

Dismissed CCSG member reinstated following vote

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Not even a week after being fired by the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Coordinator Matthew Plocki and Vice Coordinator J. Benjamin Faulds, Greg Lattanzi got his job back at the council meeting last weekend.

Lattanzi was fired from his position as the Central Region Regional director last Monday due to complaints from members of his region and problems with some members of central staff, Faulds said.

"Friction to an extent is good. It keeps people on their toes and helps people to work together," Faulds said. "But it was to the point where it brought resentment. I'm going to fire anyone who does that."

Representatives of the campuses in the Central Region — Penn State Harrisburg, the Altoona Campus, the Mont Alto Campus and the York Campus — were given permission to vote on whether to retain Lattanzi as regional director, Plocki said.

"We voted by secret ballot, and there was a discrepancy in the vote based on how we voted and how the count was done," said Thane Fake, York Campus Student Government Association president.

The vote totals Faulds read did not coincide with how the members said they voted. Although Faulds said four voted against reinstating Lattanzi and three voted in favor of reinstating him, voting members said that four members voted to bring Lattanzi back. Because of the disagreement, another vote, by secret ballot, was taken, and Lattanzi was reinstated.

The issue was brought to all of council by a representative of the York Campus, Del Rae Pelath, and discussed. Lattanzi, Plocki and Faulds were all permitted to discuss their positions and answer questions.

"We left the decision up to that region, and they feel it's best," Plocki said. "Although, I want to point out the votes changed over the night and Harrisburg only got one vote. So I don't feel it was a fair representation."

Lattanzi said he never received reasons for his firing and deserved to know that information and the complaints about his job performance. Plocki said the complaints and from whom they came were to be kept confidential.

"To say there were concerns is not to give reasons. This constitution says they must give reasons," Lattanzi said. "(Plocki) says he's not going to reveal it, and I say he's not doing his job as coordinator."

CCSG passes three amendments, refuses to discuss fourth

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The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments accepted three amendments to their constitution this past weekend, but members refused to discuss one they voted on at the last council meeting.

Before the last meeting, the Constitutional Review Committee had proposed eliminating the position of representative to the University Board of Trustees from the constitution. According to the amendment, the duties of that position would be added to those of the coordinator. The council voted against the proposal at the last meeting, but it was proposed again by the CRC.

When the council meeting started, Del Rae

Pelath, a representative from the York Campus, immediately requested the amendment be stricken from the agenda. Pelath said enough time had not transpired and additional information was not given to council.

"We would be revisiting an amendment that council already voted," she said.

Jeff Fuller, a member of the CRC, said if someone wants an amendment looked into, the CRC does so.

"The CRC didn't decide just to bring up the amendment again," he said. "It was brought to us by someone on council, and that's all it takes. It should not be removed because a few people don't want to hear about it."

CCSG Coordinator Matthew Plocki agreed, saying council cheated themselves by not hearing the CRC out.

"A few council members entered the meeting knowing they would stop the amendment right away," he said. "Nothing good can come out of actions like that."

The council did vote on the other three amendment proposals, all of which passed.

The first was to change the name of Capital College in the CCSG constitution to Penn State Harrisburg. The second was to eliminate reading the vote totals of secret ballot elections without a two-thirds majority agreement to do so. The final amendment was to adopt the Multicultural Committee as a standing committee.

The council also discussed setting aside time in the future to go over the constitution to avoid any further discrepancies between different versions that may not have been updated.

Lattanzi said CCSG must keep open files and nothing should be kept secret.

Lattanzi continued to defend his job performance as a regional director, citing examples of his efforts to communicate.

Some council members said they thought it was unnecessary to bring a regional issue in front of all of council.

"I did not feel that it should be

brought in front of council, mainly because I have not worked with Greg," said Sandra Dorsey, the DuBois Campus SGA president. "I believe it should have been an issue taken up with the coordinator, vice coordinator and Greg."

Altoona Campus SGA President Mike Levin said he supported central staff's decision but thought Lattanzi was a good regional direc-

"I never had a problem to begin with," he said. "I support central staff in general 100 percent. I don't think (Lattanzi) was professional in the way he handled it."

Lattanzi agreed the situation could have been handled more professionally.

"What was political in nature became personal, and that never should have happened," Lattanzi said. "For that I was as much at

fault as anyone. We're going to try to work together."

Lattanzi said he and Faulds have spoken and are trying to reinstate their friendship.

"I still have feelings in me that made me vote for you in the first place," Lattanzi told Faulds and Plocki.

"It's a new day. If you're still willing to work with me, I'm willing to extend my hand to you."

Local bands jam to help the homeless

Charities will receive money raised at Cafe 210 West tonight, tomorrow

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The warmth of a State College bar vs. a cold outside blanketed by the first flakes of winter.

When patrons of Cafe 210 West, 210 W. College Ave., choose the warm location over the latter tonight and tomorrow, they will be helping those people who can only choose the cold.

Cafe 210 West is hosting two benefit concerts in coordination with Collegians Helping Aid Rescue Missions (CHARM) and a slew of State College's favorite bands to raise money during Homelessness Awareness Week.

Starting at 6:30 both nights, the cover charge is \$2 before 9 p.m. and \$3 after, with half of the proceeds going to the Tri-county and Clearfield Habitats for Humanity and the other half to the State College and Bellefonte food banks.

"We want to see as many people turn out as possible," said Paige Shee (senior-environmental resource management), co-executive director of CHARM.

Shee said the biggest challenge of Homelessness Awareness Week is helping people overcome their stereotypes about homeless people.

"Just like everyone else, they have their own history and their own stories," she said, pointing out that homelessness has a wide range of causes from mental retardation to a parent suddenly leaving the family.

CHARM, which involves Habitat for Humanity, Kidcare and community outreach programs, coordinated events around town and campus all this week as part of the national Homelessness Awareness Week. Eco-Action, Amnesty International and Circle-K are co-sponsors of these events.

"To be able to help while you're doing something you love is great. It's a real no-brainer."

— Dana Hawk
Man Alive drummer

"Not only is it going to be a benefit, but all the local bands will get a chance to check each other out," said John Myers, manager of the Dirges.

The Dirges play tomorrow night along with Red Eye Butter, Badwrench, Stickmen, Funkenstein, Sideshow Bob and Lovefry.

And although local bands have busy schedules, they are willing to perform for a good cause.

"To be able to help while you're doing something you love is great. It's a real no-brainer," said Dana Hawk, Man Alive's drummer.

Man Alive plays tonight with Ten Penny, Dogtown Road, Wang Dang Doodle, The Blue Meanies, A.M. Prophecy and The Pinch.

"There's a wide variety of bands in this town, so you never get bored at one of these shows," Hawk said.

A good turnout is expected by those involved even though the concerts are on weeknights.

Every band playing could probably fill the room, which should make the benefit a success, Myers said.

"It's a gathering of the musical community and it should be a good time," he said.

"No matter what we're involved in, we hope

it's a good time," said Bump guitarist and singer of Sideshow Bob and Funkenstein.

Craig McSparran, (senior-secondary education), director of Habitat for Humanity, said CHARM is committed to educating University students about homelessness and giving them concrete ways to help, such as by attending benefit concerts.

And then at 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Players Sports Bar, 112 W. College Ave., a third benefit concert will take place.

Hippocot, The Click and Steel City will play with a \$3 cover charge. All money will go to the local shelters at the Women's Resource Center, Stormbreak, Stepping Stones, Center House and Strawberry Fields.

Denny Strauser, house sound man at Cafe 210 West, put together the benefit concerts there. He said the main goal is to put food on the table and a roof over the head of the homeless.

"You can't get any more basic than that," he said.

Strauser said that it wasn't difficult to find bands willing to donate their time.

"I think (local musicians) like to get out and play with some of the other bands," he said, adding that a little bit of competition is good for the local music scene.



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A tale of a week well spent
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