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 Ondock, 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: Pol: 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 Seth Vargo. Change “pledged to donate” to “pledge to entrust”. 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.