

Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Student Senate

Minutes: 15th General Body Meeting Fall 2009 – December 3, 2009

5:08 Call to Order and First Roll Call

Senators Present: Thomas Tuttle (SCS, .5 absence), Eric Wu (SCS, 1.5 absence), Rohan Agashe (CIT, 1 absence), Brandon Chock (CIT), Jake Flittner (CIT, 1.5 absence), Bryan Lewis (CIT, .5 absence), Matthew Kuhn (CIT, 3 absence), Robert Piston Jr. (CIT, .5 absence), Jessica Santana (CIT, 1 absence), Keshav Raghavan (CIT, 2 proxy, 3 absence), Sonali Shah (CIT, 1 proxy, 4 absence), Abdul Torffick (CIT, 3 absence), Jarrett Adams (HSS, 1 absence), Ben Gutermen (HSS), Nikhil Iyer (HSS, .5 absence), Meghan Nahass (HSS, 1 proxy, 2.5 absence), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, 1 proxy, 3 absence), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS, 1.5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS, 1.5 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA, 1.5 absence), Akshay Udiavar (CFA, 3 absence), Toro Adeyemi (TSB, 2.5 absence), Stephanie Schneider (TSB, 2 proxy, 2 absence)

Senators Absent: Eduardo J. Benatuil (HSS, 1.5 proxy, 2.5 absence), Yael Bushoy (HSS, 1.5 proxy, 3 absence), Varun Deshpande (MCS, 2 absence), Nicholas Ferrell (BHA/BSA/SHS, 3 absence), Matthew Hwang (CIT, 2.5 absence), Abhi Jain (CIT, 1 absence), Jon Mark (CFA, 4.5 absence), Natalie Morris (SCS, 1 absence), William Zhang (SCS, 1 proxy, 1.5 absence)

5:09 Approval of Agenda from 11/5/09

5:04 Audience Participation

5:05 Final Committee Reports

Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)

- Worked on improving advising and Gen Eds.
- Will change advising by fall 2010 semester—including summer workshops for advisors, and an electronic advising system.
- Establish HSS liaison advising system; provide specialized knowledge by departments.
- HSS will be revamping Gen Eds next semester.

Business Affairs (Jake Fittner)

- Camper readership program now includes graduate students.
- Want another bin in Newell-Simon by the food court.
- Moved bin to Posner Hall; looking at data to see if it is a successful location.
- Health Services improvements, done jointly with GSA.
 - Will survey students.
- Financial transparency; know what our money is going to.
- Campus dining—making sure transition is smooth.
- Printing kiosks—expand to Doherty possibly.
- Looking at complaints on print quota running out. Determine who (like what college) uses their quota the most so it's a more efficient system.
- (Kuhn) Put one in Gates.

Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)

- Made goals over the summer; met goals and exceeded these goals in campus life.
- New campus gear sold.
- Lots of feedback from tabling.
- Lots of interest in senate and advertising campus life committee.
- Create strategic plan not related to school spirit/pride, more about improving the actual campus committee.

Communications (Toro Adeyemi)

- *The Gavel* is out.
- Ben Guterman is the Senator of the Month.
- Had no tax sign on Forbes.
- Push more for filling vacancies...especially CFA chairs.
- Will have a board in the UC beginning in the spring.

Internal Development (Eric Wu)

- Lost half committee over the semester but was still successful.
- Profiles are online.
- Respond to emails.

Finance (Robert Piston)

- Had 37 allocations, 38 including today
- \$33,000 was allocated this semester.
 - Have about \$50,000 left.
- Have started reviewing bylaws.
- Used electronic Google from to keep track.
- Need better way to refer to old allocations like SDC.
- \$5,000 to CMUtv will be coming back for \$8-9,000
- Presentation at beginning of semester..."why we fund things"
- Have an allocations tracker—long term goal.

Chair (Aaron Gross)

- Need to address some issues over winter break.
- Most effective was the internal research of meeting to make substantive changes.
- College caucuses very successful to address problems and representing colleges
- Senate has rise in statue in light of the recent tuition tax proposal.
- Have been able to collaborate with other universities.

5:15 New Business from Committee

09-10 046: Special Allocation of \$945 to HSS Department for "So You Want to Make a Movie"

- Wanted to make a movie and the professor with the endowment left and no longer was able to fund the class.
- Wants to continue making the movie.
- Screening writing students write scripts fist semester, but then make movie second semester and produce film.
- Auditions for entire community.
- 50 minute film
- Will further graduate plans for students
- Don't have a lot of film presence

5:35 Questions

- Rent or borrow from CMUtv; someone from CMUtv is a member
- (Lu) Can borrow from CFA. There's a lending process.
- CFA has the best policy for lending; although the shooting scheduling is intense and would really need two cameras.
- (Tuttle) The camera will stay?
- It would be nice for department to own permanently.
- Funding was arranged on a one time basis. Would of have \$30,000 for the project, but no longer have finding source from the professor at Heinz.
- (Lu) What is the film about?

- Broke college kids that go to a prestigious university and sell cigarettes to high school students to make money.

5:40 Move to vote. Passed. \$945 to HSS Department for “So You Want to Make a Movie”

5:41 Ex Officio Report—Rotimi Abimbola, Student Body President

- GSA has a different take on the loop bus—it doesn’t serve the graduate student population.
- Will see a more comprehensive schedule to avoid waiting for the bus.
- Will have a web presence—can go online.
- Will cut some of the hours to save money and intentional PR.
- Will still run next semester using reserve money.
- The referendum is needed to continue the loop bus—approve language
- (Ruth) Money can be saved by cutting hours and there’s overlap with the PAT bus. 2/3 of GSA tabled it. Want to know how much a truncated version of the loop bus will cost. Just want more data before they are willing to approve it.
- Don’t really have to approve it yet; really just need discussion.

5:47 (Adams) Motion to table to next semester. Passed. Tabled.

5:49 Points of Discussion

Tuition Tax

- Vote on tuition tax is postponed until next Wednesday

College Caucuses

- Should continue next semester.
- (Schneider) Stat Econ major can get into any classes because she can get precedence

5:58 Adjourn

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6:02 Audience Participation

6:03 Spring 2010 Chair Elections

Chair, Undergraduate Student Senate

6:03 Speech by Aaron Gross

6:05 Questions for Aaron Gross

6:05 Move to Discussion

6:07 Move to Vote. Aaron Gross elected.

Chair, Academic Affairs

6:09 Speech by Ben Guterman

6:11 Questions for Ben Guterman

6:13 Discussion

6:14 Move to Vote. Ben Gutermn elected.

Chair, Business Affairs

6:14 Speech by Jake Flittner

6:16 Questions for Jake Flittner

6:20 Move to vote. Jake Flittner elected.

6:18 Discussion

Chair, Campus Life

6:21 Speech by Jarrett Adams

6:23 Questions for Jarrett Adams

6:35 Move to Discussion

6:27 Move to vote. Jarrett Adams elected.

Chair, Communications

6:28 Speech by Toro Adeyemi

6:30 Questions for Toro Adyemi

6:36 Speech by Nikhil Iyer

6:38 Questions for Nikhil Iyer

6:45 Discussion

7:12 Move to vote

7:19 Move back into discussion

7:25 Move to vote.

7:25 Higher vote requested. Secret ballot.

7:29 Nikhil Iyer elected.

Chair, Finance

7:31 Speech by Sonali Shah

7:34 Questions for Sonali Shah

7:38 Discussion

7:39 Move to vote. Sonali Shah elected.

Chair, Internal Development

7:40 Speech by Eric Wu

7:42 Questions for Eric Wu

7:47 Discussion

7:54 Move to Vote. Eric Wu elected

Sergeant-At-Arms

7:55 Tabled

7:55 Adjourn