

Student Government Association

Westminster Choir College of Rider University

Senate

19 February 2009

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
 - a. Anthony Baron
 - b. Alex Benestelli
 - c. Ted Bickish
 - d. Shani Foster
 - e. Anna Friars – Natalie Barney proxy
 - f. Derrick Goff -
 - g. Kristin Hagan - absent
 - h. Dan Halbstein
 - i. Jim Hopkins
 - j. Shane Magargal - absent
 - k. Samantha Scully
 - l. Dena Sweeney
 - m. Julianne Zervopoulos

- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Senator Benestelli moved to amend the agenda to include under unfinished business the resolution of Aramark's services.
 - b. Point of information: Senator Goff reminded the senate that the resolution was postponed for one week.

- c. Motion was seconded
- d. Call for division.
- e. The ayes had it; the agenda was amended to include the resolution of Aramark's services under Unfinished Business.
- f. Senator Baron moved to remove the Speaker's Report given that he is not here.
- g. Seconded.
- h. The ayes had it; the Speaker's Report was removed from the agenda.
- i. Senator Benestelli moved to approve the agenda.
- j. Seconded.
- k. The ayes had it; the agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Goff moved to postpone last week's minutes and the minutes from January 29th.
- b. Seconded.
- c. The ayes had it; the approval of minutes is postponed till next week.

V. Reports

i. President

1. President LaBoy gave his report. The WAPC met this morning and he presented them with the two resolutions - the Readings and Carols and the Fall Break Resolution. The fall break resolution was endorsed by the WAPC and also the Lawrenceville Senate passed a resolution to the same effect. Both student bodies are now requesting fall break. President LaBoy is now going to relay those endorsements to the school of Fine and

Performing Arts to see if their APC will endorse the resolutions.

ii. Vice President

1. Vice President Godfrey gave her report. She reminded the senate to make sure their constituents know that fall break is in the works. She's received complaints this last week that people haven't heard from their senators in a while. They are the only ones that give you authority to speak. We have lost Senator Fili who has resigned and she had to present at the Board of Trustees meeting last Tuesday. She reported that the meeting went well. They talked about last semester and she informed them about the proposed document. They wanted to make sure we were doing it side by side with administration. I told them about the bi-campus committee. They were concerned about having two completely opposite student governments. They recognize that there will be differences. They wanted to make sure that the new constitution fosters participation in student government in the future. They are aware that they will be presented with it by June.

iii. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. Senator Benestelli reported that the bi-campus committee met this week. They will meet again next week. Following this meeting will be the second roundtable discussions.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Aramark Resolution

- i. Senator Baron moved to reject the resolution.
- ii. Seconded.
- iii. Vice President Godfrey asked if there was any discussion.
- iv. Discussion occurred within the senate.
- v. Senator Baron moved to the previous question.
- vi. The ayes had it; the resolution was rejected.

VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Natalie Barney reported on behalf of Senator Friars that she is following up with the safety issue. She attended Lawrenceville's senate and was pleased to see how hard their student government was working to support us with the fall break. Lawrenceville is working hard to unite this university. More progress has been made on the smoking bill and her and Senator Halbstein will be presenting legislation in the next following weeks.
- b. Senator Halbsten said that he and Senator Friars went to Lawrenceville early this week and witnessed the Senate debating about their fall break resolutions. The resolution was presented to the senate by saying that they need to help Westminster because they are a part of our university and they do need this. He was pleased with what he heard. They talked to Lawrenceville officials about their recent smoking restrictions. Over there, they created a resolution that restricts smoking within 20 feet of the entranceways of any buildings. He scheduled a meeting with Peggy Sheats to meet with Dean Johnson on Monday to discuss the possibility of where to place a designated smoking area.

- c. Senator Baron was pleased to hear of this intercampus communication. He moved to invite the Lawrenceville campus SGA Senate to come to our body for next week's meeting. And invite them to experience what we do here and perhaps hopefully the gesture would be reciprocated.
- d. Seconded.
- e. The ayes had it.
- f. Senator Benestelli moved to adjourn the meeting.
- g. Seconded.
- h. The ayes had it.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.