

Minutes of the 14 August 2003 Senate Meeting

Meeting began 12:05 PM with 11 senators present. The reading of the previous minutes was waived. With no secretary present, Bryan J. Field was unanimously appointed secretary pro-tem for the rest of the meeting.

Tanya Smith noted that the 7 March 2003 RCC meeting defined the procedure for the removal of officers. Shawn Potorff moved and Abijit Sengupta seconded to adopt the first two items from the report (i.e. the order of the meeting should follow that listed in the constitution, and that the accused and his/her council must leave the room for private discussion after the question and answer session). Discussion ended by a vote of 6/0/5. The main motion passed with a vote of 7/0/4.

Chris Noto began his report on the findings of the Board of Appeals. This report is part of the public record. Guofeng Hou began his ten-minute rebuttal at 12:28 PM and finished at 12:41 PM (running 3 minutes over the allotted time after being warned twice).

Questioning by the senators began and Guofeng offered prepared responses to all questions put to him. Below is a brief summary of the questions posed, and the response offered.

Tanya: Why was Christine's interest in becoming a member of the Board of Appeals ignored?

GH: After expressing interest in the last senate meeting and at the RCC meeting that I was present, Christine never sent an email to me personally according to my request by the deadline I imposed.

Abijit: Why did you send me an email in the middle of the night and expect me to respond for an interview the next day?

GH: [offered no specific response, but wanted to schedule an interview right then and there during the meeting]

Angeliki: Why was Salih never considered for Treasurer?

GH: He did not send an email according to my personal request, and I did not believe his interest was genuine.

Alex: Why only Asian candidates?

GH: [claimed to contact several candidates, but none were interested in the position]

Angeliki: Why did only certain departments receive and open call for the Treasurer position? Why was the senate list never used for an open call?

GH: Since Yiping resigned over the senate list, and the senators knew, I did not send an open call to the rest of the campus. No specific departments were contacted with an open call for Treasurer.

At 12:55 PM quorum was lost and the meeting was adjourned.