

Student Government Association

Westminster Choir College of Rider University

Senate

24 November 2008

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. Anthony Baron
- b. Alex Benestelli
- c. Mike Fili
- d. Anna Friars
- e. Daniel Garrick
- f. Rachel Gluzband
- g. Kristin Hagan
- h. Dan Halbstein
- i. Jim Hopkins
- j. Shane Magargal
- k. Samantha Scully
- l. Lauren Snyder
- m. Julianne Zervopoulos

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Sen. Magargal moved to approve the agenda
- b. Seconded.
- c. All in favor.
- d. Any opposed.
- e. The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved without amendments.

V. Reports

i. Vice-President

1. Since Dena Sweeney is a part-time student, she has resigned for the next two weeks and will be a full-time student next semester. She will ask to be reviewed next semester by the senate for her joining Senate again next semester.
2. Sen. Baron would like to go through the minutes and see if Sen. Sweeney's vote affected any votes made.
3. Sen. Friars asked about how this affects the ad hoc committee.
4. Vice-President Godfrey will take a look into it.
5. Point of order: Sen. Baron asked if we have quorum.
6. Vice-President Godfrey: Yes we do.
7. Vice-President Godfrey still needs schedules from the senators.
8. Vice-President explained that the reason why senate was cancelled next week was because none of the Executive board members or the speaker was available to come to the meeting.

ii. President

1. President LaBoy read Article 3, section E.2 of the constitution. It said that the chair of an ad hoc committee must be in senate but the

members do not need to be members of senate.

2. President LaBoy had a meeting with Dean Onofrio. They talked the most about fall break and are trying to implement that for next year. They are trying to align it with the strategic plan of the university. They also met with Dean Annis. He spoke with Dean Onofrio about taking your finals in proxy - he said if there is a legitimate concern due to a performance conflict you should try to talk to the professor and then Dean Onofrio and it is possible to get a final exam proxied.
3. As for his meeting with Dean Annis, they talked about the new parking lot. Shane has been attending the meetings. They talked about getting a new sign out front. It's wooden with an incorrect logo on it. As soon as they release the seal book, they will start looking into it so people can see it at night. He will be working with Anne Sears.
4. He reported that through his meetings with the WAPC, the rider chapel choir is now the rider university chorale. He raised the issue of them not wearing the robes. This is based on what level the choir will be.
5. Pres. Rozanski invited President LaBoy to be in a Campaign Needs Assessment Task Force. The last time, they raised 50 million. He's in charge of making a list of large budgets wish list.
6. Things he will be pitching: different endowments (orchestra for our productions,

recreational space, endowment for maintenance of building, scholarship opportunities, etc.)

7. Feel free to email him if there is anything they'd like to see on the wish list
8. The SITF is up and running. The constitution review will have to carry on next semester. Next semester, we are reviewing all the RSO constitutions to make sure they have bylaws and there is cohesiveness.
9. President LaBoy reported that there is another proposed RSO - student composers incorporated. They proposed to be a part of SGA. They already have a charter for their club. We have reviewed their constitution and bylaws and they have to be approved by you as well.
10. General Assembly is going to be on Tuesday December 9th at 8-9 pm- if you cannot come, it is ok. It's during finals week. Ryan will double-check with the schedule and Dr. Miller and Dr. Jordan. Please email Antoni ahead of time if you cannot make it.
11. Food services: Natalie Barney is the food services chair on his cabinet. This is another outlet for your constituents to be able to contact.
12. Christmas caroling this year. We are not sure of what the date is yet.
13. We are participating in the celebration of lights in Lawrenceville on Thursday the 11th. He will email this to Brittany who will email this to you.

iii. Speaker of the Senate

1. Speaker Magargal mentioned that he has been sitting on meetings with administration and civil engineers, looking over the project for the new parking lot. They have one more meeting in December and after that they'll have a better idea on what the status is. The only problem that could come up would be town concerns and not from the university.

VI. Unfinished Business

i. SGA Website

1. Secretary Antoni reported that the new website is up with all documents and minutes up until this semester. She will now be reviewing the website for necessary corrections. She asked the senate body to email her any issues that they have with the website.
2. Sen. Baron suggested that all minutes still be posted on the website - even if they are not approved, as a reference for students.

VII. New Business

i. Courtney Flango from Aramark.

1. The floor was turned over to Courtney.
 - a. She came to answer some questions about policies for the food services and general questions that they'd like to ask her.
 - b. Policy about taking food out of the dining commons - technically, no one is

supposed to take food outside of the dining commons. There are reasons and exceptions to the rule. They don't want students feeding other students. If they are sick and they cannot get to the dining commons – they will not want you to starve. They should try to contact her – there's no reason why she would let someone that sick not have food and it will be taken care of.

- c. Sunday brunch begins at 11:30 and goes till 1:30. At 1:30 hot food is taken away and cold stuff, deli, salad bar, ice cream and waffle station is left out all day. The pasta station and soup station stay out all day long. Dinner on Sunday is from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- d. Monday-Thursday – Continental breakfast at 7:00 am, 7:30 hot breakfast is out till 9:30 am. Continental left out till 11:30 am.
- e. Bagels will be left out all day long after Thanksgiving Break.
- f. Lunch from 11:30-1:30 pm Mon-Thursday
- g. From 1:30-2:40 – the pasta station, soup to deli stays open and gets refreshed throughout the day.
- h. 4:30 -6:45 hot dinner is served Mon-Thursday
- i. Fri: same morning hours. Dinner starts at 4:30 and ends at 6:30 pm.

- j. Sat: brunch from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.
Dinner: 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- k. Can be found: on campus Sunday through Thursday. Sundays from 7:30 till 6:30 pm. Same as Mondays. Tues – 7:30 am till 1:30; Weds and Thurs 7:30 – 4:00.
- l. Miss Flango can be contacted through her email: flango-courtney@aramark.com and a facebook page: Westminster Aramark
- m. The floor was open to the body for questions.
- n. Sen. Friars: brought up some own personal issues and her constituent's issues. Asked that the signs put out for every meal is a little more accurate.
- o. Sen. Baron: commented that on Sundays – some staff take a lot more time on weekends on Sundays because they are watching TV. Asked if students are allowed to eat food if they are covered with Saran wrap.
- p. Miss Flango said that if it's cold food then just swipe it away.
- q. Sen. Baron mentioned the lack of freshness of the salad bar and fruit particularly at breakfast.
- r. Miss Flango replied that every Sunday morning, she starts by cutting a lot of fruit and make enough to put out for the day and for the following morning. This time of the year, fruit goes bad much

- more quickly especially strawberries and watermelon. She will make sure her employees keep a better eye on them.
- s. Sen. Snyder said she saw Steve Hitzel with a take-out container at lunch today. She said it seemed like a double standard that employees could have a take-out container and students cannot. She also would like a higher quality control.
 - t. Miss Flango said that someone suggested using silverware and bowls for the ice cream. Her main concern would be that there is no way students can take ice cream to class.
 - u. Sen. Gluzband said that she sees dishes dirty all the time.
 - v. Miss Flango replied that the dishwasher is a work in progress.
 - w. Sen. Halbstein asked if any progress had been made in regards to the hot chocolate/coffee machine.
 - x. Miss Flango said that the machine couldn't be fixed. They are in the process of buying a new machine and bringing one of the flavia machines from the pub to upstairs.
 - y. Sen. Baron: two questions: will the flavia machine be able to make hot chocolate:
 - z. Flango: Yes.
 - aa. Sen. Baron continued that a lot of people wonder how the dishes are cleaned using the dishwasher. Some

people were wondering if soap is involved.

- bb. Miss Flango replied that the dishwasher has a couple of different compartments to it. There are steam portions to it, the dishes are placed on crates, they are hosed down, placed on the conveyer, and they get steamed, soaped, sanitized and then steamed at the end.
- cc. Point of order: Senator Friars pointed out that we are passed our meeting time. She motioned to extend the meeting till 8 o' clock
- dd. Seconded.
- ee. Sen. Halbstein moved to amend to the current motion to extend the meeting until all points of the agenda are met.
- ff. Seconded.
- gg. All in favor.
- hh. All opposed.
- ii. The nays had it.
- jj. Vote: The motion to extend the meeting until 8 o'clock.
- kk. All in favor
- ll. All opposed
- mm. The meeting was extended till 8 o' clock.
- nn. Sen. Fili asked how were the pots and pans washed when the dishwasher was broken.

- oo. Miss Flango replied that they were able to manage with soap and sanitizers.
- pp. Miss Flango then said to feel free to write on the facebook page with any concerns or suggestions whether they are positive or negative. You can email her, Britney Hines-Hill and Natalie Barney. Greg Hanff's job is to monitor the cards. The policy is that students are not allowed to swipe their own cards. If there is no one there to swipe, please come to Courtney or Joe.
- qq. She is looking into getting credit card machine for the pub. She has to speak to OIT and if they get some lines - then they are going to try and get a machine in the pub in January.
- rr. Sen. Benestelli said that this body here really could speak on behalf of the student body of this campus. If there's something you need from your superiors you can come to us and we can make an official statement.
- ss. Miss Flango asked for any ideas about what you would like changed in the pub. Please give it to Brittany, post it on facebook.
- tt. President Laboy put Natalie in charge of that. They will have a wish list and will be taking surveys in the pub. He suggested the senators to email their constituents and send them to Natalie Barney.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Sen. Baron mentioned some people have approached him with wondering what could be done to expand the hours of expanding the hours of operation of Talbott Library. In general people would love to have later hours.
- b. Secretary Antoni explained that the library hours are determined by the number of students actually using the library. She also mentioned the difficulty of getting people to actually work those hours. She offered to talk to Rena Blakeslee about how to change the hours if we got enough students to back us up.
- c. Sen. Garrick asked about the Princeton garden tickets that were previously available.
- d. Vice-President Brittany was supposed to look into that.
- e. Sen. Halbstein had a constituent approach him about smoking on campus. He talked about the possibility of turning the campus into a smoke-free campus. He's planning on taking a poll of his constituents giving three options: smoke-free campus, should we draft a resolution of moving the smokers bench or should nothing change.
- f. Sen. Magargal suggested looking into how far from the buildings smoking is allowed and another means of looking into the source - manner of a bill that would be effective.
- g. Senator Benestelli motioned to extend the meeting for ten minutes.
- h. The nays had it.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.