

Student Government Association

Westminster Choir College of Rider University

Senate

26 February 2009

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. Anthony Baron
- b. Alex Benestelli
- c. Ted Bickish
- d. Shani Foster
- e. Anna Friars
- f. Derrick Goff
- g. Kristin Hagan
- h. Dan Halbstein
- i. Jim Hopkins
- j. Shane Magargal -Rachel Gluzband proxy
- k. Samantha Scully
- l. Dena Sweeney - Meredyth Morrison proxy
- m. Julianne Zervopoulos

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Senator Benestelli moved to approve the agenda.
- b. Seconded
- c. The ayes had it; the agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Benestelli moved to amend the minutes of January 29.
- b. Seconded
- c. Minutes were approved as amended by Senator Benestelli.
- d. Minutes for Feb. 5 were approved.
- e. Minutes last week were approved as amended by Senator Benestelli.

V. Reports

- i. President LaBoy gave his Presidential Report. He met with Anne Sears about the Westminster Branding. She's looking to see if there is any funding for a new sign out in the front of the school that is lit and has the correct name. He expressed his concerns to her about posters. He has had extensive conversations with the members of Programming Board and how the bill proposed tonight affect them. They have severe concerns about the bill being presented tonight - should the bill be passed they will not put Spring Fling on.
- ii. Vice President
 1. Vice President Godfrey gave her report. She reminded the senate how important their votes are.
- iii. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
 1. Senator Benestelli reported that there would be a brief meeting of the committee after tonight's meeting. Last week, they discussed the complexity of language that occurs in the new document. He reported that on Tuesday the bi-campus committee was convened by

Dean Campbell and gave some helpful advice.

VI. New Business

i. Spring Fling Bill

1. Vice President Godfrey read the bill to the senate.
2. The floor was opened to Senators Benestelli and Goff to speak about the bill.
3. Discussion about the bill occurred.
4. Vice President Godfrey extended the discussion for 5 minutes.
5. Vice President Godfrey extended discussion for another 5 minutes
6. Vice President Godfrey extended for five minutes.
7. Senator Benestelli moved to extend the discussion with no time restraints.
8. Seconded.
9. Calls for division:
 - a. Anthony Baron - aye
 - b. Alex Benestelli - aye
 - c. Ted Bickish -aye
 - d. Shani Foster - nay
 - e. Anna Friars - nay
 - f. Derrick Goff -aye
 - g. Kristin Hagan - nay
 - h. Dan Halbstein - aye
 - i. Jim Hopkins -aye
 - j. Shane Magargal -Rachel Gluzband proxy- nay

- k. Samantha Scully -nay
- l. Dena Sweeney – Meredyth Morrison proxy- nay
- m. Julianne Zervopoulos -nay
- n. Senator Baron moved to extend the discussion for ten minutes.
- o. Senator Benestelli moved to formally thank David Zas for the excellent job he has done in communication as a member of the SFB.
- p. Seconded.
- q. Senator Baron moved to reject President LaBoy from having any standing in the session.
- r. Senator Benestelli moved to overrule the chair.
- s. Seconded.
- t. The senate was put at ease.
- u. The senate was called back to order.
- v. Call to vote.
- w. The nays had it. The motion was rejected.
- x. Senator Bickish moved to change the amount to \$18,000.
- y. Seconded.
- z. Senator Benestelli moved to amend the motion to \$12,500.
- aa. The motion was not seconded.
- bb. Senator Goff moved to amend the motion to \$14,000.
- cc. Seconded

- dd. The nays had it. The motion was rejected.
- ee. Senator Baron moved to amend the motion to change the amount to \$7,500.
- ff. Seconded
- gg. The nays had it. The motion was rejected.
- hh. Senator Friars moved to reject the bill.
- ii. Seconded
- jj. Call for division.
 - i. Anthony Baron - n
 - ii. Alex Benestelli - n
 - iii. Ted Bickish -n
 - iv. Shani Foster - a
 - v. Anna Friars - a
 - vi. Derrick Goff -n
 - vii. Kristin Hagan - a
 - viii. Dan Halbstein - n
 - ix. Jim Hopkins -n
 - x. Shane Magargal -Rachel Gluzband proxy- a
 - xi. Samantha Scully - a
 - xii. Dena Sweeney - Meredyth Morrison - a
 - xiii. Julianne Zervopoulos - a
- kk. The nays had it; the bill was rejected.

VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Senator Baron said that given the fact that his attendance has been impossible due to other obligations, due to continued absence, he moved to remove Shane Magargal as Speaker of the Senate.
- b. Seconded.
- c. Call for discussion.
- d. Discussion occurred within the senate.
- e. Senator Goff moved to officially request a letter of negligence from the advisor of the Student Government Association.
- f. Vice President Godfrey extended 5 minutes to the discussion.
- g. More discussion occurred.
- h. Senator Goff moved to close discussion.
- i. Secretary Mendezona read the motion.
- j. Call to vote.
- k. The nays had it; the motion was rejected.
- l. Senator Goff moved to formally request a letter of negligence to Speaker Magargal in writing from the advisor of the Student Government Association.
- m. Seconded.
- n. Discussion occurred.
- o. Vice President Godfrey extended for 5 more minutes.
- p. Vice President Godfrey reminded the body that a letter of warning goes into their permanent record at this school.
- q. Mare Somaine said that earlier in the year, there was some discussion about what steps can occur before a warning letter can be issued. She and Brittany can have a conversation with Shane about his role.

- r. Senator Goff replied that the governing documents, as guidelines do not give conversation but a warning letter as a first step.
- s. Senator Goff moved to amend his motion striking the words “letter of negligence” and replacing them with “warning letter” as defined by article VI.
- t. Seconded
- u. The ayes had it; the motion was amended.
- v. Secretary Mendezona read the motion at hand.
- w. The nays had it.
- x. Senator Friars moved to adjourn the meeting.
- y. Seconded
- z. Call for division.
 - i. Anthony Baron - n
 - ii. Alex Benestelli - n
 - iii. Ted Bickish - n
 - iv. Shani Foster - a
 - v. Anna Friars - a
 - vi. Derrick Goff - n
 - vii. Kristin Hagan - a
 - viii. Dan Halbstein - a
 - ix. Jim Hopkins - n
 - x. Shane Magargal -Rachel Gluzband proxy- n
 - xi. Samantha Scully - n
 - xii. Dena Sweeney - Meredyth Morrison - a
 - xiii. Julianne Zervopoulos - n
- aa. The nays had it; the meeting was not adjourned.
- bb. Senator Friars moved to extend the meeting for 10 minutes.
- cc. Seconded
- dd. The ayes had it; the meeting was extended for 10 minutes.

- ee. Senator Baron: continuing reported that the sophomore class trustee was approved in the assurance that there would be contact with her class and there hasn't been any. At this point, he's curious what we need to do.
- ff. Senator Hopkins said that he lives in the same building as said trustee and he has never been approached about issues.
- gg. Senator Goff said that he can provide testimony if students wish to speak issues with this trustee, she refuses to comment.
- hh. Senator Benestelli moved to invite Ms. Chantelle Vienneau to be in close contact with her constituents this week.
- ii. Seconded
- jj. The ayes had it.
- kk. Senator Zervopoulos reported that some of her constituents have commented that they would like reimbursement on gas money for praxis and student teaching.
- ll. Vice President Godfrey advised her to direct them to SFB.
- mm. Dean Johnson recommended having conversations with Frank Abrahams or Dean Onofrio.
- nn. Senator Zervopoulos asked that the pub be more stocked.
- oo. President LaBoy said he would convey the meeting about reimbursement to Frank Abrahams and Dean Onofrio. He will also contact his food services chair.

- pp. Senator Zervopoulos reported that breakfast has not been provided for run-outs.
- qq. Senator Baron reported on the Campus Signage Bill. He is waiting on responses on Jane Ferrick about bulletin boards in public use. He and Antoni were going to try and bring Anne Sears into the discussion.
- rr. Senator Scully asked why the doctor is only on campus 6 hours a week and the nurse only a few more than that.
- ss. Antoni explained the system that they base their operating hours off of how many students actually come into the clinic from the sign-in sheet.
- tt. Senator Benestelli moved that the senate formally thank Antoni in her services and wish her luck in her recital.
- uu. Seconded.
- vv. The ayes had it.
- ww. Senator Baron motioned to extend the meeting for three more minutes.
- xx. Seconded
- yy. The ayes had it; the meeting was extended for 3 minutes.
- zz. Rachel Gluzband reported on behalf of Speaker Magargal that one of his constituents told him about a concern that we are required to buy too much music for choir.
- aaa. Senator Hopkins reported that one of his constituents approached him about parking and how he occasionally finds the lot full; that they had to park on the grass and then they're ticketed when they come back.
- bbb. Senator Friars replied that there is an appeal process for being ticketed. It's in the back of the ticket.

You can ask in advance because there are no parking spaces, you can park on the grass.

ccc. Senator Scully asked about Dean Annis and if he is coming back to senate.

ddd. Vice President Godfrey said we could ask him to come back.

eee. Senator Benestelli move to extend the duration of the meeting for Senator Baron's comment.

fff. Seconded

ggg. The ayes had it.

hhh. Senator Baron reported that he was billed for \$10 for going to the nurse. He wasn't told about it and would like to have known.

VIII. Adjournment

a. Senator Benestelli moved to adjourn.

b. Seconded.

c. The ayes had it.

d. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.