

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of October 9, 2008

5:09 Roll Call

Senators Present: Cassandra Abernathy (CIT, 2 proxies, .5 absences), Dorian Adeyemi (HSS, .5 absence), Mana Ameri (CIT), Miriam Cha (CIT, 1 absence), Jason Deng (SCS, 2 absences), Christopher Franzi (HSS, 2 proxy), Aaron Gross (HSS, 1 proxy), Michael He (CIT), Jayesh Kapoor (TSB, 1 proxy), Barbara Kasbergen (CFA), Chansaly Ker (CIT), Eunjin Kim (CFA), Diane Lee (CIT), Kush Mangal (MCS), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, .5 proxy), Natalie Morris (SCS), Stuti Pandey (HSS), Marcela Partida (CIT), Dina Patel (MCS, 1 absence), Robert Piston Jr. (MCS, .5 absences), Vivake Prasad (HSS, 1 proxy), Sonali Shah (MCS), Prashanth Swamy (MCS, 1 proxy), Thomas Tuttle (SCS, .5 absences), Damian Valdes (TSB, 1 proxy, 1 absence,)Carolina Velez (HSS, 1 proxy), Brian Wade (TSB), Nik White (CIT, .5 absences)

Senators Absent: Zexi Chen (SCS, 1 absence), Ranjit Korah (CFA, 1 proxy, 1 absence), Daniel O'Toole (CIT, 1 proxy, 1.5 absences), Benjamin Trump (BHA/BSA/SHS, .5 absence), Lingshui Wang (CFA, 1 absence)

Members-at Large Present: Jarett Adams, Urna Biswas, Katie Chong, Mariluz Orbay Cerrato, Jake Flittner, Amy Kao (1 absence), Meghan Nahass, Zack Pierce, Keshav Raghavan (1 proxy, 1 absence), Zachary Stockwell (1 absence), Krishan Taylor,

Members-at-Large Absent: Gurmukh Chabra (2 absences), Stephanie Schneider (1 absence), Eric Wu (1 absence)

5:05 Call to Order

5:11 Agenda Approved

5:11 Minutes Approved

5:12 Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs (Brian Wade):** No report.
- **Business Affairs (Natalie Morris):** The committee will send out a sample survey to senators to work out bugs before sampling constituents. The committee also plans to contact Tepper, HSS and SCS about the survey. Additionally, they will meet with someone in the Statistics department to help with analysis of the raw data.
- **Campus Life (Dorian Adeyemi):** Plan to switch the UC late night to the 22nd from the 21st. Also, Damian is in correspondence with someone in Housing about recycling in the Greek quad.
- **Communications (Nara Kasbergen):** There are five people chosen to poster; will send an email to these individuals. If chosen to poster, please meet with her personally to pick up posters. Have them up by Sunday at the latest.
 - (Brian Wade) Will you tell us what building to poster in?
 - You'll get a designated postering route.
- **Finance (Marcela Partida):** No report.
- **Internal Development (Vivake Prasad, presented by Kush Mangal):** Still considering a fright night for Senate members. Will send out an email—respond if you want to attend.
- **Chair:** Firstly, thank you to all of the Senators and Members at Large who came to the football game. Have made progress with SACs. Preference your top three choices of SACs. Emphasized the importance of attendance at the Spotlight Series; President Cohen will be in attendance. Email if you have an Ex-Officio that you would like to have come.

5:19 Ex-Officio Reports (Thomas, Main of Activities Board)

- AB is an external committee of Student Senate.
 - Student Senate used to do all of the programming on campus but then created AB to help facilitate this.
- Thomas has 3 years experience in AB.
- AB lacks visibility.
- Structure of AB:
 - Have 4 different groups that do concerts.
 - Have 6-7 shows for coffeehouse series.
 - Underground shows bi-weekly.
 - Skibo open mic nights—showcase campus bands
 - Lectures—bring politically charged speakers, pundits, etc. Also, authors, playwrights, musicians
 - Films, four a week—Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- It isn't necessarily advantageous to bring in big name presenters.
 - Ex. Michael Moore-it was a flaccid lecture..."yeah, I used the word flaccid..."
- Big band duo from the Netherlands..."not duo, it's, like, 11 people."
- Audits take 4 to 5 months.
- Can't announce artists on advance for legality reasons.
- Trying to increase publicity through other means beside postering.

5:29 Questions

- (Kush Mangal) What is your website and do you think an electronic bulletin board would help with marketing?
 - I do believe an electronic bulletin board would help, especially because posters often get torn down.
 - Access the website at: www.activitiesboard.com
- (Thomas Tuttle) What about advertising through a weekly email newsletter?
 - Originally that is what readme was created for. They would list events for AB and then add jokes. readme continues to advertise AB events throughout their publications.
- (Nik White) It used to be that RAs received emails about AB events and sent it to residents. Is that still in place?
 - (Kaycee Palko) Announcements are now on Mondays and Fridays.
- (Thomas Tuttle) How hard would it be to do more movies on the cut?
 - It's a bit difficult now because we have a lot of new chairs, so things have been a bit slower.

5:40 Special Business from Committee (Brian Wade, Academic Affairs)

Waitlist and Overload Policy Proposal for the University Education Council

- Aspects of the proposal:
 - Cut down on people signing up for too many classes they don't plan on taking.
 - Maintain highest level of opportunity for students in registering and attending classes.
 - Define what a normal course load is.
 - Also establish what a waitlist is.
 - Have an add deadline.
 - Additionally can't add without dean's permission.
 - The purpose of the policy is to preserve positive academic opportunities.

- Must confirm waitlists after one month.
- Have waitlist preferences.
 - Person at top of list will automatically enter that course.
- Give professors leeway for pulling people into classes.
- Students can register for additional classes (overload) a week after normal registration.
 - Can only initially register for you first five classes.
- Makes students prioritize what classes they want to take. This will prevent students from registering for too many classes.

5:48 Questions

- (Thomas Tuttle) What does this do?
 - This sets guidelines for colleges regarding overloading.
- (Dorian Adeyemi) Point of Information: This doesn't change what is defined as a normal course load, it just provide guidelines for overloading.
- (Natalie Morris) I was told that I can only get in to reserved sports for my primary major, but not my secondary major. Can something be done about this?
- (Thomas Tuttle) This a major issue of people shopping around, but there is the issue of people signing up for other classes when they are on the waitlist for some. I think there should be an attendance portion to that. If you're not attending a class, you should be removed from it; a "No-show" policy.
- Currently, the waitlist doesn't take up units toward registered classes.
- (Natalie Morris) Is there a way to put in a clause for double majors?
 - Yes.
- (Mike He) Why can't first semester freshman overload?
 - I don't think that freshman should overload.
- (Kush Mangal) Are you looking into redesigning OLR?
 - Yes, we're looking at an open source system; there will be a new OLR. It will be in scheduleman-type format.
- (Jarett Adams) How do I know that I will be able to get into a class if I'm first on a waitlist?
 - Talk to the professor because under this proposal, professors will have the ability to add students themselves.
- (Dorian Adeyemi) My opinion is that I don't think it would be a good idea for students with secondary majors to be given preference because it competes with students with primary majors that have more of a pressing need to register for a required course.

6:07 Points of Discussion

- Send emails if you want to revisit the food issue.

6:08 Announcements

- Spotlight series will be in DH 1212.
- Senators and members at large are required to dress business casual.
- Sit in first two rows.
- There will be food.
- Come prepared with good questions to ask.
- Will make a facebook event.
- Quorum is essential at the meeting.
- There is a CFA vacancy.

- Healthy campus taskforce—need senators on the committee to assign designated smoking areas.
- The exploratory committee signup sheet is available.

6:12 Adjourn