

Minutes

General Body Meeting Fall 2011
September 8, 2011



Senators Present:

SCS: Daniel Pomeroy, Peter Liang (0.5 absence)

CIT: Anshul Dhankher, Ashley Dickson, Willy Elmore, Jake Flitter, Kyra Gould (1 absence), Christopher Jarrett, Abigail Ondeck, Sohini Roy, Mala Shah (3.5 absence), Bryan Spencer, Joshua Yee (1 absence)

HSS: Nancy Brown, Aaron Chiu, Jennifer Li, Andres Velez (0.5 absence), Seth Vargo, Bryan Wade (1.5 absence), Will Weiner,

BHA/BSA/SHS: Joseph Vukovich, Andrew Biar

TSB: Rishi Patel (0.5 absence)

CFA: Jonathan Mark,

MCS: Neha Chaurasia, Fermin Liang (1 absence), Ashley Reeder, Stephen Tjader

Senators Absent: Alyssa Danesh (1 absence), Joseph Dziekan (1 absence), Christopher Hsu (1 absence), Amy Quispe (0.5p), Joseph Ventricelli (2 absence)

5:03 - Call to Order and First Roll Call

5:04 - Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to Approve. Voice Vote. Passed.**

5:04 - Audience Participation

- **Richard Danberg**
- Game Room
- We would like to get rid of proprietary dance machine and own the machine ourselves
- rdannenb@andrew.cmu.edu

5:06 - Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs**
- Please keep in contact with me committee members
- Improving the webmail interface
- If you want more details, speak with Seth
- Starting to work with Career Services to improve their affiliation with academics
- **Business Affairs**
- Campus Readership program will be discussed

- Putting magazines in the UC area is still underway
- **Campus Life**
- First meeting next week
- Find better ways to promote campus gear sales
- **Communications**
- Comm. Not present. At ECE lab
- **Finance**
- Special allocations next week
- Stay after Senate meeting for a little bit
- **Internal Development**
- Senate retreat will be in order soon
- I've gotten lots of RSVPs, but there are still many people who have not responded. Please let me know
- Wear layers, athletic gear, and shoes
- Please give me waiver forms
- **Chair Report**
- President Cohen will be speaking here on October 6th
- Dean of Student Affairs will be here in October as well
- First vacancy election will be the 29th September
- We will bring in members-at-large at that time
- The petitions will be need to be in by the 24 hours before the vote
- **Fermin:** Parking is an issue

5:14 – Ratification of the Committee on Student Organization Nominees

- CoSo committee presented by Will Zhang
- **Fermin: Motion to approve. Seconded**
- **Discussion:**
- None
- **Hand Vote. 25-0-1. Passed.**

5:18 - Shuttle and Escort Update

- Service needed to be extended geographically
- Problems with maintaining schedule
- **Changes**
- The "A" route was changed to include North Oakland and Shadyside
- The "B" route was extended to all of Shadyside
- The "AB" route runs at off-peak hours
- The "C" route is a completely new Squirrel Hill route
- Bakery Sq. route extended slightly
- **Escort Rules (Not the same as shuttle)**
- If you live within 2 blocks of shuttle route, you cannot take escort during the day

- Ashley: PoI: Escorts will also take people to doctors at odd hours, etc.
- Escort only brings people to their homes from CMU, but not from their homes to CMU
- **Changes (cont.)**
- Approved by Michael Murphy
- Trying to get GPS tracking going better
- Website redesigned
- **Jon Mark:** Point of Information: It is affiliated with Police Department – call them regarding issues

5:25 - 11-12-001 Resolution to Thank William S. Dietrich

- **Proposed by Senate Chair to thank William S. Dietrich. Seconded Motion to pass Resolution.**
- **Motion to amend by Jon Mark. Change “William S. Dietrich” to “William S. Dietrich II”. Seconded. Friendly.**
- **Motion to amend by Seth Vargo. Change “pledged to donate” to “pledge to entrust”. Seconded. Friendly.**
- **Motion to amend by Seth Vargo. Hyphenate “well-being”. Seconded. Friendly.**
- **Motion to vote. Voice Vote. Resolution 11-12-001 passed.**

5:30 - Points of Discussion

- **Fence Structure Regulation**
- Jake Flittner from ExComm
- The question is to allow structures to be built at The Fence. Student Affairs created a process for allowing structures:
 - Must pass for both safety and community impact
 - Will go through Student Life, Safety Panel and the Student Affairs
- Execs will be talking about what they think about this. Feedback requested from Senate. This is the first regulation on the Fence in CMU history
- **Jon Mark:** I think that this is necessary. I think it’s under our jurisdiction.
- **Ashley Reeder:** The Fence has its charm from the fact that it’s completely student run, and this is a concern for giving some power to Student Affairs.
- **Bryan Spencer:** I think it’s necessary, but not through Student Affairs. Differentiation between tent and building also crucial since they both have to be constructed
- **Andy Biar:** How is a structure differentiated from a tent?
- **Seth Vargo:** We are voted in, and regulations should be put in by students

- **Neha:** I think it's a good idea. The shanty town structure on the Fence a couple of years ago brought undesired people to campus. But keep it student run
- **Dan:** Concerned about small tents that were regularly put up without regulation. What if the administration had some other reason to use this against student message?
- **Kyra:** Why would Gina need to be addressed?
- **Jake:** To ensure that everyone is in line with what is going on.
- **Bianka:** Greek Fraternities never took that much time on the Fence.
- **Stephen:** Wasn't there always an approval process to build something on the Fence?
- **Will Weiner:** There was some immunity for the Fence
- **Jake Flittner:** There was some policy about campus beautification and Fence. The administration hasn't done anything there for now.
- **Rafael:** The biggest issue was the fact that some people locked down eight weeks on the Fence.
- **Jon Mark: Motion to Inform Executive Committee that Student Senate thinks that first approval step be removed. Objected by Jake Flittner.**
- **Ashley Reeder:** In regards to temporal limits, it may inhibit dedication by some people
- **Naman:** What do we define as commercial tent?
- **Ashley Dickson:** Structures obscure the Fence itself, and it's easier for stay for longer amounts of time.
- **Seth:** Administration is busy, and they are not going to be able to get this on their plate to approve structures. If it goes through Senate, it will take at most a week. **Motion to Have Will Weiner Openly Oppose this Regulation. Seconded.**
- **Discussion on new motion.**
- **Kyra:** I think we need to clarify what we oppose
- **Jake:** I would advise you not to vote this motion, since it encompasses all students, not just undergraduates.
- **Bryan Spencer:** Motion to amend change language to "To suggest to the administration to have this regulation run through a student organization rather than the school administration." Friendly.
- **Move to Vote by Fermin. Hand Vote. Passed.**
- **Vote on Motion. Hand Vote. 15-9-0. Passed. Will Weiner will pass that opinion on.**
- **Jake Flittner:** Reason why this came through in the first place is because they define a structure as "something that one can live in indefinitely"; "Is it up to regulation or students?" is the question.
- **Kyra: Motion to End Discussion. Seconded. Hand Vote. Passed.**
- **Kyra:** Has there been any discussion about a gift to William S. Dietrich II?
- **Jake Flittner:** Yes – He got a gift

- **Seth:** When are we going to go over things that students wanted to change from the Activities Fair?
- **Will Weiner:** There were only three responses
- **Jon Mark:** I would like to see who seconded in the minutes.
- **Jake:** We use Twitter

5:59 – Announcements

- City Councilman Josh Wander wants interns
- Senate Retreat
- 8:15 AM Saturday morning
- Fill out Waiver Forms.
- Kyra: Finance Committee Talk.

6:02 - Second Roll Call and Adjourn

- **Motion to Adjourn. Voice Vote. Passed.**