5:07 Call to Order

5:08 First Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Natalie Morris (SCS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS), Eric Wu (SCS, .5 absence), William Zhang (SCS, .5 absence), Brandon Chock (CIT), Jake Flittner (CIT), Matthew Hwang (CIT), Matthew Kuhn (CIT), Keshav Raghavan (CIT), Sonali Shah (CIT), Jarrett Adams (HSS), Eduardo J. Benatuiil (HSS, 1 absence), Nikhil Iyer (HSS), Meghan Nahass (HSS, .5 absence), Stuti Pandey (HSS, .5 proxy), Nicholas Ferrell (BHA/BSA/SHS), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, .5 absence), Toro Adeyemi (TSB), Stephanie Schneider (TSB 1 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS), Kush Mangal (MCS, .5 absence), Dina Patel (MCS, .5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS)

**Senators Absent:** Jeffrey E Dahlen (MCS, 1 absence), Terry Michael Boyd (CFA), Nicholas Marcucci (CFA), Akshay Udiavar (CFA),

5:07 Approval of Agenda and Minutes

5:07 Audience Participation

5:08 Committee Reports

**Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)**
- No report.

**Business Affairs (Jake FLittner)**
- Had first meeting; went over goals and discussed how budget cuts are effecting the campus.

**Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)**
- Had first meeting. Decided to start the campus gear sale next Friday. Also going to start a new sweatshirt/t-shirt design competition.

**Communications (Toro Adeyemi)**
- Made posters and handouts to get the word out. There will be two t-shirt designs.

**Internal Development (Eric Wu)**
- Come to the retreat.

**Chair**
- D-list used to update students on issues concerning Student Senate—good outreach effort.

**President (Rotimi Abimbola):**
- The cabinet was approved by GSA this week and by Senate last week.
- Working with CMU marketing; we can use “CMU” officially on Carnegie Mellon merchandise. Will try to get the message out soon.
- Committees will collaborate and also looking into getting corporate sponsors.
- Also, come to the football game and make sure you wear your Senate or house shirts.
- Loop bus is coming back September 11th.

5:20 Special Business – Spotlight Speaker Kim Abel, Director of Housing and Dining Services

- Key issue, especially with Housing and Dining,
- Look at everything as an advocate of the student and the only way to do so is to get the involvement of the students...we have four committees to accomplish this: Community Space, 1st to 2nd Year Room Selection, Collaborate Learning Spaces, and Wellness (look at fitness facilities in the halls).
- (Jake Flittner) Time commitment for the committees?
  - It depends on the group. Like for the room selection taskforce, they met 4 times, 2 hours each time.
- Introduce yourself to the new CullinArt employees—they are anxious to meet you and gain feedback.
- Transition from Parkhusrt was a little bumpy but it’s been pretty successful so far.
- Taste of the Tartans is next Thursday--can enjoy a formal introduction to CullinArt ($1 food items).
- Improved Shatz, more “grab ‘n’ go” options” in Entropy, and many new options in Resnik.
- New café in Gates Center—will open after Gates Dedication, probably first or second week of October.
- Will renovate Gingers to make it look more “Tepper-ish”. The name will also change.
- Meal Plan Changes
  - Receive 2 guest blocks.
  - No Shatz guarantee.
  - Flexible dollars lasts the semester, but the Dine-Extra plan is good for the year.
  - Community meal plans are a set number of meals per semester.
  - Striving to become more sustainable and beefing up nutrition initiatives—will be able to look at nutritional information online.
  - To get involved with dining, complete a customer service card or email plaid@andrew.cmu.edu
- Rangos 1 and 2, September 8.

5:42 Questions
- If you were on D-SAC last year, does it carry over?
  - Yes
- (Eric Wu) The options for the community plan, who are they available to?
- Everyone other than first year students.
  - Have increased our meal plan participation significantly from last year.
- (Nick Ferrell) Some of the smaller meal plan options have been taken away, will that be changed.
  - Were looking into that, especially for the graduate students.
- Can we use Dine-X in the vending machines?
  - Only in the residences halls.
- (Diane Lee) Does that include Oakland?
  - No.
- Dining this year was the first year that we actually broke even—thus we must be strategic in decisions.
- We were 10 on Princeton Review’s Dining Review for worst campus food—let’s get off this list!
- (Diane Lee) What is the communication between Oakland and campus housing?
  - (regarding recent changes)
    - Down one facility coordinator, Louis McCaully. Sometimes we have to be reactive to landlords’ decisions and not be proactive.
- (Stuti Pandey) If we live in Oakland, can we use our cards for eSudds?
  - Looking into that.

6:10 New Business from Committee
09-10 001: Special Allocation of $150 to International Student Union
- Had a BBQ last Saturday.
- At least 100 people attended.
- Request was $150 and the Finance committee granted it.

5:52 Questions
- (Jarrett Adams) What does your organization do?
  - Make freshman and students from other countries feel more comfortable.
  - Letting people know/ interact with different cultures.
- (Toro Adyemi) What did you do last year?
  - Multicultural social last year.

5:54 Move to Question. Hand vote. Passed.
5:55 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 19-0-1. Passed. $150 to International Student Union

09-10 002: Special Allocation of $500 to Kappa Phi Lambda
- Bringing a magician from Hong Kong.
- Allocation would be for the compensation

5:56 Questions
- (Jake Flittner) Have you done this in the past, and how many people do you expect?
  - Never have done this before, but usually get around 100 people.

5:57 Discussion
- (Diane Lee) What is the compensation for?
  - Honorarium

5:57 Move to vote. Voice Vote. Passed. $500 to Kappa Phi Lambda

09-10 003: Special Allocation of $2250 to Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Open to everyone
- Will have four CMU bands.
- First big campus-wide event for freshmen to attend

5:59 Questions
- (Stuti Pandey) How are you promoting among freshmen?
  - Have a lot of RAs and OCs, so
- (Jake) How many in the past?
  - Usually several hundred.
- (Mariana) How many pounds of beef?
  - A little over 2,000 lbs.
- (Diane Lee) Was the budget last year less? Why the increase?
  - Want to expand the event. Also need more money to get people engaged with different sport activities.
- (Toro Adeyemi) Are the bands getting paid?
  - Getting paid with publicity.

6:03 Discussion
- (Diane Lee) Have always funded this in the past. I always want to see growth in events and it looks like they are looking to expand.

6:04 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 15-0-5. Passed. $2250 to Sigma Phi Epsilon

6:05 Unfinished Business from the Floor
Approval of proposed changes to Student Body Constitution, Student Senate Bylaws, President’s Cabinet Bylaws, Student Government Executive and Student Senate Election Rules (Ruth Poproski)
- Want to get Senate and GSA in line with the Constitution.
- Formatting issue; need a standard.

**6:10 Motion to amend the Constitution**

**6:10 Move to vote. 22-0-0**

Give longer window for flexibility; GSA meets only once a month and Senate may have a full agenda.

- Can also vote at same meeting with a ¾ super majority if the amendment is presented (if it's a trivial change), can have a three-fourth super majority and vote to have it passed.
- Avoiding getting amendment sucks—if an amendment continues to stay in legislative stages then it is considered as not passing.

**6:19 Discussion—Amending Student Body Constitution**

- (Nick Ferrell) Is it a guarantee to have a presidential advisor?
  - It's in the bylaws
- (Jarrett Adams) Should pass this and amend the President's bylaws.

**6:22 Motion to amending Student Body Constitution Article VIII to new Student Body Constitution Article VIII**

**6:22 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 21-1-0. Passed.**

- (Jarrett Adams) Make a recommendation for Ex-Conn to make a recommendation.
  - It says explicitly that we are supposed to make one but we have never done that in the past.

**6:24 Motion to amend Article XI to new Article XI**

**6:24 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 21-1-0. Passed.**

**6:22 Motion to amend Article V of CoSO bylaws to new Article V CoSO bylaws**

**6:22 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 21-0-0. Passed.**

- President's cabinet bylaws—no requirement to wait a week. Want to make things more flexible to change (in comparison to Senate bylaws, where it is preferable to have it more set-in-stone).

**6:29 Motion to slate President's cabinet bylaws and election changes**

**6:29 Motion to amend President's cabinet bylaws and election changes to new President's bylaws and election changes**

**6:31 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 21-0-0. Passed.**

**6:34 Special Business (cont.) – Finance Chair Election**

**6:34 Speech by Robert Piston**

**6:37 Questions for Robert Piston**

**6:43 Discussion**

**6:45 Move to Vote**

**6:47 Robert Piston voted Senate Finance Chair**

**7:20 Points of Discussion**

**Textbook Return Policy**

- Having difficulty returning course backs.
- (Rotimi Abimbola) The employees at the bookstore are not familiar with the new policy.
- (Nick Ferrell) Book return only getting textbook buyback price.
- Find the return policy to be ridiculous, especially because many of the textbooks can be purchased at a discount online.
- (Stuti Pandey) Rationale is that they felt like their books were being used like a lending library where student should buys a book and then return it when their book arrives from an online purchase.
- (Ruth Poproski) To not have bookstore can be really problematic.
• Also some books are only available at the bookstore.
• (Krishan Taylor) Why do course back have to be purchased? Is there a copyright issue?
  ▪ Yes, but will look into it.
• Academic Affairs should look into the textbook it
• A way around the copyright issue on course books is to post it onto blackboard.
• On last day of return policy, they closed the bookstore early at 4:30 PM.
• (Stuti Pandey) he representative that attended the last Senate meeting was very offensive.
• (Krishan Taylor) Having a dialogue with the bookstore is more important than having someone come.
• (Jake Flittner) Need clearer communication and have follow-up.
• (Rotimi Abimbola) Was good last year to begin the conversation with the bookstore.

Activities Fair
• Provide to provide themes for the feedback.
• (Joanna) Perhaps have an info session about Senate for freshmen.
• (John) Had no idea how student government worked. Explain how to get involved and how it works.
• (Krishan Taylor) Did something similar to that in the “WTF” series.
• (John) Maybe have something located online that students can read.
• (Joanna) Also hand out flyers with the candy.
• (Rotimi Abimbola) The conversation John had with Jake was very beneficial but
• (Jake Flittner) Poster would not be a practical solution to getting all the information out to people. Like the idea of putting something on the website to actually explain what Senate does.
• (Mariana) Have a meeting a few weeks from now to touch base with freshmen and let them know what Senate does.
• (Joanna) Tabling is better to really get information rather than being bombarded with information at the Activities Fair.
• Perhaps conduct an in class seminar—like Kush’s last year.

Printing/ Wireless Network
• (Mariana) Why did they change the printing release stations?
  ▪ For compatibility.
• (Nick Ferrell) Defer this discussion until we can talk to someone more informed.
• Also drop in wireless network.
• “You can buy 2-ply for a dollar”

7:14 Unfinished Business from the Floor (continued)
Approval of proposed changes to Joint Funding Committee Bylaws, Student Body Constitution (Nara Kasbergen)
• Changing both JFC bylaws and Student Body Constitution

7:16 Motion to Slate. Motion Failed.
7:16 Discussion
• Need to have separate Oracle accounts to groups that need to split—likely because there are financial restrictions in doing so.
• If an organization splits, they can be exempt from the restrictions that apply to newly formed organizations.
7:20 Move to Vote. Hand Vote. 18-0-0. Passed.

7:22 Second Roll Call/Announcements
   New Senator Elections – Next Week
   Fall Senator Retreat – MANDATORY! Saturday, September 12, 11 AM – 4 PM
   Campus Gear Sale – Friday, Sept. 11, 11-4
   Need 2 Undergraduate Representatives for the Public Art Committee
   Football kickoff this Saturday
   Gavel starting up again this year
   Improving OrgTracker

7:30 Adjourn