

Senate Minutes
By Fermin Liang

5:02 – Roll

5:04 – Meeting called to order
Andy motions to approve minutes and agenda
Joe Seconds
Motion Passes

5:05 – Committee Reports

5:06 – Business Affairs
Complete initiatives – light in campus housing and magazine racks
Table sharing initiative going to be rolled out next week
Game room improvements (air hockey table, sound system)
Bike Sharing Project – working with Heinz on this, feedback from different groups on campus, long term project
UC Space – seating during lunch hours
FMS – meeting with them

5:11 – Campus Life

Working on bike racks with GSA and BA
CMU and architects wants to move bike racks somewhere else
Covered smoking area – 50/50 split on the idea and there's a petition to make CMU smoke-free campus

5:12 – Communications

first hot chocolate even today
should continue hot chocolate thing next semester
sign for Doherty printer
wants to launch re-branding next semester
we have a tumblr
quick summary of minutes on tumblr

5:14 – Finance

today we have five allocations, 2 are new, 2 are tabled,
31675 of special allocations given out
read the final committee report
avg requested – 2600
median requested – 1875
mean allocated – 1583
final figures after today's allocations

5:16 – Academic Affairs

initiatives take a long time to finish things

why BOC/TOC/EOC are way too close
talking about advanced Interp
Grad – undergrad relationships are more tangible next semester
Bringing together OLR, SIO, etc
The right for everyone to choose their interp
Conflicts for finals and metric
Improve board feedback
StuCo – keeping it with students
SCS to stay fresh with new minis

5:20 – Internal Development
got a lot accomplished
got off on good foot
had a Retreat
started Task Sheet, wants to push for it harder
mentor, mentee program
sending out a holiday card with the picture

5:22 – Chair
More cohesion
Tartan article slightly mislead, we've done things
Continuing to work on Activities Fee
Gathering money data to justify raising it
Need Elections Board rep
"Shady and Legal, Story of my Life"

5:25 Finance Allocations

Kyra needs a Mac dongle

APEX

Kyra – COSO haven't made official decision
Anshul – All Signs point to approval

QUESTIONS

Alyssa – Can you speak to your open design?
APEX – most of the teams keep secrets, want to be completely open, implement designs and release them

Discussion

Will – \$961 is a quarter of JFC budget

Bianka – when are you working on it?
APEX – working on it early next semester

Jon – Is Sweepstakes relationship good? Was UCAB contacted?

APEX – Sweepstakes is cool with it and UCAB will be contacted later

Andy – Are there mechanics on your team?

APEX – team members have comparable projects in the past

Raphael – Are there members with prior buggy experience?

APEX – team members have done comparable projects

Reeder – Do you have mentors?

APEX – Buggy Alumni Member is our mentor

Jon Calls the Question

20 – 0 – 2, it passes

Dance Marathon

Kyra – fundraising event on campus

Got started back up last year

No one was listening

Want to make event a lot bigger

More than 450 people coming to event last year

Need 2000 for sound and light

Need money for food and beverages

Committee will fund food and sound and light

Questions

Bryan W – previous turnout for events

DM – 375, 400 before last year in previous event

14 dance teams registered and money was submitted

wants to have 550 people attend this year

Jonny – Where is this?

DM – Wiegand Gym

Dan – Why not in JFC budget?

DM – It was in Dancers symposium budget and JFC wants Dancers Symposium to fundraise it more

Kyra- They are not a separate org from Dancers Symposium, JFC allocated money

Ashley – Are there other sources of funding?

DM – SDC and GSA. SDC did not supply money last year because our event wasn't dorm related enough

GSA funded last year but they only fund first year events

Mala – When is this?

DM – January 28

Tjader – why funding food not beverage?

Kyra – wants DM to reach out to Green Services to lug giant things of water, DM mentioned sponsor to bring drinks

Jonny – Whats the layout?

DM – Scotch n Soda will build stage, floor plan with DJ, CMUTV will broadcast

Jonny – If you have to choose between CMUTV and ABTech sound rental?

DM – rather choose ABTech sound rental

Jonny – I think 2000 for Sound and Lighting is too much

DM – we need more lighting because of feedback

Bianka – Went to this event last year and it is really unifying for Campus

Alyssa Calls Question

REJECTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! By jonny

Jonny – Motion to decrease allocation to 2000 and there is available equipment from ABTech and they can request sponsorship for food and stuff

Mike Shin Seconds

Alyssa – If this is the quote from ABTech, then we should take their word on it

Mala Calls question

Motion to lower allocation Denied

Alyssa Calls question on allocation of 2500

20 – 0 – 2 passes

Veritas

Kyra – group wants to bring Veritas forum to campus

Like Big Questions for Freshmen

Working with IVCF but not a religious organization

Recommended 785 for them except to not fund incidentals

Questions

Bianka – What speakers and when is it

Veritas – January 25 and Three professors from CMU

Rishi – What religion do the speakers belong to?

Veritas – Atheist, Agnostic, and Christian

Andy – I'm a fan

Mike Calls question

Rejected by Bianka

Bianka – wants to know more about the event

Veritas – wants to have a lecture discussion, there was a similar event last year, why do we work hard and why are we supposed to do it, expects 100 people attend in Rangos

Fermin Calls Question

19 – 0 – 2 Passes

CSA

Kyra – ask for funds for Chinese New Year Event

Performance based event in the past with other groups

Wants to expand celebration of holiday to more people

In Black Chairs Area

Requested 500 but recommended 600 because committee wants to cover advertising expenses

CSA – wants to set up the stage in Black Chairs that's why the rental costs more

Wants to have activities like calligraphy,

Questions

Mala – When are you doing it?

CSA – Going to be on a Monday from 330 to 700

Jon motions to move into discussion

Will W says yes

Mike motions to raise allocation to 800

Andy Seconds

Mike – Missing funding from ARCC and CSSA

Bianka – How do you plan on sustaining this?

CSA – wants to do it year after year

Jonny Calls Question

17 – 1 – 3 Passes to Raise Allocation

Mike Calls Question

19 – 0 – 2 Passes Allocated 800

Pi Delta Psi

Kyra – Came for reimbursement for Iron Chef event

Things needed to be sorted out before recommendation

Funded cooking materials and catered event

Well attended event

Requested 800, but Recommended 200 because it is advertised to limited portion of campus

PDP – Flyering all around campus

Ask orgs to participate in it

Do have a few teams and it is open to all of campus

250 people showed up at event

a lot of people not part of org

Tried to cut down on costs and every year the cost of catering goes down

Jon – What kind of org are you?

PDP – Fraternity

Jon – What happens during fundraising?

PDP – do not budget this in dues but we fundraise a lot like selling bubble tea, tried to fundraise in the past for this

Ashley – If bubble tea fundraising isn't working out, why didn't you try working out? I haven't seen this working out well in terms of advertising, what other types of organizations

PDP – reached out to many organizations

Dan – POI – listed participants

Raphael – where is this?

PDP – Rangos 1, 2, 3

Discussion

Jon– We do not want to discriminate between Greek orgs because Sig Ep commits a lot of money for their Labor Day BBQ

Rishi – Sig ep is a lot bigger so they have a lot more money

Bianka – PDP comes to us every year and other events have a lot more people but they fundraise really well.

Jonny Motions to decrease funding to 172

Anshul Seconds

Joe – Why are you doing this?

Jon – This event has been here three years now, and that there is such a discrepancy between fundraising and cost. I want them to fund raise more

Amy – needs to be change in fundraising because they are still underfunded even though there is a large diff between estimated and actual cost

PDP – estimated large amounts to accommodate for larger costs

Amy – I understand that but being having actual costs be less than estimated cost by 1000 and still needing 600 is not cool

Kyra – POI – came to us before event and we tabled it

Amy – what happened in the past with PDP?

Kyra – Allocated 600 to this event in the past

Allocated for Dragon Boat event but it did not happen

Raphael – Why didn't you account for other event conflicts?

PDP – had to book Rangos year in advance

Nancy – I'm on Modern Lang board and I didn't know about this so this event is under advertised and Modern Lang would love to fund this

Fermin moves to vote

12 – 3 – 3 ready to vote

8 – 7- 3 decrease in allocation passes

Anshul calls questions

Bianka objects

Bianka – I didn't vote for decreasing allocation because I do not want to fund this

PDP – we have asked for sources for ASA and Activities Board

Anshul calls question

8 – 6 – 4 Allocation DENIED

6:20 – Points of Discussion

Jonny – looking at orgs that are not JFC funded, should there be a metric?

Bianka – against a metric, there is a case by case basis, because some things look good on paper only

Kyra – its part of fundraising to go to Senate, defining fundraising as org money

Will Chair – my opinion: campus impact measure

Willie – what Kyra said

Raphael –We should ask the typical questions asked by General body to be asked by finance committee

Bryan – we should have prior information

Jonny – the metric will keep us consistent and not as a metric for determining allocation

Tjader – LETS MOVE ON

Chair – Will Wins

AA –Bianka wins

BA –Anshul wins

CL -No Confidence
Finance - Jon Mark wins
ID -Ashley Reeder wins

8:41 - Roll

8:42 - Adjourned