Call to Order (6:05pm)

Roll Call (Davis, Derheim absent)

Approval of the Agenda (Peck, Cunha)

Approval of the Minutes (Danielson, Peck)

Public Hearing

a. VP for Enrollment management and Student Affairs Yvette Underdue Murph (not able to make it)

b. Interim Director CMU Layne Anderson: Where we’re at with the project. Renovation and addition project. I appreciate the opportunity to be here on your first meeting and am excited to move forward on this project. Go over where we’ve been, shared priorities, the schedule financing, and next steps. We’re making the commitment with the bond for the next 20 years. Started in January 2012 we hired an architectural group for pre-design, which is a required step to move forward with the process. Planning committee of 18 students and 9 staff, with some tabling and workshops to plan the design. Pre-design is looking at scope and if you can afford it. Daylight is something that was very important to students, we don’t have any windows on the south side. Within the building we have walls that block light from penetrating into the building. Coffee house, welcoming entry (no main entrance currently), a nice study space, a fireplace, and a student involvement space (for orgs). (Showed design, copies of this are in the office in the binder on the table) What do students want and what do they need, and use that during the design process. Finalized project schedule and financing approach. Late May, early June we updated the design to fix our schedule and the board of trustees approved it. Commence design early 2014, start construction Spring 2015, Addition expected completion Spring 2016 and remodeling Spring
2017. May be a little behind schedule as we are waiting for system approval and our doing some steps to be ready to start.

Peck: Temporary Space during construction?

Focus on 2 processes so we can offset the impact on students. We are doing our best to minimize that as much as possible.

Kelly: Any delays or closing anything down?

We aren’t planning to. Not able to answer that 100% right now until we are in the construction process.

Lavelle: How is that being funded?

Next slide.

Peck: Will the stuff look outdated that isn’t being renovated?
It will be a challenge to blend it and we will be working with the team to work on that. We will also have minor update money to supplement some of those costs.

Move onto financing piece, 4.5 million of existing funds, at the end of FY13 we only had 4.1 million so we have until FY15 to come up with the funding. I am confident we will be getting there because we have cut some costs. We are requesting to participate in the 2015 revenue bond sale for an additional 4 million. 3% increase in fee FY15 and 16. 1% increase in enrollment and fee generating credits utilizing a FY14 base of 6,283 FYE and 130,800 fee producing credits. FY19-34 1% increase in fee if current cap is increased. This may change but it is estimates that are feasible.
Peck: Who’s the bond sale open to?

I’m not sure I have the answer to that. I know the system works with a company called Springstead. I will seek some information out and get back to you.

Powell: Is the projection based on the last couple years or estimated? The institution projected it and what our budget is based on. A drop in enrollment could negatively affect that and we don’t have the capacity to go up any more. We will have to look internally to cover it and cut other expenses.

We submitted our final pre-design report submitted to System Office for review. Senate is the final student consultation. Currently scheduling our pre-design presentation early October. System Office approval to move forward with the project. (Historical highlights slide) If we’re granted your support and approval we will release a request for proposal for architectural services, begin design as early as Spring 2014 and continued student involvement throughout the planning process.

Peck: Future have students submit designs?

Be involved in the project more than focus groups and such, Construction Management is an idea there, Finance majors, etc. I think we can do that.

Lavelle: What is the absolute necessity to do this right now?
It was the focus groups it fits with strategic plan 3 by adding community and space for students. It hasn't been renovated in 20 years. Infrastructure issues, data issues, etc.

Schwartzwalter: How long for approval?

Uncertain on their timeframe but we will be asking them that in October. We are only the second group to go in for pre-design. One of the things we are doing is Jeff Gobel and I are meeting with our program office so we have everything ready to start the work when we do have approval.

Danielson: Selling art in CMU?

No.

Pham: Bond sell, if we don’t get it what will we do?

We are confident we will get it. I can come back at a later date and let you know what the process is when we get there. Without a business manager it has been hard.

Peck: Do we have a plan if we exceed the projection to do extra projects?

Yes, like the C-Store and food service areas and a roof project. It is far out in the plan right now to figure out what the cost will be. Meeting rooms we will do some small investments in.

Lavelle: What plans do you have for if things increase?
We base our projection with an inflationary factor.

VI. Advisor Fox’s Report
I worked in Housing and Residential life for 4 years before that and I am excited to work with you. Part of my job as your advisor is to be a resource and I have an office in the OSA. I will bring in announcements and general things for you to know. Flagpole dedication September 20th at 11 am through the veterans resource center. Brian, Richa, and I will start meeting about the senate website. Sherman Alexia will be here next week. Herman Boon will be coming Wednesday homecoming week at 7:30. Dragonfest next Wednesday 10:30-1pm. Student Org summits start next week. It will be different than in the past. October 1st Org registration deadline. Dragon leadership program September 20th. Late night Kise has changed doesn’t exist anymore, subs and sweets is now open till 11pm along with union city. Thank you for After Dark and Sidewalk Café, we really appreciate that.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. Treasurer Neupane:
      Thank you for coming in early, those of you who did. Like our facebook page and join the group. We are working with MAT bus changes and other things on campus.

      Powell: What MAT bus changes?

      Who was supposed to pay for the fee, we’ve been talking about it for a couple years now. We will have more conversations.

      Peck: POC

      Cunha: Budget?

      $18,522 and permanent costs will be covering the bulk, 3500 is the spending capability.
Danielson: Budget was approved last year.

We will be discussing salary later. Talk to me if you need to purchase anything to make sure we can cover it.

b. Vice President McFarren

Working on creating Advisor of Month/Term and promoting good advising around campus. I’m talking with the Academic Advising committee tomorrow about starting a committee about it. If you have any ideas about this let me know by email or after the meeting. We on student senate all take part in the strengths quest and you can find out a lot about yourself and how we work together as a group. If you haven’t taken the test let me know so we can take the test.

Volunteering this year I am going to send out a poll for that, like how many hours or times, etc.

Peck: Where can we get info on our strengths?

Gallup website.

c. President Struxness

After Dark went well, made the office look like a jungle. Dragon Fest is the 11th 10:30-1pm we want 2-3 senators at the table at all times. I have been spending most of the summer setting up a senate reunion. I got about 40 confirms and a whole bunch of maybes. 27th of homecoming at 4pm. We’ve had people from the first year that senate existed. We will be going over norms and expectations later. Campus committees talk to me or Chair Pham. Dragon Success class is a pilot program for freshman and class raps for senate.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Campus Affairs Chair Kelly

My job is to make sure the campus doesn’t burn. I meet with Jeff Gobel, Greg Lemke, and Jan Mahoney. Any concerns with campus
please come see me. Lemke wants us to send a survey about safety on campus, I think senate can send that out. Set up a task force to do that. Any ideas let me know. 2 new sergeants in Public safety and switching from student staff to regular staff. Nemzek house party how to not screw up at house parties, etc. We will be there. I met with Gobel and he wants a task force to look at bike racks. BIKE SHARE!!!! If you are passionate about bike racks you can get ahold of me. Ramp thing in parking lot, they are going to look into it. Campus mall acorn stadium, that is step one to redoing the campus mall. They will be doing a lot of stuff to it. TKE is getting a memorial rock. Need members.

Peck: Bike outside the CMU?
Noted.

Powell: Biased if you’re on public safety?
I don’t see it that way.
Peck: I can take it on.

b. Diversity Chair Cunha

Welcome. Diversity committee didn’t do a lot. I am looking to take a different approach for the definition of diversity and organizing more events on campus. Working with Dr. Pearcey from the ODI as well as other orgs on campus. Please join my committee. Monday September 9th “Take Back the Night” raises awareness of sexual assault and violence 5:30-8pm. September 10th Suicide Awareness day, wear yellow. Organizing a task force to look into student workers on campus are fairly treated.
Kelly: Task force is devoted to student bill of rights, right now there is a very weak outlet for those employees.
The whole approach to diversity I want to take is anything and everything that makes individuals diverse on campus.

c. Leg IA Chair Schwartzwalter

Anything involving stuff the city and administrative stuff falls under me. My biggest focus will be city elections and getting students to vote
and why they are important and keeping the polling place. I need people too. BIKE SHARE!!!! Class raps to get people to know about senate and the elections.
Kelly: Newish or don’t know what it is what is bike share.
d. MSUSA Coordinator Danielson
Secretary so I take minutes and clean the office among other things. Please make sure you check off the office hour sheet when you do yours and clean up after yourself. I clean up the office, but that doesn’t mean anyone needs to be a slob. I am also MSUSA coordinator, we are looking for a diversity specialist. I will send out the application later this week. On the 23rd the MSUSA staff will be coming to campus and on the 24th Senator Bonoff and other members of the Higher Ed Committee will be here and there will be a town hall so I hope that all of you can make it to that.
e. Public Relations Chair Peck
We go out to the students and connect with them. I’m looking for people who are able to talk to people and have good school spirit. Trivia event, tabling, and survey. I serve on the sustainability committee. Working on getting a bike fix station on campus.
Kelly: Talk to each other after the meeting.
f. Student Affairs Chair Pham
Excited to take the position. Tuition and fees situation. I appoint students to committees, tap into my own network and Steve Fox, and also by chair of committee which I will bring information about them in so we can approve them.
(motion to recess, Kelly, Cunha, 6 yay and 3 nay)
IX. Old Business
X. New Business
a. Executive Salary
Powell: What does the VP get paid this year?
Different situation.
Lavelle: Taxed?
Stipend no, weekly wage yes.
(motion to amend Peck, Kelly, amendment passes)
Fox: Because of the situation with Vice President and suspend by-laws to do that.
(motion to suspend the by-laws of the VP weekly salary for academic years, Peck, Kelly, passes)
(call to question, Clay, Cunha, passes unanimously)
b. Reimbursement for Richa
Clay: Check with her?
Yes
(call to question, Cunha, Peck, passes)
c. CMU Redesign
Very forthcoming with us and have been saving up on this for a long time, etc. It has been proven that it brings in students, we are not currently competing at the MnScu level.

Clay: This is something veteran senators have been planning this for years. I can understand wariness of new senators. If it eases any fears very capable senators have worked with them and nothing major has changed, they approved it before.

Danielson: This is a well planned design and they have been saving up for it which is more than what other entities have done on campus, I recommend voting yes.
(move to table till next week, Lavelle, Peck, 9 yay, 2 nay)
Peck: When?
Before October 1st
d. Senate Appointments
(suspend rules Peck, Schwartzwalter, passes)
All of you are on senate. Meetings will go till 9pm from here on out.

**e. Senate Norms and expectations**

- **Kelly:** Be respectful of others.
- **Struxness:** My job to keep track
- **Danielson:** Roberts Rules
- **Mcfarren:** Don’t be offended if President cuts you off.
- **Peck:** Efficient meetings and be prepared on things we should know.
- **Struxness:** Expectation list on the wall in the senate office.
- **Kelly:** Not always going to agree, do not take it personally. Keep your commitments.
- **Cunha:** Don’t be scared to voice your opinions, represent your people.
- **Danielson:** Eating and playing on phone during public hearing.
- **Struxness:** Dress up for meet and confer.
- **Kelly:** Remember we are a senate we represent students, know who you represent.
- **Danielson:** Snaps
- **Powell:** Punctuality is important, Quorum is needed.
- **Struxness:** Time notified ahead of time, like 24 hours.
- **Cunha:** Find proxy to substitute for meetings and minutes.
- **Neupane:** Read constitution.
- **Peck:** Chairs are consistent and stagnant. Pick up slack for chairs if they need help
- **Danielson:** Good communication

*(motion to limit discussion to 15 after, Peck, Cunha, passes 1 nay)*

- **Fox:** Use me for help and keep me informed what’s going on. Don’t be offended or afraid if I ask you what’s going on.
- **Struxness:** Keep each other accountable.
- **Redman:** Speaking to Advocate, or others, don’t speak for senate and get approval in writing first.
McFarren: Meetings going long, be respectful and don’t sigh and make faces, it’s rude.
Kelly: Meetings can go long.
Peck: Do not forget we are students first, keep on task with your studies.
Neupane: Go to senate events
Struxness: Check facebook group and answer things.

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Clay: Facebook page and group, don’t post bad things.

XII. Announcements
Peck: Sunday September 15th 8pm Miss America pageant
Kelly: Kappa Sigma
Danielson: Volunteer Opportunity 21st with Affinity plus

XIII. Adjournment (9:38)

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” C.S. Lewis