for 9 months.

- What about the Flexcar's contract are you trying to change?
- ◇ They want the contract to start in May, but we aren't going to be here during the summer.
- Where would the money go?
- ◇ Flexcar. The \$800 is the placement fee. Pittsburgh downtown partnership is subsidizing \$400 for each car.
- The money Senate puts up, would it come from special allocations?
- ◇ I would assume so. You don't pay now. You just have to sign the contract
- ◇ Right now this is just information. It's not a motion
- ◇ We're going before Senate and GSA
- How do you take out a car?
- ◇ You join as a member. It's \$15 per year. You go online and make a reservation, usually 45 minutes to an hour before you use it.

5:16 pm Committee Reports

5:16 pm Academic Affairs (Evan Osheroff)

- Last week the chief of police came to talk
- The crime rate is .027. It means there are 27 crimes for every 1000 people, which is really good
- Due to recent events, they installed a camera behind WQED.
- It's part of the WQED system, but we can view it when we want
- We're looking at Spacequest. We want to find a way to make cancellations easier
- Over summer, the library will be installing 3 study rooms in Hunt, 2 rooms for 6 people and one room for 8 people, and 2 study rooms in the E&S library, rooms for 12 and 3 people.
- We're talking about the reservation system and how they would be monitored
- The library is going forward with the sleeping pod plan. There will be one installed over the summer
- Supposedly there is a timer to wake the person up. If all goes well, 4 more will be brought in
- The library will be moving away from dewy decimal system

5:19 pm Questions

- Who will be cleaning the pods?
- ◇ The library

- How long will the change from dewy take?
- ◇ All changes set to be done by the time school starts
- What about adding more outlets?
- ◇ It is possible to put in more. We hope to have double outlets between every window by the fall
- Are those all the outlets we're hoping for?
- ◇ It is a matter of construction. Currently, it's harder to put them in middle of the floor

5:21 pm **Business Affairs** (Jared Itkowitz)

- We're in the process of designing kiosks.
- Do you have any designs in mind?

5:21 pm Questions

5:21 pm **Campus Life** (Megan Larcom)

- Is anyone interested in working with Campus Health? We want to extend weekend hours
- There will be a D-list blast about getting involved in community service
- Senate will have lanyards during orientation. We will try to sponsor the sex talk. We're handing out condoms with Senate stickers on them
- The campus gear sale is tomorrow. It's counted for an absence if you didn't sign up

5:23 pm **Communications** (Lauren Hudock)

- Elections are starting up
- We have little fliers to hand out with people's purchases tomorrow.
- There's no meeting next week
- I want to table Tuesday and Wednesday in Doherty 11:30 to 2:30 on Tuesday and 10:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday. Please sign up
- Constituency meeting will be Tuesday the 24th 12 to 2

5:25 pm Questions

- Can we get Entropy and the bookstore to hand out the fliers too?
- ◇ Yes
- ◇ We'll be advertising for the debate on Monday too
- ◇ We'll be painting the fence Monday evening. Please sign up for at least one thing

5:26 pm **Finance** (Alan Eaton)

- Should we get adv in tartan saying what we allocated this year?

5:27 Questions

- Can we put this in points of discussion?
- Yes

5:27 pm **Internal Development** (Gerrit Betz)

- I hope you enjoyed retreat

5:28 pm Questions

5:28 pm **Chair** (Joel Bergstein)

- Please sign up for the gear sale. There are a lot of people with 2 absences
- We have 2 more meetings, maybe 3 for some of you, but keep being motivated with Senate

5:29 pm Questions

5:29 pm New Business from the Floor

- FORGE came for reading night allocation at UPitt
- Pitt is charging for setting up and police officers
- Committee decided UPitt FORGE should have paid for it
- Pitt was working to get funded but it didn't work out
- CMU's a capella group will be performing there and we're having RAs bring their floors
- We want to bring blankets for refugees

5:31 pm Discussion

- This is an allocation request for FORGE for \$425.48.
- Pitt FORGE said they would fund entire event. We weren't comfortable funding in whole an event on Pitt campus
- The organization UPitt was going to get funding from didn't have enough money
- How much effort is UPitt putting into this event?
- They had a lot of operations in terms of getting space and bands set up. Funding has been limited due to advertising
- FORGE is a great organization. It shouldn't be divided between CMU and Pitt. A lot of CMU students will be there
- We will have to make it \$4 admittance if we don't get this funded.
- Our goal is to get noticed, not so much make money for the blankets
- The FORGE operating cost was \$303.
- I'm fine with funding this event, but I don't think our job is to fund a Pitt event

- Funding we gave them earlier was all for internal events. This motion right now is the only thing we've seen from them in terms of funding the actual event. It's really good to see new groups doing a lot of events. But there's only so much we can do for any one group
- How many people are in your org and how many in Pitt's? How many people are you expecting?
- FORGE's D-list is 40-50 people. There are 15 regulars to meetings. I'd say about 30 active members in Pitt. I don't know how many people we're expecting to the event
- We still have a lot of money. We should propel and encourage groups such as FORGE who has taken initiative to do a lot of things
- Do we have a policy on joint school events?
- It's up to our judgment
- Did you decide whether or not there will be required donation?
- \$4 will have to pay for event if we don't get funding. If we get funding it will be optional
- It's been brought up this year that new organizations that know they don't have funding shouldn't necessarily be bringing event after event and we feel obligated to fund because they come a week before the event, after they've started advertising
- Motion amend the allocation to \$200.48 (Brian Wade)
- I feel there's a problem giving money to Pitt, whereas this money can go for the police officer that needs to be there anyway
- I was going to suggest funding half of this, which is what we're doing anyway
- I think it's fair to give a portion b/c it's a joint event.

5:46 pm Call the Question (Evan Osheroff)

5:46 pm Objection (Emily Leathers)

- Would you rather, if we can't fund the whole thing, we not fund any of it?
- I think it would be helpful if you fund part of it

5:47 pm Move the question (Gerrit Betz)

5:47 pm Hand Vote 23:3, passed

- We are now voting to amend the allocation to \$200.48

5:48 pm Hand vote 15:7:3, passed

- We are now discussing giving \$200.48 to FORGE

5:48 pm Move the question (Cyrus Larijani)

5:48 pm Hand Vote 17:3, passed

- We're now voting to give FORGE \$200.48

5:49 pm Hand Vote 16:7:1, passed

5:50 pm New Business from Committee

5:50 pm **0607-088 Special Allocation of \$500 to ALLIES Booth**

- This is a request for BOOTH materials
- It's \$500, because we've done that on precedent for other groups

5:51 pm Call the Question (Jared Itkowitz)

5:51 pm Voice vote, passed

5:52 pm New Business from the Floor (Continued)

5:52 pm Beta flag football tournament

- Beta is having a flag football tournament
- Bulk of the budget is t-shirts
- The suggested donation is \$5 per person. It's open to the entire campus

5:52 pm Questions

- How much are you requesting?
 - ◇ \$1986.88
- What are your priorities?
 - ◇ T-shirts. Last year people who participated didn't have anything to take home
 - ◇ We're looking for other sources of funding for the flags and footballs
- Is there a cost to participate?
 - ◇ The suggested fee is \$5

5:54 pm Discussion

- Are fraternities and sororities required to do charitable events every year?
 - ◇ No. But we aren't concerned about that for this event
- Why don't you buy Gatorade mix instead of bottles?
 - ◇ We're talking about that.
- There are places where you can cut down on cost. Where else were you planning to get funding from?
 - ◇ We were going to take it out of our leadership fund. Every summer we send 10-15 guys to leadership opportunities from that fund
- Have you talked to the IM staff to see if you can borrow their balls and flags?

- ◇ They don't know if we can use them because they don't let other groups use them

5:57 pm Move to change the allocation to \$486.88 (Jared Itkowitz)

- I feel for event to happen, they don't necessarily need the t-shirts
- I disagree. I think we can give half the amount. They said they can cut down on a lot of cost
- Are the 100 quart coolers the big orange ones?

◇ Yes

- Can't you borrow those from SDC?

◇ We'd like to have them for later years.

5:58 pm Move the Question (Evan Osheroff)

5:58 pm Hand Vote 10:12, failed

5:59 pm Discussion (Continued)

- When is the event?

◇ The 29th

- I think we shouldn't fund t-shirts. We can ask people to bring light and dark t-shirts. They could get t-shirts in all one color, but that would defeat the purpose because you couldn't differentiate between teams
- Hypothetically, they could lower it to around \$1500, we'd be funding around a third of the event
- People last year wanted t-shirts, so we should give them t-shirts.
- I would recommend around \$750. It shows we support event and we want CMU students to participate

6:02 pm Motion to change the allocation to \$750 (Matt Adams)

- He was saying the cost could be cut to around \$1500. Personally I think we should fund at least \$1500, but I was going with the \$750 number suggested earlier
- T-shirts aren't necessary for event. We're essentially buying gifts to the participants. I want the event to go on, but I don't think t-shirts are necessary. We still need to be fiscally responsible
- Last year I had corporate sponsorship for a basketball tournament and it worked out really well. Maybe you could look into that?
- If we fund you \$750, do you have enough to fund the event?

◇ Yes, we can arrange things

- Would it be bad if we make the \$5 donation required?
- We can't do that. Then Senate wouldn't be able to fund the event

6:06 pm Move the Question (Gerrit Betz)

6:06 pm Hand Vote 17:2, passed

6:06 pm 17:2:3, passed

6:07 pm Discussion (Continued)

- We're now discussing amending original motion

6:07 pm Call the Question (Gerrit Betz)

6:08 pm Hand Vote 15:4:3, passed

6:08 pm Discussion

- I support this event. I just want Senate to hear that t-shirts are not essential for the event. It was successful last year w/o t-shirts
- Did you have t-shirts last year?

◇ There wasn't enough last year. We made them by hand out of white t-shirts

6:10 pm Call the Question (Alan Eaton)

6:10 pm Hand Vote 17:4:3, passed

6:11 pm New Business from Committee (Continued)

6:11 pm **0607-086 Special Allocation of \$6000 to ArtsPASS**

- Every time you go to museums, we get in free by showing campus ID
- It's paid for by joint payments by other organizations
- We vote for it every year

6:12 pm Questions

- Is there a way we can add Children's Museum to ArtsPass?
- I haven't heard from anyone from there but we can definitely look into that

6:12 pm Discussion

- They've gone to 6 organizations and they give \$6000 each. We do this every year.

6:13 pm Call the Question (Cyrus Larijani)

6:13 pm Voice vote, passed

6:13 pm **0607-087 Special Allocation of \$400 to Kappa Sigma**

- We want to bring gladiator jousting to the cut in carnival
- We will rent equipment from Talent Network Inc. It's a philanthropy event. There will be a suggested donation
- It's an optional donation so it meets senate's requirement for funding

- It's a cheap event and we're raising money for charity

6:14 pm Questions

- Do you have other sources of funding?
 - ◇ IFC and we will meet with Dean Church

6:14 Discussion

- Some money's going back to community?
 - ◇ The optional donation

6:15 pm Call the Question (Cyrus Larijani)

6:15 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:15 pm **0607-089 Special Allocation of \$300 to SAC for Service week**

- We will have service Events throughout week, culminating with a celebration for service dinner
- It will be the week after carnival

6:16 pm Questions

6:16 pm Discussion

6:16 pm Call the Question (Colin Sternhell)

6:16 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:17 pm **0607-090 Special Allocation of \$500 to First Year Formal**

- It will be in the Merson courtyard, with tents.
- There are lots of overhead costs.
- The idea was fed to us by emerging leaders and house council. It's a freshman run idea; we're doing the logistical things so they can plan the event how they want

6:19 pm Questions

- Have you talked to the first year departments?
 - ◇ Since it's a student activity, we didn't think of going there
- I don't think that's a viable funding source
- How many people are you expecting?
 - ◇ About 300. It's \$5 a person. Most of the cost comes from having the event outside the UC
- What time is it?
 - ◇ 9:30pm to 1am

6:21 pm Discussion

- Since there are 300 people and we're funding \$500, it's a good cost

6:22 pm Call the Question (Jared Itkowitz)

6:22 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:22 pm **0607-091 Special Allocation of \$2000 to Sigma Phi Epsilon**

- They're having a barbeque in the fall
- We fund this every year
- Phi kap gets \$2000 for a same scale barbeque

6:23 pm Questions

6:23 pm Discussion

- The barbeque will be great

6:23 pm Call the question (Rotimi Abimbola)

6:24 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:24 pm **0607-092 Special Allocation of \$300 to Carnegie Crap Sale**

- It's like a flea market. It's in conjunction with Hammerschlag House
- There will be a barbeque. WRCT will be there as well
- It's a campus wide event
- The money is to reduce the cost of the barbeque
- It's a large scale event
- When people register, they pledge a certain amount of their profit to goodwill

6:26 pm Questions

- Do you think \$600 is sufficient?
- ◇ It would help with the barbeque and even \$500 would help
- If someone buys my things, do I get the money?
- ◇ Yes. You can donate a portion but you don't have to

6:27 pm Discussion

6:27 pm Motion to change allocation to \$500 (Philip Croul)

- \$500 will help the barbeque

6:28 pm Hand Vote 18:0:2, passed

6:28 pm Discussion

- This is a great event

6:29 pm Call the Question

6:29 pm Voice Vote, Passed

6:29 pm **0607-093 Special Allocation Reimbursement of \$500 to Online Gaming Society for Wiis**

- They had Wii release party. And incurred a lot of cost

- New generation game systems come out every 7 years, according to the pattern
- I'd like to ask for reimbursement for the other Wii also, which would be \$250 more.

6:31 pm Questions

- How many people show up to online gaming society?
- ◇ 120 people attended the party. We've held 4 tournaments this semester, around 40 people show up per tournament
- Why did we ask them to come back?
- ◇ We wanted to see their JFC budget and wanted more clarification on this event
- How deep in deficit are you?
- ◇ The event cost \$1300. We're \$1100 in deficit. I plan to get \$300 for selling the Xbox we got as a corporate gift
- Do you charge dues?
- ◇ No. The purpose of the club is to get together and relax after school. Membership fees dissuade people from coming out
- ◇ We have tournament fees, but all of that goes to prizes
- Why didn't you get an allocation before the event?
- ◇ I waited too long.
- How many events are in a given month?
- ◇ At least 2. We try to have open gaming nights. 20-30 people come to those, tournaments have 40 or more people. We hold a tournament once every 2 months

6:36 pm Discussion

- Only thing is that a system ends up in someone's room when it's not being used.
- They came to us for \$1000, we decided on \$500. One of the Wiis was a gift and 1 was funded by JFC. We didn't feel responsible for those.

6:38 pm Call the Question (Gerrit Betz)

6:38 pm Hand Vote 15:3:2, passed

6:39 pm Points of Discussion

- Should I print a financial report in the Tartan?
- Yes
- There are 2 meetings left. We have \$3400 left, including last semester's surplus
- I think Senate can do better in discussion. I feel there should have been a better discussion of the FORGE motion. It was brought up repeatedly that many CMU

- students would benefit it would only be off campus. I feel you should have discussed that Pitt was willing to pay for the whole event. We have a lot of new groups. We talked about having a startup fund for new groups. There is misuse of special allocations because those groups can't get JFC funding for a year
- For the Flexcar, insurance, gas, and maintenance are included. All costs related to the cars are included

6:48 pm Announcements

- New Elections Schedule
- Friday, April 17 at 11:59 pm: Platforms due
- Monday, April 23 at 5 pm: Debate
- Tuesday, April 24 from 12:01 am through Thursday, April 26 at 8 am: Elections
- 4 a cappella groups are performing at the Underground at 8.
- I'm trying to get a hold of floor or wall sections they don't want after Carnival. This can be done as a tax deductible write off. The food pantry in Squirrel Hill needs more things to lift food.
- The constituency meeting is mandatory

6:51 pm Move to Adjourn (Robert Bethea)

6:51 pm Adjourn