

CMU Student Senate

Official Minutes of October 4, 2007

5:01 pm pm Roll Call

Senators Present: Rohit Kabra (TSB), Jared Itkowitz (TSB), Evan Osheroff (TSB), Rotimi Abimbola (HSS), Alan Eaton (HSS), Abiola Fasehun (1 absence), Dorian Adeyemi (HSS), Amanda Reapsummer (HSS, 1 absence), Helen Lam (HSS, proxy), Brian Wade (HSS), Daniel O'Toole (CIT), Lauren Walch (CIT, 1 absence), Robert Bethea (CIT, .5absence), Mauricio Garduno (CIT), Luis Balceda (CIT, 1 absence), Matthew Maurice (CIT), Ionnis Goutakis (CIT), Chansaly Ker (CIT), Marcela Partida (CIT), Edward Oh (MCS), Prashanth Swamy (MCS, 1 absence), Steven Reilly (MCS), Guangzu Gao (MCS), Joonho Hwang (MCS), Jenny Han (SCS, 1 absence), Hao Su (SCS), Benjamin Johnston (SCS, 1 absence), Kwasi Mensah (SCS, .5absence), Nara Kasbergen (CFA), Julia Li (CFA), Cyrus Larijani (BHA), Conor Flanagan (BHA)

Senators Absent: Sudeep Paul (TSB, 1 absence), Sidharth Singh (CIT, 3 absences), Conor Doyle (CFA, 2 absences), Ranjit Korah (CFA, 1 absence)

Members At Large Present: Vivake Prasad

Members At Large Absent:

5:03 pm Approval of Minutes from 9/27/2007

5:04 pm Audience Participation

5:04 pm Ex-Officio Reports

5:04 pm **Student Body President and Vice President** (Sean Weinstock and Adi Jain)

- We had a meeting and tried to discuss what sort of motions to talk about, one of them being elections.
- We want to make a committee of five or six students, undergrads and grads, to discuss elections.

5:05 pm Questions

- Why can't we just go with paper balloting?
- ◊ It's inconvenient for everyone. Paper balloting will be under the scope of what we want discussed.

5:06 pm **Student Body Vice President of Finance** (Joel Bergstein)

- Applications go out to all student organizations on the 8th. All organizations must reapply for funding eligibility so we'll be sending out notices.
- There will be info sessions on the 10th and 22nd of October. Applications will be due on the 26th.
- There will be a joint meeting on December 5th with GSA and we will ratify the groups.
- We need to get a JFC slate together. I'm looking to create a diverse slate. There will be 11 people and undergrads get 8 of those slots.
- I think it would be great if the slate remains the same this semester and the next.
- JFC will require no more than 25 hours for all this semester. In the spring, it'll probably be around 10 hours a week.

5:08 pm Questions

- I would like a slate introduced by the 19th.
- Just because a group is recognized by CoSo, doesn't mean it is funding eligible by JFC. They're separate processes.
- So if they don't get funding from JFC, can they still come to senate?

◇ Yes.

5:09 pm Committee Reports

5:09 pm **Academic Affairs** (Evan Osheroff)

- No report.

5:09 pm **Business Affairs** (Rotimi Abimbola)

- I will have a meeting with USA Today about the CEO forum.
- The UC kiosks will go up by the spring.
- We've just been meeting people and making connections

5:11 pm Questions

- Where are the kiosks?
- ◇ We've been working on this project since last year to get computers up in the UC. They will be in the first floor alcoves.

5:12 pm **Campus Life** (Cyrus Larijani)

- We've set a date for the Campus Gear Sale. It will be on Friday the 26th of October.
- It'll be homecoming weekend, so hopefully a lot of parents and alum will come.
- We have a campus gear sale because the bookstore overcharges. It gives students a chance to buy gear at a lower cost.

- The next biggest thing is Healthy Campus Task Force. It's a task force dedicated to Healthy Living on campus.
- Smoke free 2010 was the most controversial issue last year. They are still moving forward with that plan.
- We'll try to get Anita here to give a report of what's going on.
- Anyone interested in giving input, contact Campus Life or come to our meetings.

5:15 pm Questions

5:15 pm **Communications** (Robert Bethea)

- We have the BBQ coming up on the 17th. The idea is to take the fence Tuesday night. We'll be sending out a sign up sheet.
- This counts for your constituency meeting if you come.

5:16 pm Questions

- What is a constituency meeting?
- ◊ Constituency is a meeting every senator needs to have with the people in their college. It should happen once a semester.

5:18 pm **Finance** (Alan Eaton)

- The JFC slate needs to be in so if you're interested in joining or want more information, contact me or Joel.
- Our budget is \$78,000.

5:19 pm **Internal Development** (Julia Li)

- Go pumpkin picking with SDC this Sunday from 12:20 to 4:40pm. There will be buses provided by SDC to take us there.
- Kennywood is on Friday the 12th, we're going to try to make it free for senators.
- The mandatory retreat is coming up. It will be 1.5 absences if you don't come.
- Our retreat will be on the 17th.
- Think about what you want on the back of your hoodie.

5:22 pm Questions

5:23 pm **Chair** (Jared Itkowitz)

- I really believe retreat will be a valuable experience if you go.
- I'm open to questions and comments so come see me if you have any.

5:23 pm Questions

5:24 pm **New Business from Committee**

5:24 pm **0708-005 Special Allocation of \$1000 to Ellen**

- As part of the program for pride month, which is this month, we're bringing in Kate Borenstein as the keynote speaker. She will be talking about gender on Oct 8th from 4:30 to 6pm at Porter Hall.
- The honorarium is \$5000 and they went to other organizations for funding.

5:26 pm Questions

- You say you always have a keynote speaker, why didn't you foresee this event?
- ◊ We're contributing \$1000 of our budget to this. Kate just charges this amount.
- Will this number change after you go to SDC?
- ◊ The amount we are asking from SDC is \$2000 because we're also looking to bring in more speakers.
- What kind of PR have you been doing?
- ◊ We put up posters, made a Facebook event, and have been in touch with the English department letting them know Kate is available for workshops.
- Are there any other outlets you will go to?
- ◊ We will go to AB lectures.
- Do you have a target number for attendance?
- ◊ We're expecting 100 to 200 people.

5:29 pm Discussion

- I think \$1000 is reasonable. I feel \$800 would also be a good number, since GSA gave \$800.
- We requested \$2000 from GSA. Since we expected 40% of those attending to be grad students, they funded 40%.
- From the finance committee, we feel this is a fine amount. We've been underfunding compared to about the same time last year.
- Where would you go if you couldn't get funding?
- ◊ I don't know. Possibly Dean Church?

5:32 pm Call the Question (Kwasi Mensah)

5:32 pm Voice Vote, Passed

5:33 pm **0708-006 Special Allocation of \$335 to The Cut**

- The Cut is CMU's first music magazine. We've been planning to release our first issue since January. We've been going through procedures all this time. We started putting together the issue in the first week in September.
- There will be a release party tomorrow in Rangoes1, 8pm to 11pm.
- We need \$355 for the goodies for the party, like the chocolate fountain.

- The Cut came last year around the end of the semester when we didn't have as much money so we asked them to come back this semester.
- They're just asking for a portion of their budget.

5:34 pm Questions

- Who's coming?
- ◊ We put up fliers pretty much everywhere and made a Facebook event. We're expecting at least 100 people.
- Do you feel the party will be in shambles if you don't get the chocolate fountain?
- ◊ That's among other things such as goodies and tablecloth.
- What does this party entail?
- ◊ We will have four live musical acts and a DJ will be spinning between them. Copies of the magazine will be available.
- Is there an admission fee?
- ◊ You need a button to get in. Buttons were \$3 now they are \$5. They will be \$5 at the door.
- How will this help the magazine?
- ◊ It promotes the magazine on campus and introduces it more to the campus.
- The total budget is \$810.
- Do admission fees go towards the event?
- ◊ Admission mostly goes to the buttons, but will also go into the event.

5:39 pm Discussion

- It sounds cool.

5:39 pm Call the Question (Dorian)

5:39 pm Voice Vote, Passed

5:39 pm Special Business – Senate Elections for Vacant Seats

5:40 pm **Election of CIT Senators** (3 vacancies, 4 candidates)

5:40 pm Speech for Hemant Bothra

5:43 pm Questions for Hemant

5:45 pm Speech for Ionnis Goutakis

5:47 pm Questions for Ionnis

5:48 pm Speech for Chansaly Ker

5:49 pm Questions for Chansaly

5:51 pm Speech for Marcela Partida

5:52 pm Questions for Marcela

5:53 pm Discussion

6:07 pm Roll Call Vote, Ionnis Goutakis, Chansaly Ker, Marcela Partida

6:19 pm **Election of MCS Senators** (2 vacancies, 8 candidates)

6:23 pm Speech for Lilyanne Chen

6:25 pm Questions for Lilyanne

6:28 pm Speech for Jae Choi

6:29 pm Questions for Jae

6:30 pm Speech for Parth Dahal

6:32 pm Questions for Parth

6:34 pm Speech for Guangzu Gao

6:36 pm Questions for Guangzu

6:38 pm Speech for Joonho Hwang

6:40 pm Questions for Joonho

6:42 pm Speech for Dina Patel

6:43 pm Questions for Dina

6:45 pm Speech for Elizabeth Young

6:47 pm Questions for Elizabeth

6:48 pm Speech for Leon Zheng

6:50 pm Questions for Leon

6:53 pm Discussion

7:15 pm Move the Question

7:17 pm Roll Call Vote, Guangzu Gao, Joonho Hwang

7:21 pm **Election of BHA/BSA/SHS Senators** (1 vacancy, 4 candidates)

7:25 pm Motion to override bylaws and let all four candidates run without regards to invalid signatures. (Cyrus Larijani)

7:25 pm Voice Vote, Passed

7:25 pm Speech for Noelle Cheung

7:27 pm Questions for Noelle

7:29 pm Speech for Linda Dang

7:31 pm Questions for Linda

7:33 pm Speech for Conor Flanagan

7:35 pm Questions for Conor

7:38 pm Speech Sarah Zuerndorfer

7:40 pm Questions for Sarah

7:42 pm Discussion

7:54 pm Call the Question

7:54 pm Roll Call Vote, Conor Flanagan

7:58 pm Old Business from the Floor

7:58 pm Motion to table to next week (Alan Eaton)

7:59 pm Second (Cyrus)

8:00 pm New Business from the Floor

8:00 pm Points of Discussion

- We had a great discussion today. I'm glad so many senators stayed around until the end.

8:01 pm Announcements

- Congratulations to all new Senators!
- The Constituency BBQ will be Wed. Oct 17th from 11-4pm. We need more people to sign up for time slots
- The Campus Gear Sale will be Fri. Oct 26th from 10-3pm
- All new Senators please stay after the meeting to speak briefly with the Chair

8:01 pm Motion to Adjourn (Timi Abimbola)

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