



WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE

Student Government Association Senate
Westminster Choir College of Rider University
January 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes
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I. Call to Order – Meeting called

Buckley, Thomas	Present
Fildes, Elizabeth	Present
Friars, Anna	Present
Garrick, Daniel	Present
Giovetsis, Joellyn	Present
Goff, Derrick	Present
Halbstein, Daniel	Present
Koblentz, Lilli	ABSENT
Kohler, Kristian	Present
Lakeland, Jonathan	Present
Layton, Catherine	LATE

Sloan, Steven	Present
Steibach, Jordan	Present
Stell, Josh	Present
Zervopoulos, Julianne	ABSENT
Zubert, Michael	Present
Callahan, Danielle	ABSENT
Laniseur, Mimi	Present
Sterling, James	Present
Reed, Shannon	Present

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Senator Lakeland moved to strike Section 7 letter D
 - i. Senator Goff seconded
- b. Senator Friars moved to strike Section 7 letter C
 - i. Senator Zubert seconded
- c. Senator Garrick moved to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Friars seconded

IV. Approval of Minutes from 11/17/09

- a. Senator Garrick moved to approve the minutes
 - i. Senator Halbstein Seconded
 - ii. Motion Carries

V. Approval of Minutes from 12/1/2009

- a. Senator Stell moved to approve the minutes
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion carried

VI. Approval of Minutes from 12/8/2009



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- a. Senator Goff moved to approve the minutes from the Immaculate Conception.
 - i. Seconded.
 - ii. Motion Carried.
- VII. Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Vice-President's Report
 - c. *Please consult Secretary for copies of all/ any reports*
- VIII. Guest Speaker: Vice President of Rider University's Lawrenceville Campus SGA – Scott Phillips
 - a. Comes before the Senate to speak of one of his personal goals, and a goal of Lawrenceville – desires a bi-campus constitution – would like one constitution for two campuses. There are benefits for this, stronger foundation, improving the relations between campus. Writing this would improve our relations. Past semester was the best semester for executive board relations as far as the speaker understands. We can build relationships and become a stronger university/student government this way. He does not want to go another year without a constitution written. In two and a half months, there will be a new senate, exec board, it would be great to get it done this semester.
 - b. Senator Garrick inquired as to what benefits it would bring to both campuses:
 - i. Phillips sees from a student standpoint, our student governments can come together on a lot of issues, by writing one constitution together, it can bring our (Lawrenceville) SGA over to Princeton more often. When the administration sees two separate constitutions, they see them as independent entities. Felt that as a history major he sees our SGAs a lot like the United States – there may be two separate states, but there is one constitution.
 - c. Senator Lanseur inquired as to if issues that both campuses have in common – Senator Lanseur feels that many issues come from a “it is good for [Lawrenceville} perspective”.
 - d. Senator Goff encountered the thought of a worry that if our constitution changes that it is possible to lose our governance through the Board of Trustees.
 - i. Guest Vice President declined to answer the question.
 - ii. Senator Garrick asked for the Board of Trustees request in writing, and Chair Mattison agreed to have that delivered to the senate.
 - e. Senator Friars inquired as to the difference of the unified constitutions.
 - f. Senator Sloan inquired if this would be a joint committee or two separate committees.



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- i. Guest Vice President Phillips said it would be a joint committee
- g. Senator Lakeland asked if any progress has been made at Lawrenceville.
 - i. SP: No. We are waiting to act until Princeton students have been selected.
- h. Senator Halbstein asked why do we need one overarching constitution.
 - i. SP: Obviously issues are going to be different, but if there is a University issue, this issue can bring us closer together.

IX. For the Good of the Order:

- a. Senator Lanseur inquired as to finding out if facilities could be open the weekend before classes start – ex. Bookstore, Library, etc.
- b. Senator Layton asked the status as to the shuttle going to the DINKY station at Princeton University.
- c. Senator Giovetsis spoke as to the issue of getting emails in regards to internet outages.
- d. Senator Lakeland asked why one of our deans (Associate Dean of Students for Rider University, Lawrence P. Johnson) does not know why a decision was made about the parking meeting. Dean Johnson recalled that “the meeting has been pushed off until the 18th” according to Mike Rekka and that they would be ultimately advantageous to the results.
- e. Senator Layton asked if there is anything we can do to make this meeting occur.
 - i. Chair Mattison said the goal will be to find out when groundbreaking occurs.
- f. Secretary Baron spoke as to the administrations’ desire to build the parking lot.
- g. Senator Lanseur spoke as to the fact that the date seems to be a fake date, and the dates are going to be shifted. She feels that the group of people trying to get it done are not meeting their deadlines, and no one is allowed to get upset.
- h. Senator Garrick encountered a shower of falling brick and the construction being done on Rider University’s Williamson Hall on the Choir College campus.
- i. Senator Garrick moved to adjourn.
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion Carried
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 9:04

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