

Minutes
General Body Meeting
Fall 2014
11/13/14

5:02 -Motion to Approve Agenda

- Motion to amend the minutes
- Amendment Passed unanimously
- Minutes Approved unanimously

5:04 -Audience Participation

- How many more meetings do we have before the end of the semester?

5:05- Ex-Officio Report: Pascal Petter, Director of Dining Services

- Proposed master plan (2015-2020) follow-up
- Proposed renovations presented
- New Tartan Express Food Truck
 - Asian Cuisine
 - Versatile Equipment leaves future cuisine options open
- Scott Hall Café (opening in January 2016)
 - Most likely coffee, pastries, menu items throughout the day
- Planning Principles
 - Feedback from Student Government and Organizations
 - e.g. Kosher Meals, Dining Hours, etc.
 - Incorporating Culture of University
 - Contributing to the Health and Wellness of the Student Body
 - Responsible Planning
- Skibo Café Renovation
 - New Café section opening with CUC expansion
 - Seating area outdoors (outside of walkway and also bookstore front)
 - Looking at space heaters for outdoor area for use colder times
 - Would a cover or awning be possible?
 - Concerns with the impact on CUC, and general structure of building
 - Will seating be adjusted during Winter?
 - Will connect to open spaces in new expansion, will have flexible seating
 - How will the hours for this location look during the summer?
 - Both ground floor and upstairs areas will remain fully open during summer
 - Direct connection to Bookstore
 - New layout for upstairs area
 - Incorporating student and alumni artwork
 - Recognition of artistic achievements
 - Space for performances
 - Heavy focus will be on Health and Wellness

- Time-frame for construction follows the CUC expansion
 - Maintenance for performance space would be similar to other spaces currently used, working with AB Skibo, AB Underground
- What arrangements will be made for late-night dining while this space is being renovated?
 - Will be taken offline for upwards of 6 months
 - Arrangements will be made to consider these effects
- Will there be space to move tables while stage is in use?
 - May use other CUC space, details will be addressed with colleagues in CUC
- Will menu options be extended?
 - Seeking feedback from surveys and forms for desired items or national brands
- Morewood Dining (Underground)
 - Construction may start in Summer of 2016
 - Celebrate Carnival Traditions through new designs
 - Prior design- potential Asian concept
 - Current plan- complete renovation, combination of two concepts
 - Does wall separating entrance need to be present?
 - No, will be taken out
 - Looking for a more open space, giving transparency to food preparation as well
 - Is the current stage part of the renovation plan?
 - If students believe two should be present, stage will stay
 - However, plan is to convert this space into more of a pure dining space due to Skibo renovation
 - Diner Concept
 - “Booth” Seating
 - Traditional American Cuisine, as well as some Asian concept
 - Patio Space
 - Opens up space, will allow more natural light in
 - Looking into winter arrangements and snow removal
 - What might this mean for timeline and closures?
 - Timeline unsure, but no major closures of entrances to Morewood residences would be foreseen
 - How much would these changes be altered as Tepper Quad construction planning continues?
 - Absolutely related, but dining will also work in Tepper Quad project
 - Will not repeat aspects being reflected in Tepper Quad
- Questions from Dining to Students
 - What kind of local spaces would you like to see influencing campus dining?
 - How do you feel about the changes to Skibo and the Underground?
 - Concerns can also be brought up with Dining SAC

- Concerns with Seating space, will there be enough space to get coffee at these cafés, and enjoy it there with a group?
 - Will be examining square footage, seeing how furniture will interact with space
 - Look into large or oval tables for larger group seating

- Link to community survey:

5:38- Committee Updates

- Academic Affairs
 - Professor Talks
 - Untapped area of campus outreach
 - For the first minute or two of lecture, professors could (when relevant to subjects in class) could announce these events
 - e.g. Lectures, special presentations and talks
 - Student Spotlights
 - Displaying cool student academic achievements for the campus
 - Nominations are currently being considered, contact Academic Affairs if you know of a good candidate for presentation
 - Looking to spotlight CMU-specific academic achievements, not necessarily outside research achievements
 - Keeping to Undergraduate Population for now
 - Is classwork a valid thing to nominate for?
 - Sure, projects, papers, etc. will be considered
 - Academic Relationships Code
 - Policy on interactions between students and professors
 - Standardizing ways students and professors interact will make it easier for professors to make reasonable expectations with students, and give students a way of knowing good ways to approach professors with issues
 - e.g. How do you ask for re-grades, test expectations, grading, etc.
- Campus Life
 - Light up Night: Nov. 21st @ 6:00pm
- Internal Development
 - School of Drama
 - SNS
 - Tisbert
 - What is Tisbert?
 - Bowling
 - Saturday, Nov. 22nd
 - Facebook post to gauge interest

5:51- Finance Allocations

- Project Rwanda
 - Finance Recommends \$4,500
 - Reached by considering precedent of CMU Haiti allocation and JFC Metrics

- What events would be brought to CMU community?
 - Connection between Pittsburgh and ARC campuses
 - Late Night to educate about Rwandan History, CMU's program there, and degree programs available
 - Inviting students there to visit the Pittsburgh campus
- Passed 23-0-2
- Bhangra in the 'Burgh
 - Hosts one of the largest Bhangra competitions in the area
 - Non-profit events, proceeds go to charity
 - Show took place on November 1st
 - Finance recommends \$312.44 to cover unexpected material replacement cost due to storage space miscommunication
 - Change to Funding Form: Must be passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority
 - Discussion
 - Well-run event, feel that this event should be funded
 - Attendance was about on-par with last year's Greek Sing
 - Not quite sold out, but well-attended
 - Passed 23-0-2
- Lambda Phi Epsilon
 - Funding costs for Asian Pacific American pageant
 - 8 Contestants from 7 different organizations across campus
 - Aimed to promote Asian culture on campus
 - Finance recommends \$120 to cover part of payment to AB Tech
 - Finance was somewhat concerned with estimates for AB Tech costs
 - Was expedited request, appealed on basis of contestants being required to be Asian or Pacific American, though audience is inclusive of all groups
 - Group is attempting to expand the background for contestants, may be closed off based on responses to name of event
 - What sort of marketing was done to raise awareness?
 - Showcase of Asian culture
 - Posters went up around campus, and Facebook event page was maintained
 - Other recent allocations to this event
 - Space costs, AB Tech service, and other equipment
 - Can talent presentations be anything, or are they exclusively based on Asian culture?
 - Open to anything, but emphasis is put on cultural talents
 - How were contestants selected?
 - Open invitation to Greek organizations and organizations across campus to enter contestants
 - Discussion points
 - Best of intentions, tried to get diverse audience

- Fun event, but difference between events like Bhangra or other such events is the outreach to other cultural groups (e.g. Soul Styles)
- Less concern with cultural issues, more concern with previous allocations requesting similar things
- Such things could be put in budget, but may be because this event is not eligible for JFC Funding
- Concern with screening of contestants, even though it is open to whole community, but contestants are sought after for Asian and Pacific American cultural impact
- Is this consistent with language just passed in Fiscal Policy changes?
- Emphasis should be put on audience members than just exclusivity of contestants, organization is making a push for more diversity in contestants
- Consistent with policy changes, only concern would be some lack of PR for event

- Passed 18-2-3

6:24 Presentation of Fiscal Policy Changes

- Recap of Previous round of changes
- First round is passed 21-0
- Second round of changes:
 - Redefinition of denied recommendations
 - Changes of circumstances regarding voting requirements
 - Language for Denied recommendation
 - Current system: Anything that does not receive a majority vote in Finance, no appeals process, shows up as an allocation of 0 dollars
 - Changes give appeal power to Executive Committee
- Discussion
 - Would like to see a way for an individual member of Senate to appeal denied requests
 - May not be seen as a necessity since communication to Executive Committee can achieve such an appeal
 - Feel comfortable with filter of both Finance committee and ExComm regarding denied requests potential
- Passed 18-1

6:37- Student Government Bylaw Changes- Andrew Schwartz

- Changes to Elections Board Bylaws
 - Approved 19-1
- Changes to JFC Bylaws
 - Gives more flexibility to size of Joint Funding Committee
 - Approved 19-0
- Changes to University Center Allocations Board Bylaws
 - Approved 17-2

- Changes to the Student Government Fiscal Policy
 - Approved 19-0
- Second Changes to the Student Government Fiscal Policy
 - Fixing Language Surrounding Student Government Operating Reserve
 - Approved 19-0

6:51- Points of Discussion

- Feedback on use of CUC Expansion space funded by Student Senate
 - Responses to survey, top response was Collaborative space
 - What might ideas be regarding what such a collaborative workspace would look like?
 - Not just tables, chairs, and whiteboards
 - Focus on projects, and not just problem set type of work
 - Could be used for arts projects, etc.
 - Potential collection of niche study spaces
 - Have we considered if our Undergraduate space would be exclusive to Undergraduates?
 - Graduate space will be designed for graduate students, but we need not attach such language to our plans
 - How would dining and other survey responses be included?
 - Dining would be tricky since the 3rd floor is not conducive to such use
 - Could we tackle more than one problem in the space (for example collaborative study and fine arts space)?
 - Yes, and we will speak on this behalf to architect
 - Collaborative study could include quiet study rooms for reservation, multi-purpose rooms, or something similar
 - Any interest regarding more space for Student Organizations?
 - Will students be asked for feedback on collaborative space ideas?
 - Tabling will seek this end, unofficial deadline for space proposal of end of semester
 - Still room for further refinements

7:02- Announcements

- Nominate for First Lectures
- Carnival Committee is looking for event ideas for Carnival programs and events
- Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Prevention Roundtable Discussions next week, please give feedback
 - Both tabling and discussion will be next week, event details on Facebook page
- Strategic Planning Town Hall next week, get tabling hours
- Bowling next Saturday with ID, it's free
- Last Senate Meeting of year will have ExComm elections for next semester
- Unofficial Senate Benchmarking committee will work over winter break to research other University Legislative Student Governments

7:07- Second Roll Call and Adjournment