

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of April 22, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Hussein Al Baya (SIA), James Auwaerter (CIT), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Matt Brooks (HSS), Maureen Burns (CFA), Hanish Dayal (CIT), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Sooran Kim (CFA), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Ben Loving (MCS), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Nasheena Porter (HSS), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Meg Richards (SCS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA), Wei Tang (SHS), Tom Terraccino (SIA), Yanna Weisberg (SHS, came late), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT, came late), Jack Wu (SCS)

Senators Absent: Tim Bowen (HSS, 1 absence), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, 1 absence), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS, 1 absence)

Members at Large Present: Andres Bermudez (HSS), Joe Arasin (SCS), Aaron Walker (CIT)

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Waylon Lu (SIA, 1 absence), Sarah Sareen (HSS, 1 absence), Lisette Yoon (HSS, 1 absence)

5:40 pm Call To Order

5:40 pm Approval of Minutes

5:40 pm Amendments to the April 8th minutes

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

5:42 pm Amendments to the April 12th minutes

- The last part of the first bullet in the 9:08 pm Discussion should state "There were no dissenting reports written during this meeting."

5:44 pm Passed by acclamation

5:44 pm Audience Participation

- Mistina Muscatel is passing around a letter that the Greek Council wrote to all Senators in regards to the recent JFC proposal. Please take this letter into consideration.

- Alex Meseguer would like to request speaking rights during discussion of S2004-076.

5:45 pm **Motion to give Alex Meseguer speaking rights during discussion of S2004-076** (Steven Kling)

5:45 pm Passed by acclamation

5:45 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:45 pm **Academic Affairs** (Matt Rado)

- Still working on issues regarding library hours.
 - Putting questionnaires in library and interviewing patrons.
- Met with Jon Papinchak regarding final exam schedules.
- ROTC and CFA students clearly had a blanket exemption to the University's Moratorium Policy.
- Thank you to committee.

5:47 pm **Business Affairs** (Jay Pujara)

- Big issue with dining. There will be forums/townhall meetings about this on April 27 and 28 of to discuss meal structure and reopening of highlander.
 - Schatz will be open 4 nights a week and meal blocks will only be allowed to be used for meals.
- Working on the Parking Amnesty Policy.
- Bookstore has a Pajama Jam tonight.
- Will put feedback boxes around Entropy and the Bookstore by Fall 2004.
- Dean Murphy will be working on a vending program.
- Increasing Post Office hours from 4:30 to 5:30 because many students have classes that end at 4:30. This generally has a very positive reaction.
- There is a display case in the UC for the master plan. Hopefully there will be an approval of a permanent location to display the master plan so that it is accessible to all students.

5:51 pm **Campus Life** (Rebecca Nathan)

- Senior Week Fri April 30 to Sun May 16. Many planned events.

5:52 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- Communications committee re-launched their voting campaign. This campaign caused the committee to go slightly over budget because they had to launch this campaign twice, which were unexpected.

- Working with Ann Witchner to develop an Orientation Program for Student Senate.
- Will be working on publishing another edition of The Gavel. Articles for The Gavel are due Friday, April 23.
- This year's voter turnout was the highest in the school's history.

5:54 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- Violated own 36 hour motion posting rule so will attempt to suspend that rule later in the meeting in order to introduce motions.
- There is \$4,440.07 in the special allocation fund (new adjustment). Received \$23 that was left over from Campus Life and Business Affairs budget.

5:57 pm **Internal Development** (Nick Scocozzo)

- ID has been working on changes to the fiscal policy. This resulted after looking at the recommendations from Funding and Recognition.
- ID will be giving out surveys to Senators and Committee chairs next meeting.

6:00 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- One more meeting after tonight. Congratulations all the candidates on the great election. Congratulations to the Elections Board for a great election turnout.
- Joint Budget Meeting next Wednesday is mandatory. If you cannot attend, you must send a proxy.
- Committee business is going great - wrapping everything up and tying up loose ends.

6:01 pm Special Business

6:01 pm **Motion to suspend session rules regarding the 36 hour motion posting rule** (Megan Flocken)

6:02 pm Discussion

6:02 pm Call the Question (Daniel Papasian)

6:03 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:03 pm **Motion to place motions S2004-079, S2004-080, S2004-081, S2004-082, S2004-083 to before Special Business** (Megan Flocken)

6:05 pm Passed by acclamation.

6:05 pm **Motion to move S2004-079 to after S2004-083**

6:06 pm **S2004-080 Non-Funding Recognition to Carnegie Mellon University Majorettes**

6:06 pm Questions

- Samoan knives are not actually knives, but metal pieces shaped like knives

6:07 pm Discussion

6:07 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:07 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:08 pm **Motion to move S2004-081 to after S2004-079** (Megan Flocken)

6:08 pm Passed by acclamation

6:08 pm **S2004-082 Special Allocation of \$500 to Neville Co-op**

6:10 pm Questions

- The massacre happened 2 years ago. In India, a group of Muslims attacked a train full of Hindus, torched it and killed about 60 Hindus. A lot of Hindus retaliated against those Muslims and a lot of Muslims died as a result.
- Total cost of presentation is \$1000 but the group was able to raise \$500.
- The name of the film is *Final Solution*.
- The event is open to the public and it is well advertised. It is planned for April 26th at 6 pm in Giant Eagle Auditorium

6:12 pm Discussion

6:12 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

6:13 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:13 pm **S2004-083 Special Allocation of \$2000 to Labor Day Picnic**

6:14 pm Questions

- Will be asking Dean Murphy and SDC for funding.
- The money from Labor Day Picnic 2003 was taken out of this year's budget because it was spent during this fiscal year.
- There is no band chosen yet.
- The quote of \$100 for security was last year's amount. Quoted amount for grills, tables and chairs are this year's costs.

6:18 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

6:18 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:19 pm **Motion to postpone the outstanding motions S2004-079 and S2004-081 until the next meeting** (Megan Flocken)

6:19 pm Passed by acclamation

6:20 pm **Motion to take S2004-073 Special Allocation of \$1500 to Orientation 2004 off the table** (Megan Flocken)

6:20 pm Discussion

6:20 pm Call the Question (Daniel Papasian)

6:20 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:21 pm **S2004-073 Special Allocation of \$1500 to Orientation 2004**

- This is an \$180,000 program to run. This amount not only pays for orientation, but freshman programs throughout the year.

6:25 pm Questions

- Cannot feasibly charge all the costs of Orientation to only the money charged to the Freshmen. If Orientation could not find money elsewhere, many programs would have to be cut.
 - The cost to freshman for this Orientation Program is \$169. Athletes pay less because they miss so much of Orientation. Last year's allocation was about \$2000. Student Senate has a long tradition of support Freshman Orientation.
- If Student Senate allocates this, there will be \$486 left. There are about 1 or 2 allocation requests left (for semi-formals).

6:30 pm Discussion

6:30 pm Call the Question (Kristina Wiltsee)

6:30 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:31 pm **S2004-078 Ratification of the 2004 Student Government Election Results**

- Great election turnout – no problems.
- 2537 votes were recorded. Elections board will go through election votes to check if any written names will change results.

6:33 pm Questions

- Anyone who does not pay activities fees cannot accept votes.
- Student Senate is ratifying the raw results.

6:35 Discussion

6:35 Call the Question (Edward Ryan)

6:35 Objection

6:36 pm Discussion

6:39 pm Call the Question (Meg Richards)

6:39 pm Objection

6:39 pm Move the Question (Rebecca Nathan)

Fails, roll call (12-8-9), see appendix I

6:43 pm Discussion

6:47 pm **Motion for a 2 minutes recess while the Elections Board clarifies the Election Rules** (James Auwaerter)

6:51 pm Return to Order

6:51 pm Discussion

- If a candidate does not accept his or her seat that was won, then the seat will be offered to the next eligible candidate with the next highest vote. Any person winning seats must decline within 24 hours.

6:57 pm Move the Question (Michelle Birchak)

Moved, hand vote (12-4-10)

6:59 pm Vote on S2004-078

Passes, roll call (18-2-7), see appendix II

7:01 pm New Business From Committee

7:02 pm **S2004-075 Amendment to Poster Policy (on Dating of No-End-Date Posters)**

7:03 pm Questions

7:04 pm Discussion

7:04 pm **Motion to take off “in either the bottom left of bottom right corner”** (Megan Flocken)

7:05 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:05 pm Vote on striking the location of the date from the policy

Passes, voice vote

7:06 pm Call the Question (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:06 pm Objection

7:06 pm **Motion to insert “clearly” to before printed** (Jay Pujara)

7:08 pm Discussion

7:09 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:09 pm Objection

7:09 pm Discussion

7:10 pm Call the Question (Wei Tang)

7:10 pm Vote on inserting “clearly”

Passes, hand vote (17-8-2)

7:11 pm Discussion of S2004-075 Amendment to the Poster Policy

7:12 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

7:12 pm Objection (Dan Papasian)

7:12 pm Discussion

7:14 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:14 pm Vote on S2004-075

Passes, voice vote

7:14 pm **S2004-076 Resolution Regarding the Publication of The Natrat**

7:16 pm Questions

7:17 pm Discussion

7:17 pm **Friendly motion to change the word “tragedy” to “incident”** (Matt Rado)

7:17 pm Objection (Nicolette)

7:17 pm Introduction of the motion to make an amendment to change the word “tragedy” to “incident”

7:18 pm Discussion of this introduced motion

7:23 pm Call the Question (Steven Kling)

7:24 pm Vote on changing S2004-076 resolution from “tragedy” to “incident”

Fails, hand vote (10-13-4)

7:25 pm **Motion to add the proposed resolutions by GSA to the Student Senate resolution regarding the NATRAT incident:**

WHEREAS, the Carnegie Mellon Administration has issued an official statement calling for the potential for referral to the University Disciplinary Committee for individuals involved;

WHEREAS, the University Policy specifically permits potentially offensive speech (see Controversial Speakers & Free Speech and Assembly Policy in the 2003-2004 Student Affairs guide,

<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/theword/university/nonacademic.cfm>); and

WHEREAS, although the actions taken by the writers of the material in question are tasteless and offensive, there is no precedent for expulsion as a punishment over words put in print;

RESOLVED, that Student Senate strongly cautions the Administration against excessive disciplinary action against individuals involved in the Natrat's publication; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Student Senate specifically considers expulsion of any student over words put in print to be excessive disciplinary action.

(Steven Kling)

7:30 pm **Motion to recess to get the amendment on the projector** (Vito Fiore)

7:30 pm Passed by acclamation

7:41 pm Reconvene

7:41 pm Discussion

- Administration has already formed a commission to deal with the disciplinary issues.
- Student Senate has the ability to recommend courses of action

7:54 pm Straw Poll (Erik Michaels-Ober)

7:54 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:55 pm Vote on Steven Kling's proposed additions

Fails, voice vote

7:55 pm Call the Question (Matt Rado)

7:55 pm Vote

Passes, hand vote (15-2-7)

7:57 pm **S2004-077 Introduction of Proposed Fiscal Policy Amendments to Senate Bylaws**

7:57 pm Discussion

- 1 Change that is not related to the Fiscal Policy is from SIA to TSB
- Biggest part is the addition of a new section of definitions
- ID will meet next Tuesday at 8:30 pm. Please come to the meeting if you would like to comment on any of these amendments.

8:01 pm Questions

- Clarification: endorse means to state support for; advocate means to actively go out to support
- Point 7B should be removed

8:10 pm New Business From the Floor

8:10 pm Introduction of a new section to the Student Senate bylaws, Article 8, Section 7B as it is stated on the text of the Proposed Fiscal Policy Amendments to Senate Bylaws (Megan Flocken)

8:11 pm Points of Discussion

- There was some inappropriate conduct during debate of the ratification of the elections. Senators are reminded to be respectful of each other's comments.
- Steven Kling would like to apologize to Matt Brooks for his comment.
- Discussion of NATRAT resolutions and disciplinary clauses regarding the NATRAT incident.

8:20 pm Call to end points of discussion (Dan Papasian)

8:20 pm Objection (James Auwaerter)

- There needs to be better record keeping of absences. There should be cumulative records of absences so that others can decide whether Senators are making of habit of not going to meeting or leaving early.

8:23 pm Call to end this point (Jonathan Mendelson)

8:23 pm Objection (Andres Bermudez)

- Senators should look over the JFC budgets before attending the Joint Budget meeting next Wednesday.
- The worksheets are up, but due to technical difficulties, the webpage is not up. Nick will work on this after tonight's meeting.

8:27 pm Announcements

- Congratulations to all the election winners! The new session begins at the second meeting on April 29! Winners will be contacted shortly for confirmation, and will also be asked about committee preferences.
- The Joint Budget meeting to approve the 2004-2005 organizational budgets will be held Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 PM in UC McConomy Auditorium. Attendance is required. If you cannot attend please send a proxy. Reminder that this meeting is for the current Senators and GSA reps, not the newly elected

representatives. Detailed proposed line items of the recommendations should be posted online shortly.

- Student Body Dining Committee and Dining Services will be holding Forums on Dining to discuss new meal plan options and other future considerations on Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday April 28 from 7-9 PM in UC Schatz Dining Room.
- Thanks to all those who attended and organized the Senate Social it was a great success and a lot of fun!
- Thanks to the Elections Board for their work in running the re-election and thanks to Senators for their participation in the special meeting last week on such short notice. Congratulations also to all candidates and the Communications Committee on the turnout ? over 2500 people voted in this election, easily a new record!
- The next Senate meeting (the last of Senate's 2003-2004 session) will have both Committee and Ex-Officio Reports. Committee Chairs are reminded that their final reports are due Wednesday night April 28.
- The next Student Senate meeting is Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 5:30 PM in UC Connan. This is a double meeting the first meeting is the last meeting of the current session, and the second meeting is the first meeting of the incoming session. Double meeting evenings tend to run very late into the night, so plan accordingly! See you there!
- The Chair would like to apologize to Senator Papasian regarding his comment about Senator Papasian's status.
- The Tartan will be running elections.
- KGB has an Useless Stuff Auction on Friday night at 7pm in MM103.

8:30 pm Motion to Adjourn (Vito Fiore)

8:30 pm Passed by acclamation

8:30 pm Adjourn

April 22, 2004 – Appendix I

Hussein Al Baya	SIA	abstain
James Auwaerter	CIT	opposed
Julie Beckenstein	HSS	abstain
Michelle Birchak	CIT	abstain
Tim Bowen	HSS	not present
Matt Brooks	HSS	opposed
Maureen Burns	CFA	opposed
Hanish Dayal	CIT	affirmative
Vito Fiore	HSS	abstain
Megan Flocken	HSS	affirmative
Daniel Jentzen	CFA	not present
Sooran Kim	CFA	affirmative
Steven Kling	CIT	abstain
Nicolette Louissaint	CIT	affirmative
Ben Loving	MCS	opposed
Jonathan Mendelson	SCS	opposed
Erik Michaels-Ober	HSS	abstain
Rebecca Nathan	CIT	affirmative
Daniel Papasian	CIT	abstain
Nasheena Porter	HSS	affirmative
Jay Pujara	SCS	opposed
Matt Rado	HSS	affirmative
Meg Richards	SCS	affirmative
Edward Ryan	MCS	affirmative
Thomas Sabram	CIT	abstain
Nicholas Scocozzo	CIT	opposed
Alex Sussman	SIA	not present
Wei Tang	SHS	affirmative
Tom Terraccino	SIA	affirmative
Yanna Weisberg	SHS	affirmative
Kristina Wiltsee	MCS	abstain
Yew Choe Wong	CIT	opposed
Jack Wu	SCS	not present
Eleanor Zimmermann	MCS	not present

April 22, 2004 – Appendix II

Hussein Al Baya	SIA	abstain
James Auwaerter	CIT	affirmative
Julie Beckenstein	HSS	abstain
Michelle Birchak	CIT	affirmative
Tim Bowen	HSS	not present
Matt Brooks	HSS	opposed
Maureen Burns	CFA	affirmative
Hanish Dayal	CIT	affirmative
Vito Fiore	HSS	abstain
Megan Flocken	HSS	affirmative
Daniel Jentzen	CFA	not present
Sooran Kim	CFA	affirmative
Steven Kling	CIT	abstain
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Ben Loving	MCS	affirmative
Jonathan Mendelson	SCS	affirmative
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Rebecca Nathan	CIT	not present
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