

# CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of September 16, 2004

## 5:33 pm Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Joe Arasin (SCS), Adam Atkinson (H&SS) Abigail Barnes (CIT), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Ananya Bubna (TSB, left early), Maureen Burns (CFA), Trevor Clark (CFA), Laura Drogowski (MCS), Andrew Gehling (CFA), Aftyn Giles (CFA, came late), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Kirk Higgins (CIT), Jonathan Lee (CIT), Jean Lester (CFA), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS), Nasheena Porter (HSS), Margaret Richards (SCS), James Rogers (CIT, left early, excused), Samantha Rosenthal (CIT), Stephanie Rosenthal (SCS, left early, excused), Edward Ryan (MCS), Thomas Sabram (CIT, left early, excused), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Wei Tang (SHS), Courtney Thompson (TSB, came late), Yew Choe Wong (CIT)

**Senators Absent:** Mark Caola (SHS, 1 absence), Lauren Distefano (CFA, excused), Seth Feinberg (MCS, 2 absences), Benjamin Hackett (HSS, 2 absences), Kevin Lee (HSS, 2 absences)

**Members at Large Present:** Hanish Dayal (CIT), James Hazelrig (CIT), Aaron Kao (CIT), Brittany McCandless (HSS), Corrine Pascale (CIT), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS), Tanvir Suri (TSB), Aaron Walker (CIT)

**Members at Large Absent:** Sean Weinstock (HSS, 1 absence)

## 5:36 pm Call to Order

## 5:36 pm Approval of Minutes

5:36 pm Amendments to the minutes

- Amendment to the 9/2 minutes – Kirk Higgins came late, not Akil Simon
- 5:39pm - Phi Kappa Theta not Phi Kappa Alpha
- 6:14pm – DineX not dine-ex
- 6:02pm - Anne Witchner, not Ann Witchner
- XI in last announcement

5:38 pm Minutes past by acclamation

**5:38 pm Audience Participation** (none)

**5:38 pm Standing Committee Reports**

5:38 pm **Academic affairs** (Jonathan Mendelson)

- Plus minus grading might come up again
- Looking into why the commencement speaker not from the student suggested list

5:41 pm **Business affairs** (Ed Ryan)

- Meetings at 4:30 on Tuesdays
- Planning on having feedback boxes for all services on campus
- Looking into having post office hours extended
- Wants to have master plan poster in uc
- Will be working with the parking committee
- Cashless vending is kind of nowish from originally real soon now

5:44 pm **Campus life** (Nasheena Porter)

- No meeting this week
- Meetings at 7pm on Tuesday
- Problems with Housing and Move-in
- Looking into a readership program

5:47 pm **Communications** (Maureen Burns)

- Meeting at 6pm Mondays Senate Office
- Made a new poster with the name of all the senators on it.
- Hope to have permanent bulletin boards at all colleges
- Looking into t-shirts for the semester

5:51 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Tom Sabram)

- Total allocations up for tonight is \$8000 and change.

5:52 pm **Internal Development** (Michelle Birchak)

- Retreat is this Saturday and send her email if you can't come
- Two vacancies - H&SS and Tepper School of Business
- Working on getting a computer ordered early next week.
- Petition deadline is September 27th 5pm in Box 46 at UC Info Desk.
- Ordering sandwiches from Subway. Vegetarian options available.

5:55 pm **Senate Chair** (Nicholas Scocozzo)

- Have two vacancies, spread the word
- Looking for a Clerk and a CTO. Please someone take these jobs. Meg is getting tired of typing the minutes.
- Next week, we will be in MM A14
- Please go to the retreat since it is very, very important.

- Two unexcused absences and you get a letter from the Chair.
- Meeting held in Posner Center once October starts.
  - Monitors may or may not be touch screen.
- To become a senator, you must turn in a petition of 25 people from your home school by the deadline.

#### **6:00 pm New Business from Committee**

#### **6:01 pm 0405-005 – Special Allocation of \$250 to Society of Physics Students**

- Lever on the trebuchet and it's special. So is Tom.

6:02 pm Questions on 0405-005

6:04 pm Discussion on 0405-005

- Will it be able to reach the 6th floor of Warner? How soon can Student Government borrow the trebuchet?
- Both questions left unanswered

6:06 pm Vote on 0405-005

Passes, voice vote

#### **6:06 pm 0405-006 – Special Allocation of \$2000 to Divya Jesuraj for Relay for Life**

- This event is Friday and Saturday
- They got money from Starbucks & Papa Johns, but still need funding for tents, FMS, and security.

6:08 pm Questions on 0405-006

6:16 pm Motion to amend the allocation from \$2000 to \$2750 (Jon Mendelson)

6:16 pm Discussion on the amendment to 0405-006

6:33 pm Move the question (Wei Tang)

6:33 pm Vote on the amendment to 0405-006

Passes, voice vote

6:33 pm Division (Tom Sabram)

Passes, hand vote (17-2-4)

6:36 pm Discussion on 0405-006, as amended

- Alpha Phi Omega is not allowed to accept money from Student Senate, so that is why it goes to Divya, and not Alpha Phi Omega.

6:40 pm Vote on 0405-006, as amended

Passes, voice vote

6:41 pm Quorum Call

21 Senators present

6:43 pm **0405-007 - Special Allocation of \$300 to Greek Council**

6:45 pm Questions on 0405-007

6:45 pm Discussion on 0405-007

6:45 pm Vote on 0405-007

Passes, voice vote

6:46 pm **0405-008 – Special Allocation of \$150 to Chess Club**

6:47 pm Questions on 0405-008

6:50 pm Discussion on 0405-008

6:50 pm Vote on 0405-008

Passes, voice vote

6:50 pm Motion to move 0405-009 until the end of New Business from Committee

Passes by acclamation

6:51 pm **0405-010 – Special Allocation of \$2400 to Quarter Mile of Quarters**

6:52 pm Questions on 0405-010

6:58 pm Discussion on 0405-010

7:00 pm Motion to increase allocation from \$2400 to \$2700 (Sophia Nagornaya)

Not seconded.

7:03 pm Call the Question

7:03 pm Vote on 0405-010

Passes, voice vote

7:03 pm **0405-011 – Special Allocation of \$2450 to SoHo**

7:05 pm Questions on 0405-011

7:05 pm Discussion on 0405-011

7:07 pm Vote on 0405-011

Passes, voice vote

7:07 pm **0405-009 – Special Allocation of \$900 to Student Body President**

7:08 pm Questions on 0405-009

7:11 pm Discussion on 0405-009

7:12 pm Call the Question

Objection

7:13 pm Call the question

7:13 pm Vote on 0405-009

Passes, voice vote

**7:14 pm New Business From the Floor**

7:15 pm Motion to make Louisa Kinoshi a Member at Large

7:15 pm Speech by Louisa Kinoshi

7:16 pm Questions for Louisa Kinoshi

7:16 pm Discussion on motion to make Louisa Kinoshi a Member at Large

7:16 pm Call the question

7:16 pm Vote on motion to make Louisa Kinoshi a Member at Large

Passes, voice vote

7:17 pm Motion to make Josh Yearsley a Member at Large

7:17 pm Speech by Josh Yearsley

7:17 pm Questions for Josh Yearsley

7:17 pm Discussion on motion to make Josh Yearsley a Member at Large

7:17 pm Vote on motion to make Josh Yearsley a Member at Large

Passes, voice vote

### **7:18 pm Points of Discussion**

- Plus-minus grading. Send an email to AA if have any comments.
- We should talk about the Natrat committee recommendation.
- IT is expensive, and we should look into that.

7:22 pm Call for end of Points of Discussion

### **7:22 pm Announcements**

- Committee meeting times have been set. Academic Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in UC318G. Business Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the Senate office. Campus Life meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Senate office. Communications meets on Mondays at 6:00pm in the Senate office. Funding and Recognition meets on Mondays at 4:30pm in UC318G. Internal Development meets on Mondays at 4:30pm in the Senate office.
- The Senate retreat will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-2, in the Connan Room on the first floor of the University Center. Attendance is mandatory for Senators. Members-at-large and the Executives are welcome to attend. The retreat will include a review of Robert's Rules, an overview of the structure and setup of Student Government and our funding processes, and goal-setting. Food will be provided.
- The Joint Funding Committee will be getting started soon and Senate is responsible for appointing 8 members to this important committee. If you are

interested, please contact F&R Chair Tom Sabram, [tsabram@stusen.org](mailto:tsabram@stusen.org), by this coming Monday

7:23 pm Call to adjourn

7:24 pm Motion to give a full absence to any senator currently not present (Joe Arasin)

Not seconded.

**7:26 pm Adjourn**