

CMU Student Senate

Minutes of September 18, 2008

5:04 Roll Call

Senators Present: Cassandra Abernathy (CIT, 1 proxy, .5 absence), Dorian Adeyemi (HSS, .5 absence), Mana Ameri (CIT, .5 absence), Hemant Bothra (CIT, 1 absence), Miriam Cha (CIT), Zexi Chen (SCS), Jason Deng (SCS, 1 absence), Christopher Franzi (HSS, 1 proxy), Aaron Gross (HSS), Michael He (CIT), Jayesh Kapoor (TSB), Barbara Kasbergen (CFA), Chansaly Ker (CIT), Skye Kim (CFA), Ranjit Korah (CFA), Diane Lee (CIT), Kush Mangal (MCS), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS), Natalie Morris (SCS), Daniel O'Toole (CIT, 1 proxy), Marcela Partida (CIT), Stuti Pandey (HSS), Dina Patel (MCS), Robert Piston Jr. (MCS, .5 absences), Vivake Prasad (HSS), Sonali Shah (MCS), Prashanth Swamy (MCS), Benjamin Trump (BHA/BSA/SHS), Damian Valdes (TSB), Carolina Velez (HSS, 1 proxy), Brian Wade (TSB), Lingshui Wang (CFA), Nik White (CIT, .5 absences)

Senators Absent: Steven Burton (CFA, 2 absences), Thomas Tuttle (SCS, 1 absence)

5:04 Call to Order

5:08 Agenda Approved

5:08 Minutes Approved

5:08 Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs (Brian Wade):** The issues that need to be addressed are being catalogued. In meeting with the deans, we've addressed issues like the UCA's--rewrite and lengthen, and create an incentive program to increase return rate. Try to streamline the weight list policy. Spoke with Dean Bryant of SCS about the honor code. We need to strive to have an honor code.
- **Business Affairs (Benjamin Trump):** Names are coming in for the Gallup. We'll release the first statistic this weekend. One might possibly concern the strike of the bus system.
- **Campus Life (Dorian Adeyemi):** Today was the first day of the campus gear sale. It's located in front of Doherty Hall. Email if you're interested in doing shifts. At last meeting, we investigated issues like recycling on the quad and movies on the cut. Also looking for a fifth member of the committee.
- **Communications (Nara Kasbergen):** Had a work session on Wednesday. Worked on the Gavel and began writing articles. One will be about the Senate orientation. Also, we will delegate the poster task to everybody.
- **Finance (Marcela Partida):** No report.
- **Internal Development (Vivake Prasad):** Thinking of having first social as a fright night. Thought about having senators eat out after meetings on Thursdays.
- **Chair:** We will be starting Senator of the Month; committee chairs will nominate. They will receive a prize.

5:22 Funding Motion 080-9004 for AEPi Wing-A-Thon

- Want help covering the cost. The finance committee decided on funding \$450.00 for cost of wings and advertising. Has a number of other sponsors.
- (Robert Piston) What was the turnout last year?
 - 150 contestants.
- It will be October 20. And 13 per person 65 per team
- (Vivake Prasad) What is the charity?
 - AEPi national charities-for a hospital.
- Discussion

- Vote: Passed 25-0. Will allocate \$450.00 for the AEPi Wing-A-Thon

5:28 Ex-Officio Reports (Evan Osheroff, Vice President of Student Finance)

- Announce beginning of JFC for the fall semester. Made up of 7 members. Looking for those interested in joining.
 - What is time commitment: Audits and funding. 2-3 at most in fall semester in committees. More individual work
 - Funding eligibility and COSO.
 - October 17--Groups will comment if they want to be JFC recognized.
 - Must submit a budget to apply for JFC funding for the next semester.
 - How will you notify student organizations?
 - Through emails, probably next week.

5:35 Special Business – Elections

5:39 Second roll call for quorum

5:39 Election for CFA Senators (1 vacancy)

5:30 Speech by Eunjin (Skye)Kim

5:32 Questions for Eunjin Kim

5:35 Discussion

5:44 Roll Call Vote, Eunjin Kim

5:45 Elections for HSS Senators (1 vacancy)

5:45 Speech by Stuti Pandey

5:48 Questions for Stuti Pandey

5:52 Speech by Mariluz Orbay-Cerrato

5:54 Questions for Mariluz Orbay-Cerrato

5:59 Speech by Meghan

6:01 Questions for Meghan

6:04 Speech by Zachary Pierce

6:07 Questions for Zachary Pierce

6:11 Speech by Zach Stockwell

6:15 Questions for Zach Stockwell

6:19 Discussion

6:41 Roll Call Vote, Stuti Pandey

6:43 Elections for SCS Senators (2 vacancies)

6:43 Speech by Natalie

6:47 Questions for Natalie

6:51 Speech by Eric

6:54 Questions for Eric

6:58 Speech by Aaush

7:01 Questions for Aaush

7:04 Speech by Zexi (Frank) Chen

7:07 Questions for Zexi Chen

7:11 Speech by Will

7:14 Questions for Will

7:19 Speech by Krishan Taylor

7:22 Questions for Krishan Taylor

7:26 Discussion

6:39 Roll Call Vote, Natalie and Zexi Chen

7:40 Members at large elections tabled until next week

7:41 Adjourn