

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of May 4, 2004

9:09 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Abigail Barnes (CIT), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Maureen Burns (CFA), Mark Caola (SHS, left early), Trevor Clark (CFA), Lauren Distefano (CFA), Laura Drogowski (MCS), Aftyn Giles (CFA), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Kirk Higgins (CIT), Kevin Lee (HSS), Jonathan Lee (CIT), Jean Lester (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS), Nasheena Porter (HSS), Matt Rado (HSS), Margaret Richards (SCS, came late), James Rogers (CIT), Samantha Rosenthal (CIT), Stephanie Rosenthal (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Kristin Sun (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS), Courtney Thompson (SIA), Yew Choe Wong (CIT)

Senators Absent: Adam Atkinson (HSS, 1 absence), Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Seth Feinberg (MCS, 1 absence), Andrew Gehling (CFA, 1 absence, Benjamin Hackett (HSS, 1 absence)

Members at Large Present: Aaron Walker (CIT)

9:11 pm Call to Order

9:11 pm Audience Participation

- Daniel Papasian would like to address the body regarding potential Funding and Recognition committee chairs.
 - It is very important to have a dedicated F&R chair. Both Thomas Sabram and Nicolette Louissaint have equal qualifications, therefore he cannot endorse either candidate but he encourages all Senators to ask them questions and decide from there.

9:15 pm **Motion to grant speaking rights to all Senators from the previous session for the duration of tonight's meeting** (Michelle Birchak)

9:15 pm Passed by acclamation

9:15 pm **Motion to grant speaking rights to Aaron Walker for the duration of tonight's meeting** (Edward Ryan)

9:15 pm Passed by acclamation

9:15 pm Special Business

9:17 pm Election of the Senate Chair

9:17pm Nominations

- Nicholas Scocozzo

9:17 pm Speech given by Nicholas Scocozzo

9:21 pm Questions for Nick

9:22 pm Discussion

9:23 pm Call the Question

9:24 pm Vote

Nick is elected, voice vote

9:25 pm Motion to elect the Internal Development Committee Chair before electing the Academic Affairs Committee Chair

9:25 pm Passes by acclamation

9:25 pm Election of the Internal Development Chair

9:26 pm Nominations: Joe Arasin, Michelle Birchak

9:27 pm Speech by Joe Arasin

9:29 pm Questions for Joe

9:30 pm Speech by Michelle Birchak

9:31 pm Questions for Michelle

9:31 pm Discussion of the election of the Internal Development Chair

9:34 pm Call the Question

9:34 pm Vote

Michelle Birchak is elected, roll call vote

9:37 pm Motion to elect the Funding and Recognition Committee Chair before the Academic Affairs Committee Chair

9:39 pm Passes by acclamation

9:40 pm Nominations: Nicolette Louissaint, Thomas Sabram

9:41 pm Speech by Nicolette Louissaint

9:43 pm Questions for Nicolette Louissaint

9:59 pm Speech by Thomas Sabram

10:01 pm Questions for Thomas Sabram

10:08 pm Discussion

10:16 pm Straw Poll

10:24 pm Call the Question

10:24 pm Objection

10:29 pm Call the Question

10:29 pm Vote

Tom is elected, roll call vote

10:32 pm Election of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair

10:33 pm Speech by Matt Rado

10:37 pm Questions for Matt Rado

10:41 pm Discussion

10:42 pm Call the Question

10:43 pm Vote

Matt Rado is elected, voice vote

10:43 pm Election of the Business Affairs Committee Chair

10:43 pm Nominations: Edward Ryan

10:44 pm Questions for Edward Ryan

10:55 pm Discussion

10:55 pm Call the Question

10:55 pm Vote

Edward Ryan is elected, voice vote

10:56 pm Election of the Campus Life Committee Chair

10:57 pm Nominations: Nasheena Porter, Andres Bermudez

10:59 pm Speech by Nasheena Porter

11:01 pm Questions for Nasheena Porter

11:05 pm Speech by Andres Bermudez

11:09 pm Questions for Andres Bermudez

11:16 pm Discussion

11:22 pm Call the Question

11:23 pm Vote

Nasheena Porter is elected, roll call vote

11:26 pm Elections of the Communications Committee Chair

11:27 pm Nominations: Maureen Burns

11:27 pm Speech by Maureen Burns

11:30 pm Questions for Maureen Burns

11:31 pm Discussion

11:32 Call the Question

11:32 pm Vote

Maureen Burns is elected, voice vote

11:34 pm Election of the Sergeant at Arms

11:34 pm Nominations: Sophia Nagornaya, Meg Richards, Wei Tang (declined nomination), Andres Bermudez

11:35 pm **Motion to limit speeches and questions to 5 minutes in total** (Edward Ryan)

11:35 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

11:36 pm Speech by Sophia Nagornaya

11:36 pm Questions for Sophia Nagornaya

11:40 pm Speech by Meg Richards

11:42 pm Questions for Meg Richards

11:44 pm Speech by Andres Bermudez

11:46 pm Questions for Andres Bermudez

11:47 pm Discussion

11:47 pm Call the Question

11:47 pm Objection

11:48 pm Discussion

11:48 pm Call the Question

11:48 pm Objection

11:48 pm Discussion

11:51 pm Call the Question

11:51 pm Vote

Meg Richards is elected, roll call vote

11:54 pm Approval of Senate's Fall 2004 Budget (Proposed total: \$6610)

11:55 pm Questions

- Fall budgets incorporate letters to Freshmen while Spring budgets do not, but Spring budgets include money for elections advertising.
- Telecom charges increased this year due to costs, not usage
- There is no food budget

11:57 pm Discussion

11:57 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

11:57 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

11:58 pm New Business

11:58 pm **Motion to make Aaron Walker a Member at Large** (Joe Arasin)

11:59 pm Questions for Aaron Walker

12:01 pm Discussion

12:01 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

12:02 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

12:03 pm **Motion to recommit to committee the fiscal policy changes proposed by Internal Development** (Michelle Birchak)

12:05 pm Points of Discussion

- Welcome to all new Senators! There is a great ex-comm for this session. Don't be afraid to speak out or ask questions.

12:08 pm Announcements

- Welcome to the all new session of Student Senate and congratulations to the new leaders! E-mail chair@stusen.org with any questions. Please stay tuned to your e-mail box for any updates, and please submit your committee preferences if you haven't already.
- The next meeting of Student Senate is September 2, 2004. See you then! Have a great summer!
- Please meet after meeting if anyone would like to go out for food. This would be a great way to meet all the new Senators.
- Circle K is starting their Whatever Drive, in which all items will be donated to charity.
- Please have all elected Chairs meet Nick Scocozzo after meeting

12:10 pm **Motion to Adjourn**

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