

Student Government Association Westminster Choir College of
Rider University

Senate

12 March 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:24pm.

Roll Call

Absent:

Anthony Baron

Alex Benestelli

Ted Bickish

Shani Foster

Anna Friars

Derrick Goff

Kristen Hagan

Daniel Halbstein

Jim Hopkins

Shane Magargal

Samantha Scully

Dena Sweeny - proxy Josh Hemmings

Julianne Zervopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Senator Halbstein moved to approve the agenda.

The ayes have it and the motion passed.

Proposal of Senator(s)

Patrice Malone spoke for one minute.

Questions were asked from Senator Benestelli, Senator Baron, Senator Goff and Senator Magargal.

Meredyth Morrison spoke for one minute.

Questions were asked from Senator Benestelli and Senator Goff.

The proposed senators were asked to leave the room.

Discussion occurred.

Senator Benestelli moved to have a recess from 3 minutes.
Second.

Discussion occurred.

Call for division.

Anthony Baron aye

Alex Benestelli aye

Ted Bickish aye

Shani Foster nay

Anna Friars nay

Derrick Goff aye

Kristen Hagan nay

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Daniel Halbstein aye
Jim Hopkins aye
Shane Magargal nay
Samantha Scully aye
Julianne Zervopoulos nay

The motion passed.

A three-minute recess was called.

The body was called back to order 6:58.

Senator Benestelli moved to accept both senators.

Second.

The ayes have it.

The senators were brought back into the room and congratulated on their new role in student government.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Friars moved to postpone the approval of the minutes until Secretary Mendezona is present.

Second.

The motion carried.

Reports

President

President LaBoy addressed the General Assembly this past Sunday. President LaBoy expressed that he simply told the General Assembly to be more in touch with their senators and to be informed of what is going on so that they can express their opinions.

The new sign out front is still in the works. The sign will have the words Westminster Choir College on it.

Vice President

Some General Assembly members expressed that they do not know who their senators are. They would like more specific e-mails.

Some people have expressed an interest in the round table meetings and a lack of those being announced to the entire student body.

Dean Annis will be coming to senate soon.

Speaker

Constituency tends to not e-mail back if they are in agreement; so ask them for more information and responses.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Senator Benestelli spoke on behalf of the Ad-Hoc committee. There is a meeting of the Ad-Hoc committee right after senate tonight.

President LaBoy also mentioned that the bi-campus committee met this past week.

Senator Goff expressed that the committee will most likely be writing a provisional document for the time being.

New Business

i. Elections Committee Chair Confirmation

The Executive Board for approval of the Senate has proposed Antoni Mendezona for the Elections Committee chair.

Senator Friars moved to accept Antoni Mendezona as our Elections Committee Chair.

Second.

The motion carried.

For the Good of the Order

Senator Baron spoke about finding an accompanist asleep on a couch in the library.

Senator Goff spoke about finding a middle-age man asleep on the floor of Ithaca.

Senator Baron spoke about the conservatory parents being in the Ithaca lounge. Public Safety was called. A student was advised to call the Princeton police if this happens again.

Senator Friars moved to extend the meeting for 5 minutes.

Second.

The motion carried.

Dean Johnson expressed that Public Safety needs to be the first party called in a situation such as the one Senator Baron described.

Senator Halbstein spoke on the performance collection giving choral music. He was told this would not be feasible.

Senator Friars spoke on the progress of the Smoking Reform Bill.

Senator Benestelli moved to adjourn.

Second.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.