

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? 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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