

CMU Student Senate

OFFICIAL Minutes of October 14, 2004

5:38 pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Joe Arasin (SCS), Adam Atkinson (HSS, proxy), Abigail Barnes (CIT, left early, excused), Andres Bermudez (HSS), Michelle Birchak (CIT), Trevor Clark (CFA), Laura Drogowski (MCS), Andrew Gehling (CFA, left early, excused), Aftyn Giles (CFA), Rachel Gougian (MCS), Kirk Higgins (CIT, left early), Jonathan Lee (CIT), Kevin Lee (HSS, left early), Jean Lester (CFA, left early, excused), Nicolette Louissaint (CIT), Jonathan Mendelson (SCS), Sophia Nagornaya (HSS, left early, excused), 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), Nicholas Scocozzo (CIT), Akil Simon (CFA), Tanvir Suri (TSB), Wei Tang (SHS), Yew Choe Wong (CIT), Joshua Yearsley (HSS)

Senators Absent: Ananya Bubna (TSB, excused), Maureen Burns (CFA, excused), Benjamin Hackett (HSS, excused), Courtney Thompson (TSB, excused)

Members at Large Present: Hanish Dayal (CIT), James Hazelrig (CIT), Aaron Kao (CIT), Sean Weinstock (HSS, left early, excused)

Members at Large Absent: Ryan Keane (HSS, excused), Brittany McCandless (HSS), Corrine Pascale (CIT), Haseeb Qureshi (HSS, excused), Aaron Walker (CIT, excused)

5:40 pm Call to order

5:40 pm Approval of Minutes

5:40 pm Amendment to the minutes of October 7

- Kirk Higgins was not absent, but left early. James Rogers was not absent.
- Remove all mentions of Daniel Papasian being a clerk, since he was hired as an assistant.
- At 5:41pm, remove the comment and insert "Minutes approved by acclamation."

5:42 pm Minutes passed by acclamation

5:43 pm Audience Participation (None)

5:43 pm Standing Committee Reports

5:43 pm **Academic Affairs** (Jonathan Mendelson)

- Reviewing advisor quality before awarding tenure
- Overlapping class times causing students to miss class

5:45 pm **Business Affairs** (Edward Ryan)

- No report

5:46 pm **Campus Life** (Nasheena Porter)

- Will begin enforcing the poster policy with fines
- Need people to express concerns about PAT bus changes

5:46 pm **Communications** (Maureen Burns)

- No report (Not present)

5:46 pm **Funding and Recognition** (Tom Sabram)

- Will be approximately \$14,000 after today's special allocations should they all pass as recommended

5:47 pm **Internal Development** (Michelle Birchak)

- Senate social will be October 28th
- There are currently 3 Senate vacancies (MCS, CFA, BHA/SHS/BHA)
- Fiscal policy will be examined this week. Please come with any comments or concerns.
- Will also be looking at the GSA recognition policy

5:48 pm **Senate Chair** (Nick Scocozzo)

- Looking into a new agenda with shorter committee reports to increase meeting efficiency

5:49 pm New Business from the Floor

5:50 pm Motion to move 0405-034 to now (Joe Arasin)

Passes, acclamation

5:50 pm **0405-034 Motion to Amend the September 30th minutes**

5:50 pm Discussion on 0405-034

5:51 pm Call the question

5:51 pm Vote on 0405-034

Passes, voice vote

5:52 pm **0405-033 Special allocation of \$2000 to Summit**

- Have received contributions from Student Development and Dean Murphy

5:54 pm Discussion on 0405-033

6:02 pm Motion to amend amount to \$3,000 to include all of Tech costs (Jon Mendelson)

6:07 pm Call the question (Joe Arasin)

Objection

6:07 pm Discussion on amendment to 0405-033

6:09 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:09 pm Division

Passes, hand vote (19-6-3)

6:10 pm Motion to send 0405-033, as amended, back to committee (Jon Mendelson)

6:10 pm Discussion on motion to send 0405-033, as amended, back to committee

6:14 pm Vote on motion to send 0405-033, as amended, back to committee

Fails, voice vote

6:14 pm Call the question (Josh Yearsley)

6:14 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:15 pm **0405-031 Special Allocation of \$200 to Men's Athletic Special Interest**

Housing

6:15 pm Discussion on 0405-031

6:17 pm Call the question

6:17 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:17 pm **0405-032 Loan of \$175 to SPIRIT**

6:18 pm Discussion on 0405-032

6:21 pm Call the question

6:21 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:25 pm Motion to recess for 2 minutes (Tom Sabram)

Passes, acclamation

6:27 pm Motion to remove from the table the Non-funded recognition of the

Undergraduate Consulting Club (Tom Sabram)

Passes, voice vote

6:28 pm **0405-012 Non-funded Recognition of the Undergraduate Consulting Club**

- They started this club a while ago

6:28 pm Discussion on 0405-012

6:30 pm Call the question

6:30 pm Vote

Passes, voice vote

6:31 pm Special Business

6:31 pm Motion to suspend Robert's Rules for discussion on the Natrat Commission's Report

6:31 pm Vote on motion to suspend Robert's Rules

Passes, voice vote

6:36 pm Discussion on Natrat Commission Report

8:10 pm Announcements

- Student Senate's next meeting will be on Thursday, October 28th (not next week, due to midsemester) at 5:30pm in the Posner Center Board Room. See you there!
- We do have three vacancies – one in CFA, one in MCS, and one in SHS/BHA/BSA. The deadline is Tuesday, October 19th at 5:00pm in UC Box 46 at the Info Desk. You can get petition forms at the UC Info Desk or online at <http://senate.web.cmu.edu/id/petition.pdf>.

8:14pm Adjourn