

Senate Minutes 1.20.2011

5:12 – Agenda Approved

5:12 – Motion for Alex Blair to be under new business from the floor.

5:13 – Committee Reports

**Ben Guterman – Academic Affairs Chair**

**Jon Mark – Business Affairs Chair**

**Adriel Dreller – Communications**

**Zach Stockwell – Chair of Campus Life**

**Kendra Albert – Finance**

- new policy for spring break trips, will discuss during allocations.

**Will Weiner – Internal Development Chair**

5:22 – Jake's Robert's Rules refresher.

5:25 – Aaron Gross COSO Update

- 40 new recognition apps processed since August 2010
- Re-recognition process overview
- Projects:
  - o CoSO vacancy, talk to Aaron if interested
  - o Media Screens
    - Pilot scaled down with diminishing university help, but might go faster because it's just students
  - o Student Org brag book
  - o Space Analysis initiative

5:40 – Special Allocations of \$520.00 to ASLC

- Recently broke off from ASA, no JFC funding yet
- Go to conference in Boston or New Haven
- Held conference in November 2010
- Rapid growth in CMU conference
- Send exec board members to conference to gain experience/training

5:45 Questions

- (Will Zhang) How many underclassmen who can continue the organization?
  - o All of them
- (Varun) Original number?
- (Will Z) Why are flights so \$\$?
- (Jesse) How much fundraising have you done/how do you plan to fill that? How will you select who goes?
  - o Initial stages of funding. Working on DoSA, departments, etc. Then fundraising, then students \$\$.
- (Ben) Why haven't you decided which conference to go to?
  - o Waiting on speaker lists and registration deadlines.

5:48 Discussion

- (How many people attend the conference?)
- (Chris) What they bring back to campus will be big for CMU.
- (Alex) Are you aware that the registration is cheaper sooner for these conferences? Reduce the allocation accordingly.
- (Kendra) Will be dealt with.

5:50 move to vote

5:50 passed

5:51 Special Allocation of \$268.41 to Treblemakers

- New a cappella organization on campus needs a keyboard, tried getting one on campus but buying one makes the most amount of sense.
- Casual a cappella group with good core of members. Need keyboard to play to learn from sheet music.
- One-time expense.

5:53 Questions

- (Rishi) Correction to allocation, typo on carrying case price.
- (Anshul) It's a keyboard? Yes.
- (Will Z) Have you done any fundraising?
  - o Small member base, auditioning new members and will look to dues/fundraising/etc in the near future
- (Jesse) How many people are in the group?
  - o 12, auditioning 20-40 members in the next weeks
- (Leon) What happens to the piano if the group dissolves?
  - o Keyboard goes back to stugov.

5:56 Call to Question

- 5:56 Passed

Kendra: Student activities fee money goes to a small group of people for spring break trips. New policy requires consistency, etc. Decision that was reached was that total student activities fee for the number of people going on the trip. = \$184 x number of people on the trip. JFC funding comes also from the student activities fee, so we must prevent "double-dipping"

6:00 Special Allocation of \$590.00 to Habitat for Humanity Spring Break trip – DR

- 10 people going on Habitat trip,  $\$1840 - 1250 = \$590$
- First H4H international trip. Going to Dominican Republic.
- Cost is high because they're working with Global Villages
- Collaborating with Filter Pure
- DR Habitat affiliate has been closed for a while, this is their first group in a long time so that requires high costs to ensure safety/etc

6:02 Questions

- (Varun) Does this mean that if a group has taken its entire student activities fees by the number of members that we'd turn them away?
  - o Not necessarily, but yes for trips. Obligation to use the student activities fee for the greater good rather than smaller trips. – benefit the most people
- (Ben) Knowing that budgets are smaller, why did you choose now to go international?
  - o Planning for a while, made a connection with Filter Pure.
- (Will Z) Why was it not line itemed this year in JFC budget?
  - o Hadn't been OK'd by habitat yet
- Have you looked to other sources, companies, etc for funding?
  - o Starting to look into it.

6:06 Extended Questioning

- (Ashley) What exactly would our funding go to?
  - o Contingency and food are not personal or travel/transport costs, nor are they donation
- (Will Z) How much have you fundraised so far for this trip?
  - o \$400 from a website, looking to get \$1000 from letters; bake sales, pasta event, etc.
- (Alyssa) what will you do if you don't receive funding?
  - o Deficit spend, pay back JFC
  - o Debt gets dealt with by SBVPPF
- (Duri) Is there a liaison who could help them with fundraising from CIT/etc?
  - o Yes.

#### 6:10 Discussion

- (Zach) Excited to see this spring break trip policies. H4H will deal with their expenses accordingly, it's their problem
- (Kendra) JFC Task force made this plan. (the policy)
- (Jesse) The reasoning behind the funding plan makes sense, consistency is great, but not sure if it's the best option because student activities fee makes a large pool and it is not distributed equally as is. But student groups don't necessarily bring much back to campus, but should look into options of the best choice.
- (Varun) We need statistics on how often we run out of special allocation money to make these decisions.
- (Kendra) that's a terrible way to do it, wrong thing to judge. This requires a metric, and we have to make decisions on the entire community.
- (Varun) We need a more lenient metric, not no metric.
- (Kyra) Still get out more than what they put in
- (Ben) Only for this one thing are they taking out all of their student activities money. Perhaps we should have a formal discussion on how we want to handle spring break trips before voting on this allocation
- (Zach) Will the student activities fee reduce?
- (Kendra) We will be sticking to this metric for the foreseeable future. Further cutting it would inhibit trips in the future
- (Will Z) These trips should not come from SAF funding, we as a student body should explore alternative sources
- (Jesse) Senate has done last minute funding, reimbursements, special allocations, etc. What if we didn't fund spring break trips until reimbursements? Fund according to how they did the trip
- (Cher) What are the restrictions on who can go on trips - are the same students going on multiple trips?
  - o Interview process open to all of campus. Trip leaders have gone before.
- (Anshul) How closely would Senate like to stick to JFC's policies?
  - o Because it is out of the same pool of money, we must pay attn to the issue of double-dipping. We are not bound by the same rules but follow a similar policy.

Move to vote – Failed

- (Ben) Motion to Table – passed

6:23 (Kendra) What information would be helpful for you to make a decision?

- Discuss the metric outside of this allocation
- General average spring break trip costs

6:25 New Business From the Floor

- Alex Blair is the new Vice Chair
- Looking for a Parliamentarian – talk to Jake
- Alex Blair: Ex-Officio reports.
  - o Arts Pass Committee?
    - (Anshul) Long term committee makes more sense
    - (Jesse) How about a BA and Campus Life rep?
  - o (Fermin) Shuttle and Escort
  - o (Kyra) How about collaborating with GSA on ex-officio reports?
  - o (Ruth) GSA wants to talk about things themselves first.
  - o (Jake) Maybe we'll get a liaison.

6:41 New Business From The Floor

6:42 Points of Discussion

- Stephen came to every meeting ever
- Campus Safety, what is senate's role?
  - o (Anshul) Cameras/etc?
  - o (Kendra) Hands off?
  - o (Alyssa) People put a stop in the door between the pavilion and the other part of Resnik. Make sure it's closed.
  - o (Stephen) Print flyers: "Don't be an idiot."
  - o (Zach) It's our responsibility to defer to people who can help, i.e. housing and dining
  - o (Will) How about desk attendants?
  - o (Adriel) Should comm do something?
    - Straw Poll: No
  - o (Rutwik) Students double-dip their doors, that probably won't change, desk attendants, etc.

Should senate be doing something? Straw poll – split.

- Can we get a desk attendant at Resnik?
- Leave it to housing and dining.
- A desk attendant wont stop students from stealing things.

6:53 Discussion Closed

6:53 Announcements

- Vacancy Elections
- Make up your Absences. 2 week system.
- Caucuses – get excited
- Chair organized senate bonding – half price or something?
- Steelers game on Sunday

6:56 Role Call

7:00 Ajourn

