

# CMU Student Senate

RAW Minutes of February 8th, 2007

## 4:58 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Rotimi Abimbola (HSS, 1 proxy, 1.5 absences), Joel Bergstein (CIT), Gerrit Betz (HSS, proxy), Byron Chou (TSB, .5 absence), Philip Croul (HSS, 1 absence), Alan Eaton (CIT), Kate Eckerle (MCS), Matt Erhard (CIT, 1 absence), Joe Gershenson (SCS), Danielle Griswold (HSS), Jenny Han (SCS), Ashley Hill (CIT, 1.5 absences), Lauren Hudock (HSS), Jared Itkowitz (TSB), Melissa Kim (CIT, .5 absence), Megan Larcom (TSB), Cyrus Larijani (BHA), Emily Leathers (SCS, came late), Julia Li (CFA), Paris Obdan (CIT, .5 absence), Edward Oh (MCS), Evan Osheroff (MCS), Fredrico Pineda (MCS, 1 absence), Coling Sternhell (HSS), Krishan Taylor (SCS), Brian Wade (HSS, proxy, .5 absence)

**Senators Absent:** Matt Adams (TSB, 2 absences)

**Members At Large Present:** Sean Weinstock (TSB, proxying)

**Members At Large Absent:** Benjamin Brosbe (SCS), Matt Glantz (TSB), Fei Liu (TSB), Gregory MacLean (CIT), Dylan Ozmore (TSB), Raisa Shulkov (MCS), Ryan Swick (CIT), Damian Valdes (TSB)

## 4:59 pm Call to Order

### 4:59 pm Approval of Minutes from 02/01/06

- Damian is spelled with an s.
- On page three, the time should be 5:25, not 5:35.

### 5:02pm Rules for Hearing

- While we are waiting for Anita, I want to go over the rules for the hearing.
- People on list will speak in that order. Unlisted people will be next. There is a 1.5 min max for each speaker. There will be questions only first, then discussion. I will take names in a queue for the discussion.

## 5:04 pm Committee Reports

### 5:04 pm Academic Affairs (Evan Osheroff)

- I talked with the head of the History Department about bringing a Journalism major or minor to campus. Indra has promised funding for a course for two or three semesters to gauge interested in journalism.

- I met with the Dean and Deputy Dean of Tepper about communication skills and writing. We're looking at installing other writing courses.
- Ashley and I met with Indira.
- Tuesday afternoon was USAC, with John Hannon and OIE.

### **5:07 pm Special Business**

#### **5:07 pm Public Hearing on Healthy Campus 2010**

#### **5:07 pm Healthy Campus Committee/Heath Services (Anita Barkin)**

- I'm asking for input regarding the tobacco use proposal that was placed on the public agenda by the Healthy Campus Task Force.
- The Task Force is responsible for looking at health issues and policies on campus
- Instead of the 20 ft rule we have designated areas for smoking
- We want to stop tobacco sales in Entropy and move towards a smoke free community by January 1, 2010
- We want to bring all residential buildings to compliance with the policy
- We also want to establish a marketing program and incentives to quit smoking
- I want to be clear, the proposal is not about people's right to smoke. People have a right to make decisions about activities they will or will not engage in. Knowing that a majority of students initiate smoking on campus, and try to quit within four years, we'd like to create a supportive community.

#### **5:10 pm Relay for Life (Robin Luo)**

- I wholeheartedly agree with the proposal
- Having a more supportive environment and a community that doesn't involve smoking is a very good idea. How will you enforce it?
- Where are the limits of smoking areas? Where does campus start and end?
- We should have support groups to encourage quitters; I haven't seen any on campus.
- We should publicize new programs more. Non-smokers should be encouraged to help their friends quit.

#### **5:11 pm Sigma Nu (Will Kim)**

- I understand dormitories and administrative buildings should be smoke free, but fraternities have a special lease with the university to engage in private affairs.
- This proposal should not apply to fraternities.
- I am totally for educational support groups.

- I disagree with the first four parts, not the fifth.
- I don't like how the Healthy Campus Task Force is trying to wave their fingers with things they think we don't know. Also, this committee is not a valid agency to regulate no smoking policies.

5:13 pm **Carnegie Institute of Technology Student** (Michelle Birchak)

- Everyone is aware of the health effects of smoking.
- There are reasonable grounds to say that we're worried about everyone's health on campus, I agree with designating areas for smoking.
- It's important to help people who want to quit
- I'm a smoker and I've tried to quit several times myself. If you're not dedicated to do it, you're not going to do it.
- I don't think you're ever going to be able to eliminate it, and quarantining people who are doing something legal isn't going to work.

5:15 pm **College of Humanities and Social Sciences Student** (Paul Combe)

- Not here.

5:15 pm **Saudi Student House** (Basil Al-Sadhan)

- Not here.

5:15 pm **Tepper School of Business Student** (Alex Gutow)

- I am for this proposal.
- Stopping tobacco sales at entropy will help decrease smoking. If tobacco isn't available on campus, then smoking on campus is going to decrease.
- We also need enforcement of the policy. If the campus doesn't fine those smoking, the ban will lose its power
- We should increase funding to have successful ban program.
- On education, smoking issues should be included in Orientation, just like alcohol and safe sex

5:17 pm **Chinese Students and Scholars Association** (Yue Wang)

- Not here.

5:17 pm **Mellon College of Sciences Student** (Kelly Duncan)

- The campus already goes with the proposal. It already has a policy on smoking
- On fines and enforcement, students can be fined, but not unknowing members of the public who walk onto campus.
- Making the campus smoke free protects non-smokers' rights, but there is no clause smokers in the proposal. The policy takes rights away from the smokers

5:19 pm **Phi Kappa Theta** (Luis Castellanos)

- I come on behalf of the fraternity.
- A fraternity is not campus housing. We don't get the same benefits, such as janitorial services, as the dormitories, so why should the proposal also apply to fraternities?
- We are a private house, our home away from home. We should be able to do what we want in our space; it's one of the benefits of living there.
- Student health center offers free nicotine patches for those who want to quit, what more do we need?
- Stopping tobacco sales in Entropy would only be hurtful. Entropy will lose money and it may cause a tuition raise.

5:21 pm **CMU Smokeout** (Jared Ross)

- I and the president of CMU Smokeout.
- I strongly support this proposal.
- I also support the stopping of tobacco sales in Entropy.
- Before the ban takes place, we would like to see designated areas for smoking. They should be clearly marked and far away from building entrances and walkways.
- I have concerns about not being able to handle the large number of people who would want to quit in the already-taxed quitting programs.
- Smokeout is in its early phases of making a mentoring program. We are matching those who already quit smoking to those who want to quit.

5:22 pm **Delta Gamma** (Erin Goldberger)

- I disagree with the whole proposal
- Moving ashtrays further away from buildings is not a deterrent. Students will not make the effort of walking further to throw away their cigarettes. There will just be more trash on our campus.
- The proposal places large and unnecessary restrictions on the student body.

5:23 pm **Interfraternity Council** (Michael Oved)

- I am the recently elected IFC president.
- The school doesn't currently enforce any of its policies, so why are we adding new ones?
- We are opposed to the proposal. I feel that by doing this you're quarantining all these students for three years, and after that you're not letting them smoke.

- There will also be a \$120,000 loss at Entropy if we stop tobacco sales.
- We will also be alienating international students. We'll be losing one of the things which we take pride in.
- Fraternities and CMU are strong with international students
- IFC is opposed to the proposal and will do anything to stop it
- We will put together a committee and write proposals

5:25 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Sarah Carney)

- I am the president of SDC
- SDC has had much thought and discussion over the proposal and does not fully support it
- SDC supports designating smoking areas and enforcing the policy through citations and fines.
- SDC fully supports goals 2 and 3
- The general body does not support banning all smoking
- A total ban would drive residents to smoke in their dorm rooms. That will be worse for the health of the smokers.
- CA's and RA's will be forced to enforce the new policies
- CA's and RA's are counselors for the residents. Making them enforce the policy will strain relationships with the residents

5:27 pm **Saudi Student House** (Basil Al-Sadhan)

- We support educating people not to smoke.
- I support goal 3, I am unbiased to goal 2, but goal 1 is the most controversial.
- I believe that all public places should ban smoking. When I'm walking through the hallway or along the sidewalk I do not want to have to smell smoking in those places. I know Robinson Township has a strong policy on this.
- The designated areas must be far away from public buildings and sidewalks so smokers can smoke without hurting non smokers

5:30 pm Open Floor

5:30 pm **Sigma Tau Gamma** (Rate Uri)

- We don't smoke in the house, but we don't see the need for the ban
- Campus members will have to cross street to smoke
- It is potentially dangerous having all those people cross Forbes to smoke
- Campus is not only for classes, it is our home for 4 yrs. It is ludicrous I can not just go outside every time I want to smoke

- It's also dangerous and cold having to leave campus at night
- The problems created will be greater than the benefits from this proposal

5:31 pm **Phi Kappa Alpha** (Daly)

- There should not be a smoking ban in fraternities. We don't feel the school has a right to tell us to ban smoking within our house, especially since we fall outside the standard campus housing.
- I'm fine with stopping sales at Entropy and increasing education programs. We don't have any programs on campus to help quitters
- Smoking is a decision we make in the house. How will the school enforce the ban in the fraternities? Have police stationed inside?
- The school should focus on current rules rather than adding new ones
- I know personally the smoking rule was not enforced around Hammerslag
- Banning smoking completely is pretty unenforceable

5:33 pm **CFA Student** (Julia Li)

- I talk to a lot of art students and a lot of us agree passing the proposal will cause a lot of negative energy
- Everyone will feel restricted
- This is a bashing of different cultures and "artistic movements".
- The school is constantly saying it promotes diversity. Smoking is a choice people make and it is a part of who they are.
- Students don't really have a lot of pride at CMU. Banning smoking would make them unhappier and may lead students to further disassociate themselves from the school

5:30 Questions for Anita Barkin

- Seeing as how 20 feet rule isn't enforced, how will you enforce the new proposal?
- -The Enforcement issue is a big issue. There are 25 people on the healthy campus staff, made of undergraduate students, graduate students, and staff. We looked at the current policy and there is no enforcement in that policy. No matter what we ultimately as a community decide what the policy should be, we really need to end up with enforcement of it. I went to many meetings over the past three months and people want to see enforcement. We are benchmarking other institutions to see what they are doing. We are still looking for and working on ideas. The biggest thing this proposal has done is increase the discourse on our campus about tobacco smoking.

- Are any of the members on the committee in a fraternity?
- -Currently no members on the healthy campus committee are in a fraternity. The current policy says by 2004, fraternities and sororities will be smoke free. It was just never enforced.
- No one from May 2003 is here, how can you enforce something approved by people not here?
- -That's what happens with most legislation. None of the other buildings on campus allow smoking. Fraternities and sororities are parts of the campus, it is appropriate for the proposal to apply to them
- A lot of us support having designated areas, increasing support groups, and other parts of the proposal. I was wondering if you guys will be open to not putting the ban on fraternities and sororities. Will the committee be open to changing the policy?
- -Healthy Campus has no authority to enforce policy. We put up a proposal to make suggestions and recommendations. We need to get it vetted through all organizations, take your feedback, do some benchmarking, reexamine it and then look at changing language. We would have to come back to Senate to get a vote before any language can be moved to President's Council. We have no authority to make this official policy.
- Will you be open to suggestions from other organizations?
- -Absolutely. We are really interested in hearing other people's ideas. Having designated smoking areas is an area of consensus. It is supported in many organizations. I share all the opinions I gather with the task force.
- Assuming you guys find a way to enforce this policy, how will fines be enforced?
- -We have not clearly defined an enforcement mechanism. We are looking at what other schools are doing, getting information on other policies and opinions. We're also looking at the Allegheny County Ordinance which the Health Department can impose, and they have a \$250 fine. We can't clearly define the exact mechanism. But we want to send a clear message that we want to be serious about enforcing the final proposal. People really want to see enforcement.
- Where would we be putting the smoking areas?
- -We will make decisions based on environmental health, safety, and talks with FMS and Student Health Center. We would look to place these designated

areas at least 20 to 30ft of any building. There have been complaints of smoke coming in through windows, even while the smoker is staying 20-30 ft away. We are trying to find these areas on campus.

- You keep on talking about how you're representing the community. Is there anyone on your committee who is opposed to this plan, who would be representative of the community?
- -There was discussion among the committee about what we wanted the position to be, and they are in unanimous support of the proposal. I wanted to be clear I was representing the whole task force, and I was assured of my position for the proposal.
- Would there be a way to appoint a responsible Greek member to be in your committee?
- -I don't have a problem with that. We'd just need to make sure it was in line with the spirit of the way the task force was created. The member must be committed to looking at health of the community as a whole. Healthy Campus is not only for the smoking issue. We also deal with insurance and other major health issues of campus community. It is not appropriate for a member to join just for the smoking issue.
- I think the enforcement questions are more rhetorical; I don't think you can have an answer to how you will enforce the proposal. I live in fraternity house, and we currently have broken windows and it gets really cold at night. Could the money to enforce the proposal be placed towards helping our situation rather than infringing on our liberties?
- -I appreciate that the windows were not up to standard. We all pay the price for the negative impacts of smoking. If you look at the Surgeon General's reports you'll find that smoking related healthcare is one of the largest costs in the country. I'm not saying anything about smoking being a personal choice. We want to look at the impact on public health. Issues on improving the environment are important, but we don't have money to fix anything. The Task force has asked for funding for education on smoking and to provide support for those wanting to quit, but we don't have any discretionary funds. I can't bridge those 2 issues.
- How about we make the Fraternity Quadrangle our designated smoking place?

- -We haven't thought of that idea. I don't think that would be fair to nonsmokers in the fraternities
- Could you try to get something that's non-caffeinated and non-carbonated other than water and lemonade into vending machines? And how are we going to enact things this summer if the policies aren't changed next week?
- -Some of these things, like tobacco sales at Entropy, aren't policy. We can enact things such as the designated smoking areas before 2010
- The actual policy change that's been printed would come up soon. Last year the administration talked about how supportive they were of free choice and expression of speech. I feel like this goes against all of those statements. Smoking is legal for anyone who's over 18.
- How many people on taskforce are smokers?
- -I don't know the answer to that. I never asked them.
- How were these students chosen?
- -There were recommendations made to the president, and the president asked those students if they'd like to be involved.
- How were they recommended?
- -Recommendations came from faculty and other organizations
- Why was smoking the issue you started with?
- -Smoking is number one preventable disease in the country. There are non smoking movements across the country. It seemed our timing was right to examine our own policy.
- What are your plans on education? Alcohol Edu is required, but most students take it as a complete joke.
- -We table, put up posters, and screen every student who comes into Health Services. We have a cessation program at the moment. What we'd like is to have more education around campus so that all students know what's available and what the policies are. We have a website regarding info on the policy. I would be interested in your input. What would be the best way to reach students? This would be a good way to open conversation and give up feedback. You can contact me if students want to put in input. We're looking to get discounts and coupons so that Entropy can stock nicotine replacement products instead. It is disconcerting to me that people haven't heard about smoking cessation groups. We need to work on outreach.

- Where would you define the boundaries of campus, to say that there's no smoking on campus?
- -We have no jurisdiction on sidewalks. But I'm sure that FMS can give us pretty clear limits so we know where the signage can go. I don't think we have very clear signs at the moment. There are currently things that should be in place that aren't in place.
- You seem to not have a clear definitive plan. Will you be able to define all areas, designated smoking areas and campus boundaries, by 2010?
- -We will put up signs by buildings and residence halls to say that this is a smoke-free community. The trick is if we stay with the current policy, or have designated smoking areas. Then we have to be much more careful with our signage and making everything clear.
- Do you think you can have this plan by 2010?
- -Yes. When we have a plan for the President's council, we will go ahead and submit it.
- I'm a non-smoker. To me a smoking free community is unheard of and it seems extreme. How widely is this enforced nationally and how were the reactions?
- -You can go to [www.smokefreecollegesuniversities](http://www.smokefreecollegesuniversities) to get information. There 43 schools across country that are nonsmoking. But, they are not like CMU. The only institution that might be comparable is Purdue. There is a lot of discussion about implementing smoke free campus communities. I think that is where things are moving. We will see more counties move towards smoke free venues.
- -Email Anita or Joel for a list of schools. The policy is up at front desk.

#### 6:06 Discussion

- We will start the discussion now. I will call a cap at 15minutes and see where the discussion is at then.
- You mentioned smoking as a disease. How do you distinguish between a disease and a bad habit?
- -I'm referring to the wording used in the Surgeon General's papers. Smoking is related to cardiovascular health and cancer. The most direct issue is on the respiratory system.
- Do you have evidence this ban will stop people from smoking?
- -You look at other public health policies. Communities where tobacco is less prevalent, less people start smoking. Cultural norms influence behaviors. We

need to establish a cultural norm that supports the health of our community. We know smoking is contrary to our health, so as a community we need to discourage smoking. We need to promote smoking cessation and provide supportive environment for those wanting to quit. It is very difficult to quit if all your friends are smokers. You are more likely to smoke when friends are smoking. One of the strategies you use for smoking cessation is the same as for decreasing alcohol use – remove yourself from situations where that behavior is prevalent. Lots of behavioral research supports that if you establish a different cultural norm, chances are we will see decline in that behavior.

- This is a perspective of my peers who are art students. Don't you think this is really extreme? CMU will have reputation of being closed off. What about students applying in future? Won't we get a less diverse student body? The country is progressing to nonsmoking cultures, but I feel like we should not push away cultures that smoke. What about the smokers forced to quit? This proposal is very extreme because health should be provided first, then rules. I disagree with the school moving towards non smoking. The schools with nonsmoking campuses you listed have religious affiliations or are community colleges. They are smaller schools, unlike CMU. CMU is too large and too diverse to implement the policy by 2010.
- -This issue causes me greatest discomfort. I recognize cultural view of the country is not sharable worldwide. They have different beliefs and values, and this issue should be given further consideration. By 2010 we will have had three years of highly promoted education and quitting efforts. I can realize that the 2010 date must look very draconian. All those things do need to be put into place before we can look at removing smoking, but we're doing that as well as we can. It's a real struggle, and it's a very strong addiction. We're trying to support community members who want to quit as much as we can, partially by being as considerate as we can.
- I have a three part mini-thesis. I think it's great that you guys are trying to educate. I don't think anyone has a problem with that. But if you make smoking illegal there's going to be a stigma to it. Why do you think drinking and binge drinking are such big problems? I chose to join my fraternity and to pay my dues, and all that stuff. You said earlier that it's not fair to all the guys in the fraternity who don't want to smoke. A fraternity votes on whether to allow smoking or not.

Everyone joined it, and if they feel strongly it will appear in how the house is run. If you really want to attack smoking, don't make it a policy from the invisible hand. It's much more effective if their best friend asks them not to smoke, and that comes from your education program.

- You say that you have programs in place that encourage people to stop smoking, and free literature and cessation aids in Health Services. Why are you looking to bring in corporate interests to bring things like that into Entropy if we already have it for free?
- - Offering free nicotine patches is getting more and more expensive. We were thinking to provide one week free, and then let students purchase it. But we don't want it to be too expensive for students, so we thought we'd partner with a company to help that be a cheaper thing to do.
- Thank you, Anita, for coming. Thank you everyone who came. We will move forward with business and discuss this further in points of discussion.

#### **6:24 pm New Business from Committee**

#### **6:24 pm 0607-053 Special Allocation of \$390.00 to Undergraduate Finance**

#### **Association for Underclassmen Case Competition**

- We have a lot of interest from underclassmen who aren't prepared for our normal events. These are intended to fill that gap and weren't part of our current funding allocations.
- The competition is usually for juniors and seniors.

#### **6:24 pm Questions**

- How many first and second years are signed up?
- -We have 15 applications so far and we are still accepting them. We want to make sure we have funds first.

#### **6:25 pm Discussion**

- Did you go to Tepper for funding?
- -We are not funded through undergraduate schools
- We thought this was a good idea in Committee

#### **6:26 pm Call the Question (Jared Itkowitz)**

#### **6:26 pm Voice Vote, passed**

#### **6:28 pm 0607-054 Special Allocation of \$669.00 Undergraduate Marketing Organization**

- This is a two-fold event. Every year we do a service project. The funding goes towards creating education opportunities for homeless children.
- First we're going to have a back-to-school drive. Backpacks and school supplies will be collected.
- We are trying to get residence halls involved.
- The second part is an activities day.
- The committee cut \$300 for t-shirts, the original allocation was \$900.

6:29 pm Questions

- Is any of the money going directly to the community?
- -None of this money will go directly to the community.

6:29 pm Discussion

- When is this event?
- -We postponed the activities day to march 4.

6:29 pm Call the Question (Gerrit Betz)

6:30 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:30 pm **0607-050 Special Allocation of \$893.25 to Senior Events (Student Activities)**

- This will help CMU seniors looking for internships or jobs in other areas
- It will start next Thursday. There will be 5 receptions on 3 different dates.
- The following Friday will have New York and California.
- The following Thursday we will do DC and Seattle.
- Budget included simple foods
- It's expensive because its 5 separate events.

6:32 pm Questions

- What exactly are these events? Is this just for people looking for jobs?
- -It's about finding CMU connections for seniors going to different places. It's useful for internships, jobs, or the rest of their lives.
- -It's planned for seniors, but still applies to people going on internships.

6:32 pm Discussion

- The committee approved of this

6:32 pm Call the Question (Emily Leathers)

6:32 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:33 pm **0607-052 Special Allocation of \$230.00 to CM Aeronautical Association**

- This is a class for students seeking flight training.

- It leaves the financial burden to the members.
- We need funding for instructional videos
- The committee decided to fund these completely

6:34 pm Questions

- Will you use these videos again?
- -Yes
- How many tapes?
- -There are five DVDs. They're like textbooks so they're expensive.

6:34 pm Discussion

- The professor is donating teaching time. It would be easier if they could watch the videos so he wouldn't have to teach those things. He's not getting paid so he doesn't want to spend more time than needed.

6:35 pm Call the Question (Colin Sternhell)

6:35 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:36 pm **0607-051 Special Allocation of \$300.00 to JFC/Senate**

- The projector is used every year.
- It's helpful for everyone to have a projector.
- The machine costs \$700 and we have a \$400 budget.
- It will be Senate's projector. JFC can use it only through reservation.

6:37 pm Questions

6:37 pm Discussion

6:37 pm Call the Question (Rotimi Abimbola)

6:37 pm Voice Vote, passed

6:37 pm I want to add that Finance committee looked over the budget for this year.

Senate is looking at a \$17,000-\$19,000 surplus. We used \$9000 of a planned \$31,000 for this semester. For the rest of the semester, we have \$45,000-\$46,000.

Would student senate ask for proposals if we don't use all of the money?

SDC tried that and people brought some really good proposals, but ran out of money for all of them.

**6:41 pm New Business from the Floor**

6:41 pm **Activities Board** (Imee Chan)

- My name is Imee and I'm the head of AB. We want to renovate McConomy. We have funding from the UC, Media Tech, and student affairs. We will renovate the audio, control, and projection systems. Ideally, everything will be automatic. This

will mean that someone can come in with a DVD, put it in the player up front, and everything will turn on and run.

- When the UC was built, no money was allocated for McConomy renovation. It is time for renovation. If you've gone to an AB film, the sound and visual quality is terrible.
- The entire project will cost \$235,000. We secured \$165,000 and are asking for \$60,000.
- We have the Master Activities Fee account, majority of which goes to student organizations and the Student Government Operative reserve, the JFC deep reserve will be used to cover any deficits. The deep reserve and student government operative reserve is not shared with JFC. We discovered there is nothing in the constitution saying what to do with the deep reserve. We want to move the master activities fee surplus (\$35000) and take remaining (\$35000) from the operative reserve.

#### 6:46 Questions

- Is any of the secured money a loan?
- -No
- We went over amount we can allocate last year, Readme, AB, and movies. Are you sure all the numbers add up for the master activities fee account?
- -Yes, we went over the funds this semester
- Is there enough money?
- -Yes.
- -We want to say this is a project, not AB asking for money. AB came to Finance committee, and everybody thought this was a good idea.
- Is there going to be a problem with funding all the things that we need to do this year or committed to last year if we give them this much?
- No, it will be just fine.
- Have you guys asked SDC for any money?
- -We have talked to SDC, but they need a couple weeks before they can get back to us, after they've had time to look more closely at their finances. It looks promising.
- If SDC gives you money, would JFC or the student activities fee be reimbursed, or will you be upgrading the equipment?

- -One of the organizations will not be reimbursed. We won't be upgrading anything.
- Where did you guys get all these figures? You're going to come to us with all the breakdown right?
- -It was given to Finance. Do you want to see it?
- Can we look at other projects that could be better than McConomy?
- -This is only a proposal. We don't have to vote on it. We will do only questions this week and discuss this in old business next week.
- Can you pass around the proposal, or email you to get it?
- -Yes.
- What else are you guys thinking about renovating besides the audio-visual system?
- The audio for film and voice would be replaced. The video portion would be video switching. And then the automation system. Some things have been broken or replaced over the last 10 years, and those don't interface with the full system anymore.
- Regarding funding, what were the 2 accounts?
- -The Master Student Activities fee and the Operative Reserve.
- Is there another account you can fall on?
- -We have the JFC deep reserve of \$80,000 to fall back on.
- You want to make it easier for students to just use this room. Will they still have to pay the \$100 an hour media tech fee to use the room?
- -The fees from it will still be in place. This has less to do with us. This will still be Mediatech's room, but the projector and sound system will not be theirs.
- Will there be money left over from the activities fee and student operative reserve?
- -We are taking from the master student activities fee and its surplus. We're leaving some money for the operative reserve.
- I want to clarify, the student government operative reserve gets refreshed every year and that we use it for projects, renovations, etc. We usually don't have access to activities fee. Both funds need our approval and JFC's, right?
- -Yes
- If this goes through, would you guys be open to requiring or discussing with Mediatech so organizations won't have to pay those fees?

- -Mediatech works on a cost for covering basis. They have to cover themselves.
- What is Mediatech?
- -It's part of computing services. It's IT kind of stuff
- Is it private?
- -It's part of the university. It has different profit centers. It doesn't get money from university so they have to pay for themselves. They are also giving money to this project.
- It says any organization can use it. I'm confused
- -Any organization that uses the room can use it.
- (7:00) We will vote on this next week in old business. Can we get in touch with an IT person to discuss more about Mediatech?

### **7:00 pm Committee Reports (continued)**

#### 7:00 pm **Academic Affairs** (Evan Osheroff)

- I met with the English department head to plan a journalism major/minor
- There is a problem with finding resources
- We are working to get representatives from each college.
- We want to run a journalism class for two to three semesters to gauge interest.
- After, we will write up a proposal for a journalism major/minor
- Ask me for questions after the form

#### 7:03 pm Questions

#### 7:03 pm **Communications** (Lauren Hudock)

- In committee, we discussed constituency meetings.
- We want every senator do a constituency meeting.
- We want to get together in Conan and have every school have a table.
- It will be hopefully sometime after spring break.
- We will start thinking about how we can put ourselves out there in the public. We will be tabling in the UC and Wean 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Last year, we ordered 5 boxes of pizza and 2 constituent came for HSS. This time, it will be more advertised and all the schools and representatives will be in one place.

#### 7:06 pm Questions

#### 7:06 pm **Finance** (Alan Eaton)

- JFC will be coming up. Like I said before, we have a lot of money.

#### 7:06 pm Questions

7:06 pm **Internal Development** (Gerrit Betz)

- New members of senate: leave time after the meeting for coffee.
- We are shooting for February 24-25 for the retreat
- Is a drum circle activity ok with everyone?

7:08 pm Questions

7:08 pm **Chair** (Joel Bergstein)

- Thanks everyone for being patient. This has been a long meeting. Good job on the hearing.
- The referendum will move forward next week. By tomorrow, you will have somewhere to vote.
- Excon meet with me after.

7:09 pm Questions

**7:09 pm New Business from Committee (Continued)**

7:09 pm **Approval of JFC Slate**

- JFC is a group of 11 people who distribute over \$1million to organizations across campus. Five members are confirmed through us. There are four graduate students. We have Timi, Evan, Karl, Byron, and Edward. They represent sports, service, Greeks AB, west coast, and east coast.
- Slate: Rotimi Abimbola, Evan Osheroff, Karl Kempe, Byron Chou, Edward Oh
- Karl Kempe is a senior physics major who's not a senator.

7:11 pm Questions

- Why is the slate different from the fall?
- -I changed it because some people on it in the fall don't want to be associated with it anymore.
- -If I'm going to be working with them, I want to be able to see that they will work together.
- -The slate looks different because the automatics have been changed. Some of the turnovers those names are filling are different.
- Do sports representatives have a lot of time?
- -Everyone responded they have time from 9-11 and can participate almost daily.
- Are there other girls besides Timi?

-No

7:14 pm Discussion

- I feel bad Byron and Evan are not here when we vote. I want to move this to next week.
- Last year we told Justin Berka he could not be on things like JFC because he was SCD vp and they have a huge amount of money they allocate. It was an ethical question that came up last year, a big point we can think about.
- Evan sent me a note because he could not be here. He says, "I do have the time to give to JFC. I had the best attendance last yr."
- I see conflicts with Byron because he has other positions.
- We had openings on finance committee. There was a decision to not have finance committee members also be on SDC. I'm not sure if this should apply to JFC, but issue came up this year regarding Byron.
- What inherent benefit is there to separate funding tasks? What is it about funding just SDC or JFC that is beneficial to either of those things?
- SDC is also a funding body and having a person knowing the budget of the other organization is pertinent to the function of it.
- Byron is very responsible, very thoughtful, and has a business background. He is not a problem.
- I want to clarify the point I made earlier is not against Byron. JFC and SDC are different funding bodies and we should think about having a person on both of them
- I don't see a problem with someone being on both committees. If someone knew what was going on in both of them, one wouldn't have to guess at what the other was doing.
- Byron would only add to JFC, from what I saw in the fall. He would bring different dimensions. You have to scrutinize everything when you're in JFC.

7:24 pm Call the question (Philip Croul)

7:24 pm Hand Vote, 19:0:2 passes

### **7:25 pm Points of Discussion**

- You can see hard work and advertising really pays off. The hearing went really well. A lot of people showed up. We see what senate can do through advertising.
- We're going to be creating a senate Facebook profile to get to the campus better.
- There is a limit on sending Facebook messages. My account got blocked after sending too many messages about an event.

**7:25 pm Announcements**

- The referendum is the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Invite everyone you know to the Facebook group I'll create. The Administration should also send an email to everyone on this campus.
- We have 5 CFA, 1 MCS, and 1 BHA vacancy. BHA can be voted on in two weeks, but anything else can happen immediately

7:28 pm Move to Adjourn (Alan Eaton)

**7:28 pm Adjourn**