

# WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE



Student Government Association Senate  
Westminster Choir College of Rider University  
October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order:

Meeting Called to Order at 8:31 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Buckley, Thomas -Y  
Capner, Robin - ABSENT  
De Los Reyes, Hannah -Y  
Fildes, Elizabeth-y  
Friars, Anna -Y  
Garrick, Daniel -Y  
Giovetsis, Joellyn -Y  
Goff, Derrick -Y  
Halbstein, Daniel -Y  
Koblentz, Lili -Y  
Kohler, Kristian -Y  
Lakeland, Jonathan -Y  
Layton, Catherine -Y  
Matheson, Katherine - Y  
Neil, Victoria - ABSENT  
Sloan, Steven - Y  
Steibach, Jordan - Y  
Stell, Josh - Y  
Zervopoulos, Julianne - Y  
Zubert, Michael - Y

3. Approval of Agenda:

Senator Friars moved to add Graduate Trustee Approval to Old Business.

Seconded

Motion Carried

Senator Friars moved to confirm the agenda.

Seconded.

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of October 6 Meeting Minutes

Senator Stell moved to amend the minutes from October 6.

Seconded.

Motion Carried.

5. Approval of October 13 Meeting Minutes

Senator Sloan moved to amend the minutes from October 13.

Seconded

Motion Carried.

6. Reports:

*Please consult Moodle for any and all written reports.*

7. Nomination of Potential Senator: Danielle Callahan:

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Ms. Callahan spoke for two minutes on her behalf.

There were four minutes reserved by the chair for questioning Ms. Callahan.

Senator Goff moved to approve Ms. Callahan.

Seconded

Motion Approved.

## 8. Guest Speaker: Dean Annis:

Dean Annis spoke to the questions students asked via Moodle.

### 1. Academic Calendars:

Determined by the UAPC and WAPC.

Senator Friars asked what is the most efficient way to voice the students concern over calendars?

Dean Annis has asked for a fall break, but last year the Dean of Students Office and Provost Office supported this, but what has to happen is the students on the Princeton Campus and the Lawrenceville Campus need to be of one mind. Point two, you need to have the Westminster Faculty be passionate about this and speak up to their colleagues on the Lawrenceville Campus. The UAPC but one member of the WAPC sits on that committee, which has about 15-20. Faculty need to talk to faculty,

Dan Garrick asked what can be done to get a Student Representative on UAPC, and President LaBoy said it meets during the Choral Experience.

Derrick Goff asked about "timelines".

Dean Annis commented on perhaps incorporating these developments into "FYI From the Dean" commentary.

Dean Annis spoke to a 5 year master plan involving the new building, parking lot, the plan is evolving – too many voice and music education students, the graduate numbers are fairly good. There are ongoing efforts for bequests, growing the endowment, increasing scholarship resources, resources for Opera, Brahms Requiem, Guest Artists, an addition of more online degrees – perhaps one or two graduate degrees. By that time, the University will have moved well through the Strategic Plan, hopefully 425 students, the new building will be completed, and more support for what we need. There are 4 or 5 new pianos in practice rooms this year. The President's plan is to finish the rest of the practice rooms in Seabrook.

Senator Koblentz asked about the Musicals at Rider not counting for credit in the same way that they count here?

Dean Annis: This is academic governance issue, and unfortunately this is currently a problem. I have established a Special Committee to deal with this very issue this year.

## 9. Old Business:

A. Facilities Review Committee:

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Senator Friars moved to approve the Bill.

Seconded.

Motion Passes.

B. SFB Trustee: Jake Cleghorn

The nominee spoke on his behalf.

Senator Garrick moved to approve the nominee.

Seconded.

Motion Passes.

C. Fields Censure Resolution:

Chair Matheson read the resolution aloud.

Senator Goff made a point of order questioning the neutrality of comments raised by the Chair.

Senator Goff spoke on the Resolution's behalf.

Senator Friars spoke on the Resolution's behalf.

Senator Zervopoulos moved to postpone the debate for one week.

Seconded

Motion Passed

10. For the Good of the Order:

Senator Sloan asked for the reason as to why Styrofoam cups are being used.

Senator Fildes spoke as to the plumbing and shower problems, and somehow the water gets so hot that it scalds them.

Senator Lakeland said this was a problem in Seabrook throughout the entire building, and not just the first floor.

Facility Discussions will be coming in two weeks.

Dean Onofrio will be coming next week. Questions will be due this Friday on Moodle.

Senator Halbstein moved to invite Dr. Phillips to a meeting.

Seconded

Motion Carried

Senator Goff commented since the resolution has come from the floor, anyone can amend and discuss the options for his resolution of censure.

Senator Sloan spoke as the desire of perhaps the need to draft an ecologically responsibility committee.

Senator Garrick moved to have committee nominations next week for the Facilities Committee.

Seconded.

Motion Carried.

Senator Halbstein spoke to the desire for a color printer in the DIPS.

Senator Goff spoke to a serious bee problem in Cottage 8. Senator Goff spoke to Dean Onofrio as to this problem and if the bees are here next week due to the bee problems.

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Senator Goff spoke to concerns as to the Playhouse safety concerns with the alternate seating/stage built out.

Senator Garrick moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at:10:16 PM.