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Westminster Commencement Resolution.

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE ON THE PRINCETON CAMPUS OF RIDER UNIVERSITY

MARCH 11, 2008

SEN. BENESTELLI submitted the following resolution; which is being
considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Westminster Commencement Act.

1 Whereas Westminster Choir College has a long and established history
2 of academic excellence in the field of music. Since 1933
3 Westminster Choir College's Commencement Ceremony has been
4 a visual cornerstone of the college. The college's commencement
5 exercises continue to be not only a transitory recognition of
6 accomplishment, but also a legacy awarded both in presence and
7 by diploma;

8 Whereas the first honorary doctorate was awarded to Leopold Stokowski
9 in 1963 by the Board of Trustees of Westminster Choir College.
10 Since then, Westminster Choir College has awarded honorary
11 degrees to such notable leaders as Leonard Bernstein, William
12 Steinberg, Bob Hope, Wilhelm Ehmann, Sir David Willcocks,
13 John Rutter, Zubin Mehta, Riccardo Muti, Robert Shaw, Kurt

1 Masur, Wolfgang Sawallisch, Zdenek Macal, Fred Rogers, and
2 Jennifer Larmore.

3 Whereas when an honorary degree is conferred upon an individual, they
4 are presented with an academic hood. In 2006 the colors on this
5 hood were changed from purple and gold, the colors of
6 Westminster Choir College, to cranberry and white, the colors of
7 Rider University.

8 Whereas the following statements represent the current
9 opinions/requests of the student body of Westminster Choir
10 College: Now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved*, that the colors on all academic regalia shall now and always
12 remain purple and gold in accordance with Dean Annis'
13 confirmation that these are the official colors of Westminster
14 Choir College. In the case of honorary degrees, all future
15 academic hoods are to be returned to the colors of Westminster
16 Choir College in recognition of the rich history of this tradition.

17 *Resolved further*, that the Bachelor of Music degree academic hoods shall
18 continue to be pink while Bachelor of Arts in Music academic
19 hoods shall be returned to white.

20 *Resolved further*, that the name and seal of Westminster Choir College shall
21 now and always appear prominently on all diplomas that Rider
22 University confers on students from the Princeton Campus.

23 *Resolved further*, that the commencement exercises of Westminster Choir
24 College shall now and always take place in the Princeton
25 University Chapel.

26 *Resolved further*, that the Senate requests formal confirmation of the above
27 paragraphs from the Office of the Dean of Westminster Choir
28 College and/or the Office of the President of Rider University.

29 *Resolved further*, that the Senate requests the Executive Board of the

1 Student Government to proactively uphold this resolution in
2 regular meetings with the administration. The Executive Board
3 shall consult with the administration on matters of formatting and
4 brand imaging of the Westminster Choir College name in the
5 larger context of the commencement exercises. This includes, but
6 is not limited to undergraduate and graduate diplomas, and
7 academic regalia. This Executive Board shall not comment on
8 matters related to the commencement program or any musical
9 selections.