

# CMU Student Senate

RAW Minutes of March 22, 2007

## 5:04 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Matt Adams (TSB, 2 absences), Robert Bethea (CIT, 1 absence, .5absence), Joel Bergstein (CIT), Gerrit Betz (HSS), Byron Chou (TSB, .5absence), Philip Croul (HSS, 2 absences), Alan Eaton (CIT), Kate Eckerle (MCS), Joe Gershenson (SCS, 1 absence), Danielle Griswold (HSS, 1 absence), Jenny Han (SCS), Lauren Hudock (HSS), Melissa Kim (CIT, .5 absence), Megan Larcom (TSB, proxy), Cyrus Larijani (BHA), Emily Leathers (SCS, proxy), Paris Obdan (CIT, .5absence), Edward Oh (1 absence, .5absence), Evan Osheroff (MCS, 1 absence), Dan O'Toole (CIT), Colin Sternhell (HSS), Krishan Taylor (SCS), Brian Wade (HSS, .5 absence), Lauren Walch (CIT)

**Senators Absent:** Rotimi Abimbola (HSS, 2 absences, .5absence), Matt Erhard (CIT, 2 absences), Ashley Hill (CIT, 2 absence, .5absence), Jared Itkowitz (TSB, 1 absence), Julia Li (CFA, 2 absences), Fredrico Pineda (MCS, 2 absences)

**Members at Large Present:**

**Members at Large Absent:**

## 5:05 pm Call to Order

## 5:05 pm Approval of Minutes from 03/01/07

- Check spelling of Newell, Linux, and Hackett
- Attendance should be Matt Adams (TSB, 2 absences), Robert Bethea (CIT, 1 absence, .5absence)

## 5:06 pm Audience Participation

## 5:06 pm Committee Reports

5:06 pm **Academic Affairs** (Evan Osheroff)

- There's a new draft for the Carnegie Code. I'll forward it to you if you are interested

5:07 pm Questions

5:07 pm **Business Affairs** (Joel Bergstein)

- The Kiosks are moving along well
- They will probably be put in along the Si Senior walls by the black chairs

5:08 pm Questions

5:08 pm **Campus Life** (Megan Larcom)

- No report

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

- We need people to sign up for tabling for Monday
  - We'll be handing out petitions for people running for any spot in elections
  - What do you think of having a barbeque on the cut instead of lunch for Senate constituency?
- ◇ It will probably be the week before Carnival

5:09 pm Questions

- When are elections?
- ◇ Elections are 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April

5:09 pm **Finance** (Alan Eaton)

- We have \$6,790 worth of allocations today
- If every allocation is passed today, we have \$6600 for the rest of the semester.  
This doesn't take into account the surplus from last semester
- The Finance report is in the appendix
- Dave Ruvolo said we don't need to put a large amount into reserve
- Any money not spent this year will be put into reserve

5:12 pm Questions

5:12 pm **Internal Development** (Gerrit Betz)

- Come to me if you have any ideas for an activity during retreat
- We will have the retreat during meeting next week in the Schatz atrium

5:13 pm Questions

5:13 pm **Chair** (Joel Bergstein)

- Elections petitions are due April 2<sup>nd</sup> by 5 pm.
- You do not need a petition if you filled one out this year. Let the elections board know you already filled one out
- Platforms are due to the elections board April 4 by 11:59 pm
- Elections run from April 9 at midnight to April 11 8am

5:17 pm Questions

5:17 pm **Ex Officio Report**

- The campus Wiki moderating board will be group of students appointed by the Student Body president and they will up for approval

- The board will be responsible in setting up information hierarchies
- We are revising duties of the president
- Public recreation program things are here. The bikes will be delivered within the next 3-14 days.
- We need 3-5 volunteers for a PR squad to help with bike painting and setting up athletic equipment. There will be a design competition for the bikes.
- The server is in and installed in Computing Club

5:23 pm Questions

- When will the recreation equipment be available?
- ◇ Probably a week or 2 after Carnival

### **5:25 pm Special Business**

5:25 pm **McConomy Renovation Proposal**

- There is no master activities fee surplus.
- We are planning to get \$40,000 from the student government operating reserve \$5,000 from the student senate reserve and \$5,000 gsa reserve
- We need your approval to get funds from the student government and senate reserves

5:28 pm Questions

- What is our current reserve balance?
- ◇ \$18,000

5:28 pm Discussion

- We decided to fund this already. Now we're just looking for funding

5:28 pm Call the Question (Cyrus Larijani)

5:28 pm Voice Vote, passed

### **5:29 pm New Business From the Floor**

5:30 pm **0607-078 – Special Allocation of \$120 to Elections Board for food for meetings (<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>)**

The Elections board is asking for \$120 for pizza

5:30 pm Questions

5:30 pm Discussion

5:30 pm Voice Vote, Passed

### **5:30 pm New Business From Committee**

5:30 pm **0607-071 – Special Allocation of \$2000 to Random Day BBQ presented by PKT (<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>)**

- It will be on April 27 this year
- The purpose of the barbeque is just so people can play on the cut and grab food between classes
- It was very successful last year
- Original request was \$2500, Committee decided on \$2000
- Costs have gone up and prices inflated from last year. We'll also have more food and grills this year

#### 5:32 pm Questions

- Do you have a rain date?
- ◊ May 4
- How many people are you expecting?
- ◊ Last year we served close to 2500 people

#### 5:32 pm Discussion

- This is a great idea

#### 5:33 pm Passed by Acclamation

#### 5:33 **0607-072 – Special Allocation of \$360 to IVCF 100% FREE Alternative to TBA**

(½)

- IVCF and other Christian fellowships would like to provide an alternative to the TBA
- There will be pizza, Dave and Andy's ice cream, snacks, and board games
- It will be in the Kirk Commons

#### 5:34 pm Questions

#### 5:34 pm Discussion

#### 5:34 pm Call for Consent (Krishan Taylor), passed

#### 5:34 pm **0607-073 – Special Allocation of \$1700 to Greek Sing (½)**

- The JFC budget gives enough for transportation
- We gave \$1700 last year and we decided on the same amount this year.
- We want to request the full amount of \$2500.

#### 5:35 pm Questions

#### 5:35 pm Discussion

- I think we should leave it as it is now and they can come back later after ticket sales
- I don't think ticket sales will be a problem

#### 5:36 pm Passed by Consent

5:36 pm **0607-074 – Special Allocation of \$370 to MAPS for Honorarium for Medical Ethics Panel (¾)**

- The discussion is related to issues such as healthcare delivery system, medical ethics, and health disparities in the United States
- It is not career related
- There will be four speakers
- The money is for a small honorarium
- The event is open to the entire campus community
- It was successful last year
- It will be on March 28th

5:37 pm Questions

- Will you be advertising?
- ◇ Yes
- Do you have a PR budget?
- ◇ No. We plan to use fliers, facebook, emails, and word of mouth

5:38 pm Discussion

- This is a great opportunity for people to listen to professionals in the health profession

5:39 pm Passed by Consent

5:39 pm **0607-075 – Special Allocation of \$600 to Japanese Student Association (¾)**

- JSA is planning trip to Washington DC for the annual cherry blossom festival
- It is a day trip
- They need help funding for transportation
- It is \$20 per person to ride the bus
- Committee decided to cover 1/3 of the cost
- This is our first time trying to run this
- It will be open to public

5:40 pm Questions

- You are charging \$20 per person?
- ◇ Yes
- You do have the potential to get \$820 off of other funding? Are you going anywhere else for funding?
- ◇ We're talking to Dean Church.

- Is there a planned activity once you get there?
- ◇ We have a maximum of 47 people so it would be hectic to plan a group activity

5:41 pm Discussion

- This looks really fun

5:41 pm Call the Question (Colin Sternhell)

5:41 pm Passed by Consent

5:42 **0607-076 – Special Allocation Reimbursement of \$1000 to Mock Trial ( $\frac{3}{4}$ )**

- Mock trial went to nationals this year.
- The actual event was during spring break
- It incurred a lot of cost.
- We would like to appeal for the whole amount
- This is the first time we qualified. We've run out of our JFC budget and we would have to go \$1500 into debt for next year

5:43 pm Questions

- Is this limited to undergrads?
- ◇ Yes, according to mock trial rules
- Did Nationals already happen?
- ◇ Yes. I paid \$3000 out of pocket
- How many people went?
- ◇ We have 24 people in three different teams. One team qualified so 9 people went to nationals
- Do you have any other funding?
- ◇ We've contacted other people, but we are still waiting for replies

5:45 pm Discussion

- I'd like to give more money, where do we stand for the projections for the rest of the year?
- We would be at \$9790 if we give them the full amount and \$4600 for rest of semester, not accounting for the surplus
- Where else could they get more money?
- They could go to Dean Church.
- Typically senate funds half of travel and lodging
- ◇ This was an exceptional year and we've always come before senate and we always got \$3000 conditionally that we make nationals

5:47 pm Motion to raise to \$1600 (Paris Obdan, second Kate Eckerle)

- They could go to Dean Church for more money
- ◇ Historically we've always been rerouted back to senate.
- When did you go to Dean Church in the past?
- ◇ It's always been before we came to Senate
- I see this more of a parallel to the lacrosse team who did exceptionally well last year. I would motion to raise it to \$2000 or \$3000. I would vote for either
- This builds up Carnegie Mellon University. I would raise it to \$3000
- I would raise it around the \$2000 level. Jen Church may be more willing to give you money this time
- We should send a message to the student body that if you go to nationals, we will support you
- I'm concerned because of the low number of people
- I think \$1600 is a good number
- To the committee, do you think \$1600 is within your budget?
- ◇ Yes
- I don't think it's fair that we are decreasing funding because of their timing. What if they came earlier in the year?

5:53 pm Move the Question (Evan Osheroff)

5:53 pm Hand Vote, 21:1 passed

5:54 pm Hand Vote, 19:0:2 passed

5:55 pm Discussion (Continued)

- We are now discussing on allocating \$1600 to Mock Trial.

5:55 pm Call for consent (Krishan), passed

5:55 pm **0607-077 – Special Allocation of \$638.81 to Club Volleyball (½)**

- Club volleyball expanded this year. They need funding for equipment and uniforms
- At the end of last year, the previous president left unexpectedly. I was unaware I had to request the rollover of funds

5:56 pm Questions

- This is money you were supposed to spend last year?
- ◇ We were planning to use it this year
- Does the money go to uniforms?
- No, it goes to reimbursement of funds

5:57 pm Discussion

- The same thing happened to lacrosse team last year. It happens especially when officers change
- Is this coming out of our current budget?
- Yes
- This is an unexpected cost for the group. I would advise them to deficit spend and their JFC budget can be adjusted accordingly

5:59 pm Voice Vote, passed

#### **6:00 pm Points of Discussion**

- Retreat is next week
- I ran things on consent this meeting. What did you think of it?
- I liked it
- I like how it makes the meeting go quickly but its important to make sure people aren't afraid to object
- I'm not sure if a member can call for consent. I think someone can call the question and the chair can call for consent
- Thanks for adding names for tabling. Is there anyone available for an 11:30 slot?
- We did some committee shuffling. If you were moved and are concerned, talk to me, your former committee chair and your new committee chair
- Campus life is at 9, not 9:30
- You can go to as many committee meetings as you want, but you have to go to yours. You can only receive absences from your committee
- We can bring out the recreation equipment earlier if you guys want to. There just may be a higher rate of theft because there are a lot of non Carnegie members during Carnival
- I think we should do it earlier

#### **6:05 pm Announcements**

- Greek Sing is this Saturday. It will be a great show. You can buy tickets in front of Doherty and in the UC
- Petitions are due April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm. They are available at the info desk or on the website
- A student body member can only endorse as many candidates as there are vacancies in a school
- Elections are April 9-11, midnight to 8am

6:08 pm Motion to Adjourn (Krishan Taylor)



**6:08 pm Adjourn**