

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of September 30, 2004

5:37 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Adam Atkinson (HSS), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Ananya Bubna (TSB), Maureen Burns (CFA), Trevor Clark (CFA), Andrew Gehling (CFA), Aftyn Giles (CFA), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Benjamin Hackett (HSS), Kirk Higgins (CIT), Kevin Lee (HSS), Jean Lester (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS), Nasheena Porter (HSS, proxy), Margaret Richards (SCS), James Rogers (CIT), Samantha Rosenthal (CIT), Stephanie Rosenthal (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Wei Tang (SHS),

Senators Absent: Abigail Barnes (CIT, excused), Mark Caola (SHS, 2 absences), Laura Drogowski (MCS, excused), Jonathan Lee (CIT, 1 absence), Courtney Thompson (TSB, excused), Yew Choe Wong (CIT, excused)

Members at Large Present: Hanish Dayal (CIT), James Hazelrig (CIT, came late), Aaron Kao (CIT), Louisa Kinoshi (HSS), Tanvir Suri (TSB), Aaron Walker (CIT), Sean Weinstock (HSS), Joshua Yearsley (HSS)

Members at Large Absent: Brittany McCandless (HSS, 2 absences), Corrine Pascale (CIT, 2 absences), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, 2 absences)

5:39 pm Approval of Minutes

5:39 pm Amendment to the minutes of September 23

- James Hazelrig, Brittany McCandless, Corrine Pascale, and Haseeb Qureshi were not present.
- Joshua Yearsley and Louisa Kinoshi were present and are members at large.

5:40 pm Minutes passed by acclamation

5:41 pm Audience Participation (Daniel Papasian)

- There are a number of important funding motions that he would like to discuss, and would like to have speaking rights for the meeting.

5:41 pm Motion to give Daniel Papasian speaking rights for the rest of the meeting (Michelle Birchak)

5:41 pm Motion passed by acclamation

5:42 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:42 pm Academic Affairs (Jonathan Mendelson)

- Julie and him met with Indira Nair to discuss academic issues
- Talked about getting classes started at appropriate times and moratorium policy.
- The moratorium policy is on the agenda for the next UEC meeting.
- Problem with no Latin in Modern Languages department, and will be doing a survey to look into this problem and other possible course shortcomings.
- Will be looking into accountability with academic advising
- They want to get menus in the Windows cluster in the language of students choosing, however most CCons will be unable to read the other fonts, so will be unable to help.

5:47 pm Business Affairs (Edward Ryan)

- Post office hours extended due to work of last semester
- Feedback boxes destroyed by bigger box, and thus are not out yet.
- Entropy prices high since it is \$6 for a box of Lucky Charms. This may be due to space restrictions, since they can't buy much larger bulk sizes to lower the price.

5:50 pm Campus Life (Nasheena Porter)

- No changes for cluster prices right now; will be doing more surveying and analysis, before changes for next fall.
- Hoping to work with AB Special Events on a Singled-Out type game show

5:52 pm Communications (Maureen Burns)

- Sorry about the BBQ not happening on Wednesday.
- Looking to order new t-shirts, so please fill out the form to order one.
- Working with a filmmaker to make a video spot Thursday and Friday AB movies.

5:56 pm Funding & Recognition (Tom Sabram)

- Ten more groups came. Have 5 special allocations tonight

5:57 pm Internal Development (Michelle Birchak)

- Now have new computer in the Senate office
- 2 new vacancies in CFA (1) & MCS (1)

6:00 pm Senate Chair (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Deadline for the vacancies will be October 19th by 5:00pm in the Senate Box 46 at the UC Information Desk

6:01 pm New Business from Committee

6:02 pm **0405-020 – Special Allocation of \$1609.98 to the Carnegie Pulse**

- Organization does not own any of their own equipment
- Organization does not have enough to lend out to people interested in taking pictures for website.

6:05 pm Motion to table 0405-020 until next week (Nicolette Louissaint)

6:06 pm Discussion on motion to table 0405-020 until next week

6:07 pm Vote on motion to table 0405-020 until next week

Fails, hand vote (9-10-4)

6:07 pm Discussion on 0405-020

6:22 pm Motion to amend allocation to \$1000 (Wei Tang)

6:23 pm Discussion on amendment

6:29 pm Motion to reconsider motion to table 0405-020 until next week (Samantha Rosenthal)

6:30 pm Discussion on the motion to reconsider the motion to table 0405-020 until next week

6:31 pm Vote on motion to reconsider the motion to table 0405-020

Passes

6:31 pm Discussion on motion to table 0405-020 until next week

6:32 pm Motion to give speaking rights to representatives from the Carnegie Pulse

Passes by acclamation

6:34 pm Motion to amend the motion to table 0405-020 until next week to refer it back to committee

6:34 pm Discussion on amending the motion to table 0405-020 until next week to refer it back to committee

6:35 pm Motion to move the question on amending the motion to table

Fails

6:36 pm Discussion on amending the motion to table 0405-020 until next week to refer it back to committee

6:36 pm Vote on motion to amend the motion to table 0405-020 until next week to refer back to committee

Passes

6:37 pm Vote on motion to refer 0405-020 back to committee

Passes

6:38 pm **0405-021 - Special Allocation of \$2250 to Carnegie Mellon Athletics Council**

- Free Homecoming event for all students
- The allocation will go towards 1000 “Plaid Power” rally towels
- Vegetarian and Vegan options available at the BBQ and Chili cook-off
- Some of the towels will go to alumni

6:40 pm Discussion on 0405-021

6:47 pm Vote on 0405-021

Passes, voice vote

6:48 pm **0405-022 - Special allocation of \$500 to the Neville Co-op**

6:48 pm Questions on 0405-022

6:48 pm Discussion on 0405-022

6:48 pm Motion to amend the amount from \$500 to \$980 (Jonathan Mendelson)

6:49 pm Discussion on amendment

6:49 pm Call the Question (Wei Tang)

6:50 pm Vote on amendment to 0405-022

Passes, voice vote

6:50 pm Discussion on 0405-022

- Bands are chosen from affiliation with voter registration movement
- It is a non-partisan event
- Support event because it shows role of Co-op in community

6:51pm Vote on 0405-022

Passes, voice vote

6:52 pm **0405-023 - Special allocation of \$600 to Online Gaming Society**

- Social gaming event – increase interaction between people
- Sponsored by Microsoft, Cyber-café, etc.
- Connan Room, filled up all 56 slots, and plan to fill 16 slot waiting list
- Charging students from off Campus

6:55 pm Questions on 0405-023

- Of the 56 slots, 8-10 non-students.
- Waitlist mix of CMU and non-CMU
- Console section with 4 seats each to provide for non-registered individuals

6:57 pm Discussion on 0405-023

6:58 pm Vote on 0405-023

Passes, voice vote

6:58 pm **0405-024 - Special Allocation of \$50 to Singaporean Student Association**

- Recommending \$50, requested \$1200.
- JFC Subsidy cut 60% from previous years.
- \$50 not much help toward the event
- F&R decision based on JFC Budget will be discussed next week with group

7:05 pm Discussion on 0405-024

7:05 pm Vote on 0405-024

7:06 pm Special Business

7:06 pm **0405-025 - Filling of the H&SS Vacancy**

7:09 pm Quorum call (Jonathan Mendelson)

22 Senators present (18 Senators needed)

7:11 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Sean Weinstock

7:18 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Thomas Eliopolous

7:22 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Fred Liu

7:27 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Josh Yearsley

7:31 pm Discussion on 0405-025

7:39 pm Vote on 0405-025

Josh Yearsley fills the vacancy, roll call

7:43 pm **0405-026 - Filling of TSB Vacancy**

7:44 pm Reading of Candidate Statement: Andrew Douglass

7:45 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Tanvir Suri

7:50 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Andrew Yuhasz

7:57 pm Discussion on 0405-026

8:01 pm Vote on 0405-026

Tanvir Suri fills the vacancy, roll call

8:04pm New Business from the Floor

8:04 pm Motion to make Ryan Keane a member-at-large (Benjamin Hackett)

8:05 pm Candidate speech and Questioning: Ryan Keane

8:05 pm Discussion on motion to make Ryan Keane a member-at-large

8:05 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

8:06 pm Points of Discussion

8:06 pm Reading of message from a constituent

- Libertarians opposed to secrecy of Michael Moore contract. Transparency is necessary. The proposition of bringing a conservative speaker is not a valid solution.
- Senate should have information from AB
- Confidentiality Agreement Signed
- Money to influence political agenda
- Contract is already signed
- Controversial Speakers Policy encourages this kind of speaker
- If you have a problem with your activities fee just think of it as everyone else's
- Money Distribution is not transparent enough
- Traditionally Politically Apathetic Campus needs speakers
- Murky waters as to what can be done with an honorarium

8:21 pm Motion to end this point of discussion (Josh Yearsley)

Passes, voice vote

8:22 pm F&R Needs to solidify their position

- Dissention within committee will happen and is necessary
- F&R Members wouldn't be comfortable passing things not solidly supported
- Bring up issues at meeting and let them get recommitted

8:25 pm Announcements

- Toby Radloff, the nerd from American Splendor, will be speaking on Friday at 6:30-8pm in Doherty Hall 2210 as a part of AB Special Events' Geek Week.
- Student Senate's next meeting will be on Thursday, October 7th at 5:30pm in the Posner Center Board Room. See you there!
- Erik Michaels-Ober: Broadcast at 9 in Rangos of Debate

8:26 pm Adjourn