

# CMU Student Senate

RAW Minutes of January 31, 2008

**5:09 pm Call to Order**

**5:09 pm Roll Call**

**Senators Present:** Sudeep Paul (TSB), Rohit Kabra (TSB), Jared Itkowitz (TSB), Rotimi Abimbola (HSS), Dorian Adeyemi (HSS), Amanda Reapsummer (HSS), Helen Lam (HSS), Brian Wade (HSS), Vivake Prasad (HSS), Daniel O'Toole (CIT), Luis Balceda (CIT, 2 absences) Lauren Walch (CIT), Robert Bethea (CIT), Matthew Maurice (CIT), Marcela Partida (CIT), Ioannis Goutakis (CIT, 1 absence), Mauricio Garduno (CIT, 1 absence), Chansaly Ker (CIT), Hemant Bothra (CIT, 1 absence), Edward Oh (MCS), Steven Reilly (MCS), Guangzu Gao (MCS), Joonho Hwang (MCS), Jenny Han (SCS), Hao Su (SCS), Kwasi Mensah (SCS), Nara Kasbergen (CFA), Steven Burton (CFA), Jerry Wang (CFA), Joey Cordes (CFA) Ranjit Korah (CFA), Cyrus Larijani (BHA), Conor Flanagan (BHA)

**Senators Absent:** Evan Osherooff (TSB, 1 absence), Alan Eaton (HSS, 1 absence) Prashanth Swamy (MCS, 1 absence), Benjamin Johnston (SCS, 1 absence),

**5:09 pm Approval of Minutes from 1/24/2008**

**5:09 pm Audience Participation**

**5:09 pm Ex Officio Report**

5:09 pm: **USA Today Manager** (Scott Streit)

- Scott Streit education manager from USA today talk about CEO forum build awareness of readership program that he coordinates
- CEO forum Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> thanks to all who helped
- Well attended and good for Student Senate, readership program, and USA Today awareness
- Fall readership numbers for all publications: trending upward since the program has begun (by over 10,000 copies since fall 2005)

- Believe trend will continue because the election is happening this year.
- “leftover money fund” aka media reserve fee: spent \$4.14 per student (up from 3.00 a few years ago). Perhaps use the money for newspapers in the summer?
- Film Your Issue: students will submit photojournalism and movies about ‘their issues’ there’s a public online voting period. It engages students in contemporary issues and gives them a voice.
- Categories: film, digital film, and video maximum two minutes in length
- Get Caught Reading/Get Caught on the Cut: read a newspaper, get a prize?

### **5:23 Questions/Suggestions**

- I don’t see any USA Today papers, what buildings are they in? I’m in architecture, are there any papers there?
- They are in CFA building by the front doors
- How is the cost calculated
- Based on the papers actually taken out of the stands
- Can grad students use their IDs?
- I don’t know, I don’t think they differentiate between cards, you can only stop them so much.

### **5:27 Campus life: no report**

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### **5:33 AA: not present**

### **5:33 Communications**

- Two sets of posters: forum and campaign for great ideas
- We’ll be posterizing: 5 people randomly picked: cyrus, dan, hao su, marcela, jared

### **5:35 BA: no report**

### **5:36 Chair**

- We need to work on elections board
- Think about running for executive branch
- Two big events coming up: advertise!

#### **5:37 Points of Discussion**

- Wean hall stairwell (Dorian)
- The poem in the stairwell is disturbing – graffiti
- We should look at this, people might think it's pretty messed up
- I took interest in this, I was told that it was an art project
- I think it's an architect poem: we find it funny and don't take it seriously

#### **5:43 Attendance Scanner (Joonho)**

- Attendance check system: one or two scanners by the door so the professor will know if you don't attend class
- Different types of systems to do this with different kinds of cards

#### **5:51 Questions**

- This is purely preventative, isn't it? We don't know if this problem even exists yet because the pass/fail system hasn't even been implemented
- Who would pay for this?
- I don't know yet but if the school is changing out cards anyway why don't they just change our cards at the same time too.
- This is not mandatory is it?
- No but it's mandatory for pass/fail classes only

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

#### **6:25 pm New Business from the Floor**

#### **6:25 pm Announcements**

#### **6:26 pm Motion to Adjourn**

#### **6:26 pm Adjourn**

