

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of February 12, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Hussein Al Baya (SIA), James Auwaerter (CIT, proxy), Julie Beckenstein (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Tim Bowen (HSS), Matt Brooks (HSS), Maureen Burns (CFA), Hanish Dayal (CIT), Vito Fiore (HSS), Megan Flocken (HSS), Daniel Jentzen (CFA, left early, .5 absences), Steven Kling (CIT), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT, late, .5 absences), 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, proxy), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT, late, excused), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Alex Sussman (SIA, left early, excused), Wei Tang (SHS), Kristina Wiltsee (MCS), Yanna Weisberg (SHS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Jack Wu (SCS, proxy), Eleanor Zimmermann (MCS)

Senators Absent: Ben Loving (MCS, 1 absence), Sooran Kim (CFA, 1 absence), Tom Terraccino (SIA, excused)

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

Members at Large Absent: Ananya Bubna (SIA, 1 absence), Amy Haeuser (CIT, 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 February 5th minutes

- 6:31 pm – The class has 30-some students
- January 29th minutes amendments – N.E.R.D., not NERD

5:42 pm Passed by acclamation

5:42 pm Audience Participation (none)

5:42 pm Ex-officio Reports

5:43 pm **Activities Board** (Chris Smoak)

- For those not familiar with AB, we do the films, the big concerts in the fall and in the spring, the tech and lighting for many events
- Viv, band from San Francisco in the underground

- Out of Sight, Clockwork Orange, Love Actually, Pee-Wee's Big Adventure this week
- Quinten Tarantino week, Kill Bill vol 1. 1473 people
- El Guapo coming through Coffeehouse and will be playing in Doherty
- Tech doing lighting for Lunar Gala

5:45 pm **Campus Police** – not present

5:45 pm **Graduate Student Assembly** – not present

5:45 pm **Greek Council** (Derrick Steigerwalt)

- Composed of all of the houses of the Fraternities and the Sororities and they try to get the whole Greek community involved in campus
- Doing a fundraiser for Greek Sing, Data Match, just like one did in high school
- Planning a Blood drive for March 15th
- Will do a candy bar fundraiser to raise money for Greek Council
- Greek Sing on March 20th, there's a new problem with the tech in Soldiers and Sailors
 - It's a charity fundraising competition which is generally a shorten play put on by one or two Greek houses
 - Attendance includes 90% of greek community, with 1000 outside people, about 10-20% non Greek in the audience

5:49 pm **Student Affairs** (Jackie Isaacson)

- Black History month events are currently going on with Wednesday 2/18, Mae Jemison
- Mosaic registration has started, a Women's and leadership conference, Sunday 2/22, tabling in Wean Commons in the UC
- Health Services and Dining Services has teamed up to provide a prescription meal for sick students if needed – has been done in the past, but now known to housefellows
- University Center Allocation Board applications going out next week to organizations

5:52 pm **Student Dormitory Council** (Dan Jentzen)

- Another student government body, which gets money from the dorm fee
- Working on the Napster subscription service for music, H&SL 4:30pm Mondays
- Ski Trip was very success last weekend
- Working on speed dating – need guys
- Texas Chainsaw Massacre on Saturday – for those without a date
- Working on a new logo
- DVD Lending Library – people can check out DVD's from the basement of Hunt library for 3 days

5:56 pm **Student Body President** – not present

5:57 pm **Student Body Vice President** (Gil Dussek)

- The President is currently sick and at home
- 100 days 'til Grad was a successful event
 - Rented out Doc's last Wednesday with free pizza, soda, chips ~700-800 people
 - Funded by Alumni Relations, Dean Murphy, and Student Activities
 - Thinking of doing another event at 50 days
- Web portal – added a few new portlets – course textbooks, book buybacks, hopefully soon bus schedules, dinex/campusxpress amounts, and soon ad campaign for the portal
- Health Services – looking into what services we offer and is that sufficient for this campus
- Qatar is a done deal just waiting for the big celebration, 25 students in Business and CS each in the fall, want to replicate curriculum and student life of CMU there.
- UC focus group – looking at UC room reservations, event monitors

6:03 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** – not present

6:04 pm New Business from Committee

6:04 pm **S2004-024 SLATE of Non-funded Recognition of Sahaja Yoga International AND Non-Funded Recognition of Turntablists**

6:05 pm Questions on S2004-024

- Sahaja Yoga International hold yoga classes and have a strong membership and want to be on campus. Based more on silence and meditation, instead of just postures.
- Turntablist is an organization that promote DJ culture, possibly offering their services to organizations on campus

6:08 pm Discussion on S2004-024

6:09 pm Vote on S2004-024

Passes, voice vote

6:09 pm **S2004-025 Special Allocation of \$600 to Crystal Manich for “The Big Date” DVD Project**

6:09 pm Questions on S2004-025

- The big date is a new method of using video to enable the viewer to focus on characters as they please via remote. Cross-departmental.
- \$31,682.79 left in our special allocation account
- Student-run, student-driven, with grad, undergrad, and alumni involved. This is not for a class.
- May, possibly finals week, for the showing.

6:12 pm Discussion on S2004-025

6:12 pm Vote on S2004-025

Passes, voice vote

6:12 pm **S2004-026 Special Allocation of \$700 to Neel Pahlajani for “Under the Roof of Rangos”**

6:12 pm Questions on S2004-026

- Another student-driven event, optional donations will be accepted at the door to a charity, open to all students March 20th in Rangos, will have a number of different acts, different genres present
- Neel has bridged many gaps around campus for bring together all of these groups, Mayur is sponsoring the event
- Mayur - \$400, Giant Eagle donated food vouchers, India Garden donating food to the show

6:16 pm Discussion on S2004-026

- By allocating \$700 to this event, this is like giving the \$700 to a charity, this is a murky issue that we need to clear up
- This is the same issue of QMQ last fall, and F&R was charged to make a fiscal policy and this needs to have a policy.
- F&R will be dedicated toward internal issues this coming week, and hopefully will make progress on this issue

6:20 pm Vote on S2004-026

Passes, voice vote

6:20 pm **S2004-027 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Awareness of Roots in Chinese Culture**

6:20 pm Questions on S2004-027

- This is part of Asian Culture Week, will be bringing in a comedy group, Stir Friday Night, from Chicago, February 21st in Rangos,
- They will do a comedy sketch on diversity issues, generation gaps, and will have an open discussion with the performers afterward on the issues brought up in the show
- \$100 from SDC, \$250 from Modern Language

6:22 pm Discussion on S2004-027

6:22 pm Vote on S2004-027

Passes, voice vote

6:22 pm **S2004-028 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Pi Delta Psi**

6:22 pm Questions on S2004-028

- Will be held on 2/23 and open to all in McConomy with Perry Shen, star of Better Luck Tomorrow, speaking
- Received money for Dean Murphy and the English department
- Student Activities put up \$1000 for the week, with 20 organizations vying for funding, and space allocations
- Some groups have been looking for money from funded cultural groups and have not heard back from them. Money is tight.
- Funding can not be given to discriminatory events, and though Pi Delta Psi is a cultural fraternity and does discriminate, but this event is open to all

6:28 pm Discussion on S2004-028

6:29 pm Vote on S2004-028

Passes, voice vote

6:29 pm **S2004-029 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Lunar Gala**

6:29 pm Questions on S2004-029

- Lunar Gala with an 8 year tradition has moved to the gym from Rangos, and needs the extra money for tech – stage, lighting, speakers, cabling, trusses, and a live feed
- Student fashion show, student-run, and student entertainment
- Usually have a party afterward and invite all the people that attended the show to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The allocation will go only for tech and not for other parts of the show.
- Move from Rangos to Gym was part of a new leadership team, trying something new, and the novelty of being in a new place
- Sold-out show last year, with the capacity of Rangos being about 700.
- Planning on 780 tickets being sold, 850 being capacity

6:37 pm Discussion on S2004-029

6:37 pm Vote on S2004-029

Passes, voice vote

6:37 pm **S2004-030 Special Allocation of \$1160 to Carnegie Mellon Volleyball Club**

6:38 pm Questions on S2004-030

- Will go for the hotel and entry fee for the National Club Volleyball Championships in Charlotte, NC, and with budget shortfalls due to higher entry fee and budget cuts
- 950 entry fee, 1000 hotel (3 rooms/3 nights), gas and food out of pocket
- Haven't had any cuts on the team, and usually do not get enough people to go over the max of 15 people

- All money has come through JFC, is financially responsible
- Nationals will be April 7th-10th

6:42 pm Discussion on S2004-030

- Paying for the entirety of the hotel expenditures shouldn't be done since the group itself can chip in money for the hotel stay
- _ vote since we have to be careful of using our money, and in this case, this group has worked hard and can't garner enough interest to have enough people as to have cuts

6:46 pm Vote on S204-030

Passes, hand vote (25-1-4)

6:47 pm **S2004-031 Special Allocation of \$1200 to ALLIES**

6:47 pm Questions on S2004-031

- LGBT workshop and performer, this allocation will be paying for the honorarium
- She is an Asian-American, but not part of the Asian Heritage week
- Hoping to get 150 people, open to the whole campus
- Tried to contact ASA, and other groups, but many groups haven't responded
- Been in the works since June, not able to put into the budgeting process
- Getting money from cmuOUT and Student Affairs

6:50 pm Discussion on S2004-031

6:51 pm Vote on S2004-031

Passes, voice vote

6:51 pm **S2004-032 Special Allocation of \$3000 to Mock Trial Team**

6:51 pm Questions on S2004-032

- Mock Trial has had a large new membership increase – 2 full teams at regionals
- Some have paid out of pocket for travel, do not have the extra money to cover these travel expenses
- Members from each grade level, different colleges, greek, non-greek
- 2/27-28th to Indiana, and then on to Nationals if they qualify
- Since they do not know if they are going to Nationals or not, and thus they will have to pay for airfare during a busy flying season and with short notice, the allocation is so high
- 18 members overall, 8 people will possibly be flying, with a total JFC allocation of \$1,300
- Money will be going for the flight expenses.
- Individual tickets for \$470 is as low as they could find.

7:01 pm Discussion on S2004-032

- Great thing for the school, which would be good for those considering law, since it does help in our reputation.
- Hard to spend \$3,000 on 8 students and with money being tight.
- We should be cutting money not at the highest level of achievement

7:05 pm Vote on S2004-032

Passes, hand vote (23-2-3)

7:05 pm Division on Vote on S2004-032

Passes, roll call (23-1-4) see Appendix I

7:09 pm **S2004-033 Approval of Senate's Communications Committee Expenditure for Greek Sing Ad (\$125)**

7:09 pm Questions on S2004-033

- Approving using money from the Communications Committee line item on Advertising
- Normally, Communications motions do not come before the body, Unique case where the proceeds from the event goes to charity, and the lines have not been drawn on this issue, the committee has approved it
- The Greek Sing project 3000 people attend, with Greeks and non-Greeks attending which is a large percentage of the student body
- Full page ad in the Tartan - \$400, half page \$207, this would be \$125.
- Judgment of the committee that this is a great advertising opportunity, but controversial.
- Senate has used money for ads in the Greek Sing ad, and previously partially funded it.
- Greek Sing will be held a few weeks before the election – March 20th
- Parents and friends can buy ads, but also solicit ads from the business community

7:17 pm Discussion on S2004-033

- Cost-effective, but might be aiming toward only a section of campus, not the whole of campus
- This allows our ad campaign to be widespread, so this wouldn't be only doing a tartan ad or a greek sing ad, but both
- This is a fair price for an ad in which we are getting a service back
- Greek Sing's aim is more in getting money for charity through ads, not in just having ads in its program
- Varying ways in which Communications will be using its money to promote the elections
- We should consider that this is student money and that in the end the money will go to a charity, though we are not constitutionally prohibited to do this.

7:27 pm Straw Poll (Kristina Wiltsee)

7:28 pm Discussion on S2004-033

- The spirit of the law is that money shouldn't be given directly to charity. The ad is paying for the intrinsic value of the paper and ink but also for the value of having people see the ad.

7:31 pm Move the question (Matt Rado)

Passes, hand vote (22-4-2)

7:32 pm Vote on S2004-033

Passes, voice vote

7:33 pm **S2004-016 A Bylaws Amendment on the Requirements for Funded Recognition**

7:33 pm Questions on S2004-016

- Passed by the ID committee, this bylaws amendment has been recommended by the Executive committee of Senate.
- Currently a majority vote for these types of votes

7:34 pm Discussion on S2004-016

- Resolution from Funding and Recognition that disapproves of this amendment.
- A year-long condition of an established organization is arbitrary for deciding whether a group to be established or not
- Need to trust F&R recommendations, and this limits them

7:40 pm Straw Poll (Jon Mendelson)

7:41 pm Discussion on S2004-016

- It has been a precedent for Funding and Recognition to allow a year before recommending funded recognition. It has been discouraged for groups to go from non-recognized to funded. With the tight money problems, we do need to carefully consider giving funding to groups
- It is hard for us to review groups for funded recognition if they haven't been recognized previously.
- This will shift the focus to more of a qualitative analysis of a group, instead of looking at them quantitatively in considering how long a group has been around. Makes sure that these groups have been on the books, are open, and allow us to see how this group acts on campus.
- This might cause a rise in non-funded organizations that will get it too early since when they don't need it.

7:52 pm Motion to Amend the Amendment to read 2/3rds (Matt Rado)

7:52 pm Discussion on the motion

- It is not so hard for Senate to give a 2/3rds vote as shown by tonight if Senate believed in it.
- We have three bars of approval (beyond unanimous), simple majority, 2/3rds, and 3/4ths. [Listing of different motions that we have under a listing of voting percentages that is required for those motions].

8:00 pm Move the question (Rebecca Nathan)

Passes, hand vote (23-3-2)

8:02 pm Vote on the amendment motion

Fails, hand vote (10-12-3)

8:03 pm Discussion on S2004-016 main motion

8:04 pm Move the question (Rebecca Nathan)

Fails, hand vote (13-7-2)

8:07 pm Discussion on S2004-016

- Have to start a derecognition process to remove groups from being non-recognized and therefore force F&R to be scout groups. Many groups do not know about the existence of non-funded recognition, and this would keep many groups out.

8:10 pm Recess from Peter/Wright/McKenna

8:15 pm Call to Order -- Return from recess in UC318

8:18 pm Move the question (Jon Mendelson)

Passes, hand vote (22-2-2)

8:19 pm Vote on S2004-016

Fails, hand vote (16-10-2)

8:20 pm Division

Fails, roll call (16-10-1) – see Appendix II

8:24 pm New Business From the Floor

8:24 pm Move to introduce a motion as S2004-016 with 2/3rds instead (Erik Michaels-Ober)

8:24 pm Move to Adjourn (Steven Kling)

Passes, voice vote

8:25 pm Adjourn

February 12, 2004 – Appendix I

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

February 12, 2004 – Appendix II

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