



Senate  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Princeton Campus, Rider University

# MINUTES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2006  
6:30pm, Martin Room*

## I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

## II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Siiyara Nelson is joining us today in hopes to become an undergraduate senator.

## III. Approval of the Minutes

### a. October 3, 2006

Chris Olson motioned to approve minutes with a change in motion and second from last weeks meeting. Gina Molinari seconded. Samantha Croce and Amanda Weiss abstained because they were absent for the last meeting.

## IV. Vice President's Report

Kim suggested you review your goals and keep in contact with your constituents. She will start posting a meeting recap on the Senate webpage highlighting main points of the meeting. We will take a group picture after tonight's meeting. Melissa Dennis wanted to remind the Senate about the food committee meeting on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Martin room. There will be no meeting next week due to a Symphonic Choir dress rehearsal.

## V. President's Report

I'm very sorry for being absent tonight's meeting. Tonight I am taking part in the Unity Day program at Lawrenceville by reading our Statement of Community Values with Steve Klemchak, the Lawrenceville SGA president, before the keynote lecture. I know that your meeting tonight will be very successful and the formation of committees will help shape and direction of future of discussion and organization of the Senate. I urge you to carefully consider the number of committees, their membership, their chairs, their topics of discussion, and each committee's individual charge or task when approved tonight. I can't wait to read the minutes and be brought up to date by Kim.

Volunteers are needed for the Merrill Lynch event this Thursday. Students are needed to act as hosts and ushers. The call-time will be around 6:15p, since the performance begins at 7pm. The end time will be around 9:30p. You will not be needed the entire time (just the beginning and the end). If you are interested, as students last year were able to watch the showcase,

please email [wccsga@rider.edu](mailto:wccsga@rider.edu) or leave a message at x6668 (or 609-683-6668 for off-campus).

The final furniture proposal for Thayer Lounge is currently being discussed by the SFB. We are anticipating that the proposal will be accepted so we may order the furniture immediately. At the latest, we want the furniture installed by the start of the Spring '07 semester. We are also looking into repainting the curved wall in Thayer with the "Rider" red, which looks darker and will match the future facelift of the Bookstore.

In order to better communicate with and serve RSOs, the each Executive Board member will be assigned to serve as liaison to two or three organizations. We anticipate that this will help build a more cohesive SGA that realizes and benefits from the services and resources provided by the SGA. Liaisons will be assigned next week.

We know the TV in the commuter lounge is broken. We are working to resolve this.

Remember, Midnight MAACness is Friday night. I've had a great time at this event each year! Laura can tell you more!

The SGA is sponsoring a free bus to the Saturday night performance of "The Baker's Wife." First come, first served. This is great for all first-year students without cars. Please let your friends and constituents know.

The changes to the schedule grid (i.e. The moving of choirs throughout the day) was tabled until next year because of the logistics involved in making sure the schedule allows the College to deliver all necessary courses and sections.

The Executive Board is planning a Graduate Student Lunch/Dinner in the near future, by invitation, to discuss how the SGA can better serve our graduate members. We will also be discussing how graduate members fit into leadership roles in our unified SGA.

Matt Guld, Rachael Handler, Siiyara Nelson, Sera Noble have expressed interest in volunteering at the Merrill Lynch event this Thursday.

## VI. New Business

### a. Community Service

Did anyone contact his or her constituents? Chris Olson motioned to table this topic until the next meeting in order to provide more time to contact them. Matt Guld seconded.

b. Senator Campaign (How to fill spots)

Siiyara Nelson is running for an on-campus senator. Chris Olson motioned to accept Siiyara Nelson as an on-campus senator. Matt Guld seconded. We still have a lack of interest from the Graduate students and would like to fill these position. Chris Olson suggested that we could change the senator to constituent ratio in the bylaws to 20-25 constituents. Laura mentioned that faculty, staff, and members of the executive board will be meeting for three hours to evaluate and change the bylaws and constitution on Monday, October 16th. With this said, we are still interested in trying to fill the vacant senate positions. Senators will send invitation for the next Senate meeting in two weeks (10/24/2006).

c. Forming of Committees

Kim suggested the following committees that have been instated in the past.

- Constitution/Bylaws
- Parking
- Activities
- Facilities
- Bulletin Board

Chris received an email from a constituent about the constant parking issue, especially during the 11:30 AM hour. Laura suggested for a few students to take a couple of minutes and write down license plate and take it to public safety. Could we install a swipe card system similar to the faculty lot? Kieran has been talking to his constituents about the smoking issue. Kieran would like to propose to build a gazebo for a designated smoking area. He also pointed out; if the smokers walk off campus they would be closer to highschoolers. Chris said this could fall under the facilities committee.. We currently have four sustaining committees with legislation, which would require a simple majority vote. These include

- Constitution/Bylaws
- Parking
- Activities
- Facilities

We came to an agreement that is would be better to wait for food committee to see how the food meetings go. There was a proposal for a Campaign Committee bill. Chris Olson will write bill. Gina Molinari motioned to reinstate the facilities committee. Chris Olson seconded. Chris Olson motioned to reinstate the activities committee. Matt Guld seconded. Chris Olson motioned to reinstate the Constitution/Bylaws committee. Matt Guld seconded. Gina Molinari motioned to table the vote on the Constitution and Bylaws committee after Monday's meeting. Matthew Walters-Bowens seconded. Chris Olson and John Fitzgerald opposed. Sandy Wilson abstained.

VII. For the good of the order

To review the Thayer lounge furniture color swatches please see Laura following the meeting. Laura stated that there has been some good discussion and encourages everyone to keep it up. Kim has made the executive decision to postpone the picture until the next meeting.

VIII. Committee Breakouts

IX. Committee Reports

X. Adjournment

Chris Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. A 7/9 vote and 1 abstain terminated the motion. Chris Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Matt Guld seconded.