

## Minutes

General Body meeting

Fall 2014

September 25th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

5:00 Senate Roll Call

5:05 Motion to Approve Agenda

5:05 Committee Reports

- Senate week starts next week
- Will send out profile pictures and cover photos
- Food and swag to hand out

5:15 Ex-Officio: Thanassis Rikakis

- Vice Provost for IDEATE Innovation, Design, Arts and Technology
- tech-arts experiences and training as strategic strength of CMU
- collaborative learning through making experiences
- preparing for new creative industries
- New Creative industries that students are interested in
- Funded 35 new studio based courses - game design, new markets for music
- IDEATE@Hunt
  - learning through collaborative making
- 200 students involved this fall, hope to get to 500 soon
- Campus in Silicon valley and NYC
  - Steiner studios
- Question
  - Can you still take courses if you're a senior and can't do the degree?
    - yes
  - How do you gain access to the facility?
    - Have to take a mini that gives you permission so you know how to use the facilities.
  - Can you use your print quota for your 3-d printing?
    - We'll look into it.
  - What comes out of these facilities?
    - Games, Apps, Startups.
  - Technology and legal issues will be handled in Tepper track

#### 5:26 Finance Allocations

- Expected Allocation: \$750 to Sigma Phi Epsilon for the Labor Day BBQ
- Motion to Table
  - Motion passes

#### 5:40 Discussion on Funding Greek Organizations

- The reason for conversation is because of appeal to Sig Ep's allocation
- Student organization is just a grouping of students within the body
  - difference between StuGov recognized orgs
- JFC only provides funding to StuGov recognized orgs.
- Based on discrimination in Greek orgs, namely on gender
- There is no wording in fiscal policy saying that Student Senate can fund unrecognized organizations.
- Question 1: Should we continue to provide special allocations to unrecognized student organizations or group due process?
- Discussion on funding unrecognized organizations.
  - Is there ever a situation where you would want to fund Greek organizations.
- Question 2: Should there be any restrictions on funds that are disbursed to unrecognized student organizations or other groups?
- Precedent
  - SigEP labor day barbecue
  - Sigma Tau Delta allocated \$0
  - TriDelta allocated full amount
  - Film Festival
  - StuCo
- Question 3: If yes what should restrictions be?
- Straw poll
  - Question 1
  - In favor of providing special allocations
    - majority in favor
  - In favor of restrictions
    - majority in favor
- What restrictions should those be?
  - Distinction between making policy for recognized or unrecognized groups.
  - Reasons for not accepting certain groups, through Coso, mostly at the constitutional level.
  - However, also discussing groups that are recognized through other bodies, such as Departments or through other schools.
  - Not paying for operational cost, vs paying for unexpected costs such as damages (ex flooding)

6:13 Points of Discussion

No points of discussion

6:13 Announcements

- Camp Kesser
  - summer camp for those affected by cancer
  - talk to Paul Kioko

6:20 Second Roll Call and Adjournment