

Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Student Senate

Minutes: 3rd General Body Meeting Fall 2009 – September 10, 2009

5:08 Call to Order

5:09 First Roll Call

Senators Present: Natalie Morris (SCS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS), Eric Wu (SCS), William Zhang (SCS, .5 absence), Rohan Agashe (CIT), Brandon Chock (CIT), Jake Flittner (CIT), Bryan Lewis (CIT), Matthew Hwang (CIT, .5 absence), Matthew Kuhn (CIT, 1 proxy), Diane Lee (CIT, .5 absence, .5 proxy), Robert Piston Jr. (CIT), Keshav Raghavan (CIT), Jessica Santana (CIT), Sonali Shah (CIT, .5 absen), Jonathan Mark (CFA), Jarrett Adams (HSS), Eduardo J. Benatuil (HSS, 1.5 absence), Yael Bushoy (HSS), Nikhil Iyer (HSS), Stuti Pandey (HSS, .5 proxy), Nicholas Ferrell (BHA/BSA/SHS), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS), Toro Adeyemi (TSB), Stephanie Schneider (TSB), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS), Kush Mangal (MCS, .5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS)

Senators Absent: Meghan Nahass (HSS, 1.5 absence), Jeffrey E Dahlen (MCS, 3 absence), Terry Michael Boyd (CFA, 2 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA, 1 absence), Nicholas Marcucci (CFA, 2 absence), Akshay Udiavar (CFA, 2 absence), Dina Patel (MCS, 1.5 absence)

5:09 Approval of Agenda and Minutes

5:10 Audience Participation

5:10 Committee Reports

Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)

- Not Present.

Business Affairs (Jake Fittner)

- No report.

Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)

- Sign-up for the campus gear sale—tomorrow and Sept. 18
- In committee meeting, discussed about wanting to learn more about campus life; want to know what students want from Senate.
- Want to help students know about alternative dining, on and off campus. Also learn about nutritional values of different options.
- Kiosks in the UC—add more computers/printers.
- Planning the t-shirt contest (the new CMU design) that will be the design the homecoming shirt. Sept. 21.
- Work on environmental initiatives.

Communications (Toro Adeyemi)

- Discussed about changing *The Gavel*—use bullet points instead of condensed writing.
- Want to do personal distribution and not distribute it with *readme*.
- Have it published monthly, at the end of each month.

Internal Development (Eric Wu)

- Retreat on Saturday, 12-3:30. Don't be late!!

Finance (Robert Piston)

- No funding motions this week, but many next week. One group coming failed to be CoSo recognized so there might be controversy.
- If you need to purchase anything for Senate, must get it signed-off by Rob or

Aaron.

- Also must turn receipts into Rob.

Chair (Aaron Gross)

- At activities fair, close to one hundred students signed up on the Senate D-list. Will send out weekly supplement to *The Gavel*.

5:20 Special Business--Anita Barkin, Director, Student Health Services

- Began preparing early for H1N1 at Carnegie Mellon.
- Had the first case the first day of freshman orientation.
- RAs were trained on H1N1 before the arrival of students. Also looked at orientation activities that placed people at risk of exposure to the virus.
- Confirmed cases mean that you attain a nasal swab and the sample is sent to a lab. If it does test positive for flue then state lab does PCR test and determines if it is H1N1. 90% of tests are positive for H1N1.
- Takes a week from the state to get confirmation on H1N1 tests.
- 5 confirmed cases at CMU; 3 of 40 students tested in isolation all came out positive for H1N1.
- 2 students hospitalized.
- Lots of confirmed positive Influenza A
- CDC says if you have positive test and you have flu in a community, it's no longer necessary to test; only need to determine cases using the clinical definition since that is what is circulating
- Signs of H1N1: 100F or greater fever, body aches, runny nose, nausea, diarrhea.
- ILI (influenza like illness).
- Strategy is to slow it down without vaccine is to isolate infected students.
- H1N1 has disproportionately affected young people—most are below the age of 50. Seasonal flu mostly affects those over the age of 65.
- Highest risk are those who are under 18 (first-years are therefore at greatest risk).
- Isolation housing location: MM101, old Sprit House and area in West Wing.
- Flu is mostly affecting upper-class and graduate students (who all primarily live off campus).
- Must encourage students to not attend class and go to isolation housing.
- Will work with Student Affairs to make sure students are not penalized for missing class.
- One death from H1N1 at Troy University.
- The students that were hospitalized at Carnegie Mellon did not have underlying medical conditions.
- Do not want to use too many antiviral because the strain can become resistant (CDC guidelines).
- Some schools are using prophylactics but that is not the position of CMU Student Health Center. Need to be good stewards of the vaccine supply.
- Secondary complication of flu is pneumonia.
- Encourage students to have more activities outdoors and use hand sanitizers.
- Initial risk category: Pregnant women, household care givers of children under the age of 6 months, EMS people, young adults (24 years and younger) and 24-65 years with underlying medical conditions. Are focusing on subgroup of this population so that supply does not deplete.
- Give thanks to student EMS.

5:38 Questions

- (Thomas Tuttle) Need a sign in front of Wean to enforce the smoking policy.
- (Nick Ferrell) Elaborate on the testing of confirmed H1N1 cases.

- Purchased 110 tests, conducted 60. 80% were positive for Influenza A (these are the suspect cases). 5 of these were confirmed.
- (Robert Piston) Regarding the designated smoking area behind Welch and other undesirable area, why were these chosen?
 - Campus filled out survey on potential designated areas; struggle to find sites that meet needs of both parties. Interested in hearing feedback on smoking sites.
- (Stuti Pandey) What do you think would be the most probable worst case scenario to hurt CMU?
 - Came very close to having an infirmary in Skibo Gym if other isolation housing is exhausted.
 - Also have to look at how many faculty members and students are ill—would have to suspend classes (perhaps 12-14 days) with a big surge.
 - Talked with athletic teams about monitoring the health of their members.
 - Worst case scenario would be death.
 - We have mitigation strategies based upon numbers.
- (Keshav Raghavan) Where will the regular flu vaccine be administered?
 - The Health Center has ordered more. Will begin giving it to students at higher risk shortly. Will have it on Sept. 17-18. Will be \$15 if not covered
- (Starsha Kolodziej) What is the life of H1N1?
 - 2 to 8 hours.
- (Sonali Shah) Do you know how many people have been isolated?
 - Well over 70, likely over 100.
- (Nick Ferrell) How was it identified when students need to be hospitalized?
 - Misconception that people need to go to the hospital if they have H1N1. Only need to go if there is respiratory distress.
 - Hydration problems—hospital will only hydrate the individual and then release.
- What is done for the roommates of the students that are self-isolating?
 - Need to keep 3-6 feet distance, don't share personal items, etc.
- (Natalie Morris) Are you worried about the G-20 exacerbating the cases of H1N1?
 - Could possibly cause a surge condition.
 - Concerned more about injuries and then also having to respond to H1N1—will have additional staff working.
- (Matthew Kuhn) Do you think there was a decrease in reporting because students did not want to go into isolation housing?
 - There was rumor of such happening. When students were sick enough they would go.
 - Put vulnerable populations at risk and evolution of new strains exposing the virus to the community—need to be a good community member and report.

6:00 New Business from the Floor

Special Business (cont.) – Vacancy Elections

CIT (3 vacancies)

6:04 Speech by Rohan Agashe

6:05 Questions for Rohan Agashe

6:09 Speech by Jennifer Buse

6:10 Questions for Jennifer Buse

6:13 Speech by Tyrone Celozza

6:16 Questions for Tyrone Celozza
6:18 Speech by Bryan Lewis
6:21 Questions for Bryan Lewis
6:25 Speech by Yamma Khan
6:28 Questions for Yamma Khan
6:30 Speech by Jessica Santana
6:32 Questions for Jessica Santana
6:33 Discussion
6:45 Move to Vote
6:48 Bryan Lewis elected new CIT senator
6:57 Jessica Santana elected new CIT senator
7:00 Rohan Agashe elected new CIT senator

CFA (5 vacancies)

7:02 Speech by Jonathan Mark
7:04 Questions for Jonathan Mark
7:08 Move to Vote
7:08 Jonathan Mark elected new CFA senator

H&SS (1 vacancies)

7:09 Joanna Chen
7:10 Questions for Joanna Chen
7:14 Speech by Yael Bushoy
7:14 Questions for Yael Bushoy
7:16 Speech by Ben Guterman
7:17 Questions for Ben Guterman
7:20 Speech by Will Weiner
7:23 Questions for Will Weiner
7:24 Discussion
7:36 Yael Bushoy elected new H&SS senator

7:37 Points of Discussion

- What happened with the CMU screens?
- Still determined what will be on the screen. Perhaps tie it in with students working on events calendar.
- (Kush Mangal) Worked on a digital bulletin board last semester.
- (Nick Ferrell) Have events for the day/ week, group event info, etc.
- Consensus among students that they want to see information.
- (Thomas Tuttle) They could show news and calendars. Can be multifunctional.
- (Kush Mangal) Model after what MIT does.

- Working on an event on Sept. 18 to have constructive information on the G-20.
- (Jarrett Adams) Will be a G-20 primer next Monday in McConomy. A discussion on what the G-20 is.
- (Nick Ferrell) Better to have one event than many small ones.
- (Bryan Lewis) Well known that CMU is not the most politically active campus—it's student's government job to engage that political dialogue.
- (Kush Mangal) Looking into a proposal for students about what discussions are occurring).
- (Rohan Agashe) Definitely should do something to recognize the event.

- (Jarrett Adams) Need better follow-up with Spotlight speakers.
- (Aaron Gross) Poorly placed smoking areas.

7:55 Second Roll Call/Announcements

Fall Senator Retreat – MANDATORY! Saturday, September 12, 12 PM – 3:30 PM

Campus Gear Sale – Friday, Sept. 11, 11 AM – 4 PM (Sign up!)

JFC Applications – Due September 27th, online on StuGov website

Public Art Committee needs two undergraduate representatives.

7:58 Adjourn