

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of January 15, 2009

5:03 Roll Call

Senators Present: Cassandra Abernathy (CIT), Mana Ameri (CIT), Steven Burton (CFA), Miriam Cha (CIT), Jason Deng (SCS), Jake Flittner (CIT), Christopher Franzi (HSS), Aaron Gross (HSS), Michael He (CIT), Jayesh Kapoor (TSB), Barbara Kasbergen (CFA), Chansaly Ritchi Ker (CIT), Diane Lee (CIT), Kush Mangal (MCS), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS), Natalie Morris (SCS), Daniel O'Toole (CIT, .5 absence), Stuti Pandey (HSS), Marcela Partida (CIT), Dina Patel (MCS), Robert Piston Jr. (MCS), Vivake Prasad (HSS), Sonali Shah (MCS), Prashanth Swamy (MCS), Benjamin Trump (BHA/BSA/SHS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS), Akshay Udiavar (CFA), Damian Valdes (TSB), Carolina Velez (HSS), Brian Wade (TSB), Eric Wu (SCS)

Senators Absence: Zexi Chen (SCS, 1 absence), Eunjin Kim (CFA, 1 absence), Lingshui Wang (CFA, 1 absence)

Members-at-Large Present: Jarett Adams, Mariluz Orbay Cerrato, Gurmukh Chabra, Amy Kao (.5 absence), My Le, Meghan Nahass, Zack Pierce, Keshav Raghavan, Stephanie Schneider, Zachary Stockwell, Krishan Taylor

Members-at-Large Absent: Urna Biswas (1 absence), Gurmukh Chabra (1 absence), Marcel Christian (1 absence), Peter Choi (1 absence), Katie Chong (1 absence), Will Zhang (1 absence)

5:03 Call to Order

5:08 Agenda Approved

5:09 Minutes Approved

5:10 Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs (Brian Wade):** Jake Flittner, Bassem Mikhael, Stuti Pandey
- **Business Affairs (Benjamin Trump):** Michael He, My Le, Natalie Morris, Will Zhang, Zexi Frank, Eric Wu
- **Campus Life (Chansaly Ker):** Jarrett Adams, Miriam Cha, Zexi Chen, Vivake Prasad, Carolina Velez
- **Communications (Mana Ameri):** Toro Adeyemi, Chris Franzi, Diane Lee, Sonali Shah, Akshay Udiavar
- **Finance (Marcela Partida):** Aaron, Jay., Dan Nara, Robert Piston
- **Internal Development (Cassandra Abernathy):** Marcel Christian, Skye, Dina, Stephanie, Zach Stockwell, Prashanth Swamy, Krishan Taylor,
- **Member-at-Large Caucus:** No report.
- **Chair:** Vacancies officially announced. I HSS, I TSB, 1 CIT, 2 CFA. Prospective people need to fill out a petition. Activities fair is next Wednesday to promote visibility.

5:17 Jeopardy/ Team Building

5:59

- Want to increase visibility:
 - sign up for slots to work at the activities fair
 - We will have cookies for comments and will have a pen with the new website and logo for the hard launch. We will also advertise the vacancies.
 - Have a list of "keep me in the know" for people interested in knowing happenings in senate.
- Thomas Tuttle is in contact with the bookstore representative regarding the absence of ISBN numbers on the bookstore website. The Bookstore wants to know what we think and how they can approve. A representative is coming next week to speak and answer questions.

6:03 Points of Discussion

Smoking Designated Areas

- (Jay Kapoor) Students smoking on the cut. What do we do if we see a student smoking on campus in a non-designated area?
- (Diane Lee) It will start in stages. First have to remove the dispensers and then have campus police enforce the areas.
- (Kaycee Palco) Already enforced areas: Cut, CFA lawn, athletic centers, childhood centers—there is a potential that people can be fined.
- (Chansaly Ker) They put out a policy that they don't have prepared.
- (Benjamin Trump) Bones are in place, but grace period is in effect until the end of the year.
- (Timi) Good conservation to have with constituents next Wednesday.
- (Thomas Tuttle) Spoke with Ogden. He said there are no resources to find people smoking but they will go into problem areas and have better enforcement there instead.

6:13 Announcements

- Have many ex-officio this semester. We will know about their presence in advance to advertise.
- Will start committee meetings next week.
 - Let committee chairs know in advance of absences—this is a busy semester.
 - Will try to not have them overlap.
- Have some funding motions for next meeting.
- Probably no spotlight series this month.
- Give feedback on SACs.

6:16 Adjourn