Senate Minutes 9/1/11

Agenda approved

Committee Reports

AA: Met with faculty members on campus. Tried to figure out where they left off last year. Already got a good feedback from her committee. Want 4 Senators to come in and talk to computing senators

BA: Getting meeting scheduled

CL: Looked at other peer institutions to see what they did. Transportations services. Campus Gear sales

COMM: Looking at making a new logo. Updating and revising the gavel. Sending out meeting to committee.

ID: Fun committee. Making sure that we are sticking to robert’s rules and the bylaws. Finishing up the ropes course.

Chair Report: Will increasing Senate visibility, connecting better to constituents and revisiting at campus readership, Seth also created a Senate twitter account @cmusenate

Seth comment: also cmucoso and cmujfc, etc.

Ex Officio Reports:

Jake and Sangita-Represent entire student body-grad and undergrad. Have a cabinet-looking for two freshmen. Initiatives-Transportation reform, campus spirit (Friday events)

My Lee- VP of Finance, allocate 1.3 million dollars, looking for approximately 1-2 freshmen, 17 seats, Meet with organizations and counsel them in funding (prelim process). Meet 4 times a week, 2-3 hrs in spring. Looking for paid assistant position. She’s new eric wu
Will Zheng-VP of Organizations. CoSO recognizes student organizations on campus and ensures that the needs of campus are met given the existing organizations as well as reviewing incoming organizations. Media screen initiative. UCAB-allocates space in the UC. 6 returning CoSO members, looking for 3-4 freshmen, 4 committee leaders.

Ratification of UDC Roster:

Running ahead of schedule so will return

Vision for Senate This Semester:

Are several ways to make up for absences: Increase attendance at campus events, more general tabling, running more events

Also have a proxy program in place- good way for freshmen to get involved, notify will in advance if you know you are aware you will be absence. Senate Week-President Cohen will visit the Senate Meeting this week. Looking to redo the logo.

JonMark-disgruntled by the fact that senators did not read their information prior to senate meeting. Read documentation—make it informative and concise.

Anshul-attendance to senate meetings increase, discussion is not as fruitful, problems with voting

Alyssa-be active, be there, be a part of committee meetings; take action

Andres-more out of Senate socializing

Stephen-enforce the attendance policy; act upon accumulated absences; FOOD

Bryan-up to discretion of chair to count committee meeting absences

Stephen-the bylaws establish a committee attendance requirement

Seth: More of a presence on campus

Anshul: work on an individual basis to promote Senate, equally as powerful in raising awareness

David: make campus aware of what our role on campus is
Bianca—better communication between Senate and Executive committee members

Jake—taking official notes in exec meetings ➔ send highlights to senate

Ratification of UDC Roster:

Joanna Dickert—coordinates the academic review board process, meets with students who run into issues with cheating/plagiarism issue; disciplinary process for community standard violations. Members nominated, reviewed, and bring the list before Senate for review. Email joannad@andrew with any questions or concerns about the students on the list whom you would have concerns about sitting on the board

JonMark—thoughts about diversifying the board to better represent all schools and disciplines

Seth—Senior on list? 5th year student

Joanna—UDC list presented strictly undergraduates. Look to serve undergraduate cases with undergrads. Simply looking for feedback

Election of Sergeant at Arms:

It is the job to order food, organize meetings, work with will to get agendas printed and out

Nominations:

William Elmore—decline

Jon Mark

Mala Shah—decline

Seth Vargo

Ashley calls the question

Seth: 17

JonMark: 4

No Confidence: 0
Abstain: 2

DANGEROUSLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Points of Discussion:

Jason - President of GSA. Run’s GSA meetings

Margaret Morrison

Calander-Gen meetings at 5 on Thursday, committee meetings to be decided

Vacancies?

Seth-technology overview:

Acquired cmu.edu/stugov

More user friendly, update policies, more visits to new websites!

Announcements

New senator training 12-1:00 Saturday 3; 318g

Senator bonding Saturday 10th

Send out chair emails