

CMU Student Senate

Official Minutes of February 14, 2008

5:06 Call to Order

5:06 Roll Call Sudeep Paul (TSB), Rohit Kabra (TSB, 1 absence), Jared Itkowitz (TSB), Evan Osherooff (TSB: come proxy, 1.5 absence), Rotimi Abimbola (HSS), Alan Eaton (HSS, 2 absence), Dorian Adeyemi (HSS), Helen Lam (HSS), Brian Wade (HSS, 1 absence), Vivake Prasad (HSS), Daniel O'Toole (CIT), Lauren Walch (CIT), Robert Bethea (CIT), Luis Balceda (CIT, 2 absences) Robert Bethea (CIT), Mauricio Garduno (CIT, 1 absence), Luis Balceda (CIT, 2 absences) Matthew Maurice (CIT, 0.5 absence), Marcela Partida (CIT, 0.5 absence), Ioannis Goutakis (CIT: come proxy, 1 absence), Chansaly Ker (CIT), Hemant Bothra (CIT: come proxy, 1.5 absence), Edward Oh (MCS, 0.5 absence), Prashanth Swamy (MCS), Guangzu Gao (MCS), Joonho Hwang (MCS, 1 absence), Benjamin Johnston (SCS), Kwasi Mensah (SCS), Nara Kasbergen (CFA), Ranjit Korah (CFA, 1.5 absence), Steven Burton (CFA, 1 absence), Jerry Wang (CFA), Joey Cordes (CFA), Cyrus Larijani (BHA)

Senators Absent: Amanda Reapsummer (HSS, 1 absence), Steven Reilly (MCS, 1 absence), Joonho Hwang (MCS, 1 absence), Jenny Han (SCS, 1 absence), Hao Su (SCS, 1.5 absence), Conor Flanagan (BHA)

5:14 – Approval of Agenda

- Add spirit for funding motion of \$2000
- Amend Mayur/Salsa funding from \$200 to \$2000

5:15 – Approval of Minutes from 2/07/08

5:15 – Audience Participation

5:16 – Ex-Officio Reports

- Student Body Vice President For Finance (Joel Bergstein)
 - Any payee of student activity fees can participate in any student activity

- Therefore, restrictive events cannot be funded (e.g. MCS Ball – (Only students in MCS have chance to attend or any academic event based on major, GPA, or college)
- Alternative Break is not restrictive because all students have the opportunity to attend
- If a restrictive event is made mandatory by a teacher (such as a class movie) that would not change its funding status

5:22 – Points of Discussion

- Tartanwiki (Adi Jain and Sean Weinstock)
 - Wikipedia for CMU related subjects
 - Currently, it is structurally under the student body president's office.
 - Because the SBP changes annually, maintenance would require structural supervision by the Student Senate (GSA has no interest) along with interested parties outside of student government
 - Part of institutional memory plan from previous SBP and SBVP
 - Cost undetermined
 - Ideally, SDC would adopt the Tartanwiki into its budget
 - Discussion continued next Thursday
- Second Roll Call (Jared Itkowitz)
 - Second roll call will ensure accountability
 - Half absence will be assigned per missed roll call

5:39 – New Business from Committee

- 0708-051 Special Allocation of \$1500 to MOSAIC (Gabe and Allison)
 - MOSAIC is an annual one day gender issues conference (not a recognized student organization)
 - Events
 - Live video conferencing with Qatar
 - Networking reception with employees
 - Lunch hour performance (possible with a cappella group or spoken work on gender issues). Estimated cost of \$5000.
 - Estimated attendance of 250 to 300 (70% are from campus)

- Estimated total budget of \$25000
- Will be publicized with posters, tabling and Facebook
- Received \$4000 from GSA
- Received \$1500 from GSA and \$3000 from Student Senate in previous year
- Motion to raise funding to \$3000 (Kwasl)
- Seconded: Precedent, no JFC funding (Rotimi)
- **Vote: 24:2:2; Passes; \$3000 to Mosaic**
- 0708-052 Special Allocation of \$1000 to One Night In Beijing
 - Cultural showcase on April 26 to introduce campus to Chinese culture
 - 50 to 60 performers and 20 person committee
 - Estimated attendance of over 400
 - AB Tech cannot help because it is the week after Carnival and in Rangos
 - **Majority vote; Passes; \$1000 to One Night in Beijing**
- 0708-053 Special Allocation of \$260 to UMO (No representatives)
- 0708-054 Special Allocation of \$1358 to DOCS
 - Two day campus wide health symposium with discussion and lecture series
 - Three speakers and discussion leader for each workshop on universal health care
 - Previous attendance of 40-50
 - Will be held in Mcconomy in Heinz School Auditorium
 - Heinz School is funding one speaker
 - MCS declined funding
 - No JFC funding because treasurer forgot to apply for funding
 - **Vote: 28-0-2; Passes; \$1358 to DOCS**
- 0708-055 Special Allocation of \$2000 to Mayur/SASA
 - Annual South Asian cultural show
 - 120 performers
 - Expected attendance of 600
 - Unsuccessful in booking Rangos and needed to switch to Wiegand Gym because it was booked by Lunar Gala
 - Additional expense of \$5900 in pvc piping and drapes for Wiegand
 - Funding must be shared with Bhangra in the Burgh

- Defecit could possibly be covered with fundraising
- Recent merge between Mayur and SASA is an additional pressure that could prevent fundraising efforts
- Also, fundraising has not been completed for Booth
- Total expense of event is estimated at \$13000
- Motion to raise funding request to \$3000
- **Vote: 22-3-4; Passes; Funding request changed to \$3000**
- **Procedural Vote: 28-1; Passes; Ready to vote**
- **Majority Vote; Passes; \$3000 to Mayur/SASA**
- 0708-056 Resolution on +/- Grading
 - Study will use shadow grading
 - Amendment to change clause to “any further action will be brought before the student undergraduate senate before further action will be taken”
 - Decision to vote will be held next week

6:31 – New Business From The Floor

- Members-at-Large Elections
 - Ben Trump (SHS, 2011)
 - Attended 4 meetings
 - High school experience in Senate
 - Promises to increase awareness
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Amnesty International
 - Class VP (junior and senior year of HS)
 - Francisco Santiago (CIT, 2011)
 - Attended 4 meetings
 - Enjoys discussion and debates
 - CMU Jazz Ensemble
 - CMU Basketball
 - Spirit
 - NSBE
 - Antonios Tavlarakis (MCS 2011)
 - Attended 4 meetings
 - Interested in +/- grading and Pepsi exclusivity on campus

- Undergraduate Finance Association
- Tanir Bubna (MCS, 2011)
 - Attended 3 meetings
 - Habitat for Humanity
- Kelly Stewart (SHS, 2011)
 - Attended 1 meeting
 - Leadership positions in HS
 - Math Club
 - Astronomy Club
 - Physics Club
 - Philosophy Club
 - Agnostic/Atheist Club
- Andre Hersan (MCS, 2011)
 - Attended 2 meetings
 - Interested in +/- grading discussion
- Alejandro F Queiruga (CIT, 2011)
 - Attended 2 meetings
 - Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity
- **.All candidates were voted members at large**

6:56 Second Roll Call

6:56 Announcements – HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

6:57 pm Adjourn