

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of January 22, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: James Auwaerter (CIT, proxy), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Daniel Jentzen (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Erik Michaels-Ober (HSS), Rebecca Nathan (CIT), Daniel Papasian (CIT), Jay Pujara (SCS), Matt Rado (HSS), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA), Tom Terraccino (SIA, proxy), Yanna Weisberg (SHS, late, excused), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Jack Wu (SCS)

Senators Absent: Michelle Birchak (CIT, 1 absence), Tim Bowen (HSS, 1 absence), Sooran Kim (CFA, 1 absence), Steven Kling (CIT, excused), Ben Loving (MCS, excused), Deniz Secilmis (CFA, excused), Wei Tang (SHS, excused)

Members at Large Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Aaron Walker (CIT), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS)

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, 1 absence), Dynne Sung (HSS, 1 absence)

5:40 pm Call to Order

5:40 pm Approval of Minutes

5:40 pm Amendments to the January 15th minutes

- 7:43pm – Remove “rds” from “2/3rds”
- Eleanor Zimmermann, not Zimmerman
- Daniel Papasian made the motion to make Eleanor Zimmermann a member at large, not the candidate’s speech

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

5:42 pm Audience Participation (Andres Bermudez)

- The text of the election petition should be more spaced out.

5:43 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:43 pm **Academic Affairs** (Matt Rado)

- Will be working on information sheet on the major academic policies, like the H&SS overload policy and the exam policy, and SAC information

- Want to change the way exams are scheduled from starting scheduling with morning exams, which slants the entire schedule toward morning exams.
- Would like to change the moratorium policy to better reflect students attitudes toward the policy. The Schools of Drama and Music are frequent violators of the policy, and the policy should be rewritten so that they do not have to be in violation. All of this would be done as long as students are okay with it.
- Working to publicize the new H&SS overload policy by working with Communications around late March, before scheduling occurs.
- Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30pm

5:51 pm **Business Affairs** (Jay Pujara)

- BA had its first meeting this week, regular meetings will be Mondays at 2:30pm
- Working to take care of any issues with random ID numbers that will start to be assigned
- Zebra Lounge is in CFA beyond the first flight of stairs of the main entrance and then on the left and serves fair trade coffee.
- Big semester for dining with big changes, possibly mandatory meal plans for those on campus, SBDC meets on Mondays at 4:30pm, OSC 202
- Planning on making guides for Parking, and other services

5:56 pm **Campus Life** (Rebecca Nathan)

- CL hasn't had a meeting yet, but first meeting will be Tuesday at 6:00pm in UC 318G
- Will soon be setting up a campus improvement forum, between relevant groups to have unity in approach with the various things they are doing.

5:58 pm **Communications** (Erik Michaels-Ober)

- The State of Communications is confident and strong.
- The activities fair has been success and looks like many people get petitions, get info sheets,
- We currently have our poster campaign for vacancies in Senate running.
- Ed Ryan will be working on running a radio program with Senate news clips.
- Wei is working on a sign for the library for escort and Safewalk services for safety of those students
- Jack Wu has taken over the news window in the office, and hopefully there will be Tartan coverage in the following weeks
- Our meetings will be Mondays at 5:30pm in UC 318G
- Wei Tang and Ben are manning the table at the Activities Fair

6:02 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Megan Flocken)

- Our meeting will be Mondays at 4:30-6:30 in the Senate office UC320
- Hoping to publish some of the policies and the process of getting funding with the help of Communications
- Planning to create revisions to the Constitution due to charity, religious, and political events
- \$35,378.70 for the semester [Actual: \$35,603.17 (Amended January 29th)]
- Spring 2004 JFC process will be starting up soon. Please email Megan and Paul (sbt@) if you are interested in being involved in this process. It is a good group of people, with many hours, but rewarding.

6:05 pm **Internal Development** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Planning for the Retreat this Saturday at 11 AM in Rangos 1.
- Working on Internal Elections process revisions
- Reviewing Constitution and Bylaws

6:06 pm **Senate Chair** (Vito Fiore)

- Senate is off to a good start, with many committees are off and running, and hopefully by next week everyone will have met in their committees
- Please consider getting involved in JFC
- Thanks to all those who helped
- See you at the retreat
- The chair's favorite color is blue

6:08 pm New Business from the Floor

6:08 pm **Motion to make Andres Bermudez a Member at large** (Edward Ryan)

6:09 pm Candidate Speech and Questioning: Andres Bermudez

6:14 pm Discussion on electing Andres Bermudez as a Member at large

6:15 pm Vote to elect Andres Bermudez as a Member at large

Passes, voice vote

6:16 pm Points of Discussion

- We should support the moratorium policy, but only change it if students want to change it
 - Students with classes that violate don't mind it, so there may be some hybrid solution.
 - We shouldn't give up and at least allow these students to have a 2-hour break every day or possibly every other day.

- Reasoning for crew which goes from 6:30-10:30, is that it is a requirement for those students to help in their shows. CFA supports students and like the idea of their students being involved but it is hard to accommodate
- Postal issue – there was a person not following protocol and policies, and the person has received disciplinary action. Postal services apologize for it.
 - This is an example of not caring, a wrong attitude of the department

6:26 pm Motion to end all discussion (Ed Ryan)

Passes, acclamation

6:26 pm Announcements

- Student Senate's retreat is Saturday, January 24 at 11 AM in UC Rangos 1. Attendance is necessary for all Senators – contact the ID Chair Nick at id-chair@stusen.org with your availability ASAP. See you there!
- The Spring Joint Funding Committee needs members! Please contact Megan, at fnr-chair@stusen.org if interested in serving. We want to get started soon (e-mail Paul the Vice President for Finance at sbt@andrew.cmu.edu if you have questions about the process itself.)
- There are presently eleven vacancies in Student Senate for the new semester: 4 in CFA, 2 in HSS, 2 in CIT, 1 in MCS, 1 in SCS, and 1 in SIA. Petitions are available at the UC Info Desk and are due back to UC Box 46 by February 3 at 5 PM.
- Funding and Recognition consultations resume next week.
- Senate is hiring its Chief Technology Officer and Clerk positions – please contact id-chair@stusen.org if interested.
- Winter Gala is January 30 in the UC from 9 PM – 12 AM!
- Thanks to those who helped with the Activities Fair today!
- The next Student Senate meeting is Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 5:30 PM in UC McKenna/Peter/Wright. See you there!
- AA meeting Tuesday 6:30 and meet with the Chair after the committee
- Pittsburgh Independent Media Center is showing a video documentary about the one year anniversary of the Pittsburgh anti-war convergence this Saturday, 7:30, PH100
- KGB is holding it's "This Space Intentionally Left Blank" auction on Friday 7:00pm in Breed Hall, MM103

6:29 pm Adjourn