Westminster Choir College of Rider University

Student Finance Board

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2004
8:05 p.m. – Meeting Called to Order

- Joshua A. Kennon, Chairman, Aaron Green, Vice Chairman, Rebecca Beierschmitt, Graduate Trustee, Kristin Hingstman, Senior Class Trustee, Lindsay Jackson, Junior Class Trustee, and Jimmy Byrne, Sophomore Class Trustee, and George Colli, Freshman Class Trustee present.

8:06 – SNATS request for funds

- SNATS would like to have $650 to hire masseuses during the NATS conference to have available for performers with Westminster students receiving priority. They would also like $80 in snacks and food for their next meeting.
  1. The masseuses are a one-time expense that will result in, at best, a handful of students benefiting for a very short period of time. Denied in full 7-0.
  2. The SFB was not going to allow food at any meetings for organizations from January 1st onward. It made an exception to allow an “easing” into the new system and approved food for SNAT’s previous meeting. Additionally, the organization is classified as educational in nature and, according to the Statements of Policy and Opinion, can only spend thirty percent (30%) of its allocations on non-educational events or items. Denied in full 7-0.

8:10 – Bill for Jane Bear, Accountant

- The annual accounting fees are equal to $1,430. The SFB approved payment in full 7-0.

8:11 – Senior Class fundraised assets

- Laura Hubbard and the Chairman looked through the filing cabinet one morning to try and piece together a rough estimate of the fundraised assets that belong to the senior class. Originally, they had come up with approximately $1,200. Jane Bear, on the other hand, had records indicating that $1,532.31 had been paid in by the Class of 2004 over the past four years. The decision was made to take the figure and, due to the sensitivity of the issue, not attempt to calculate the cost of those fundraised assets. Most of the money was raised when the old, ineffective system was in place (as evidenced by the fact neither the SGA nor the class itself had an idea of how much money was paid in) and as such, will be grandfathered.

8:12 – Inventory Management System increase
• The security bracelets may cost as much as $1,800. At the beginning of the semester, we only assigned $2,000 to the IMS budget. It is necessary to raise the IMS budget by $1,000 due to this rather large, unforeseen expense.
• Total amount requested: $1,000.
• Approved in full 7-0.

8:13 – Cable reimbursement
• Carol Konrach from the Lawrenceville campus OIT office has agreed to reimburse SGA for the cable bills it has paid since March 2003 for the Lounges. The expected check is approximately $2,100. We are requested to continue paying the bills until she or her office can cancel service.

8:14 – Television Plan B – The Best Buy Biz Problem
• Best Buy Biz has not sent the four Sony Grand WEGA televisions or the two Nintendo Gamecubes for the Lounge Improvement Program. The Executive Board sent a rather caustic letter to the company including the head of Best Buy Biz and the CEO via fax and email after being told we had a 50/50 chance of receiving our merchandise. In order to be prepared for an unfavorable outcome, however, the Chairman contacted Nebraska Furniture Mart, which has agreed to match Best Buy Biz’s price of $2,800 per television (as compared to $3,299 retail value).

8:15 – Meeting adjourned

The Chairman motioned, the Vice Chairman seconded