

Senate – 2/19/08

- I. Call to order 6:34pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Jennifer Cafiero-Therian
 - b. Jamie O'Hara
 - c. Diana Kayes
 - d. Diana Petras
 - e. Laura Seplaki
- IV. Prospective Senators Will Floyd
 - a. Derrick Goff
 - b. Robert Kelly
 - c. Zeb McLellan
 - d. Craig Sanfey
 - e. Anthony
 - f. Matt Samson
 - g. Tom Colao
 - h. Megan Larson
 - i. Lindsay Wieland
- V. President's Report
 - a. WHP Update
 - i. We're working with an architect to design the plaques that will be installed on the Residence Halls.
 - ii. We're moving forward with Westminster Wednesday's and the RSO and SGA have been contacted with what we will be doing. Every Wednesday we'll have info on the bulletin boards. We're planning on having freebees and specials in the bookstore and pub, weekly trivia prizes, jingle competitions and a heritage station in the student center. If you have any more ideas let us know.
 - b. Student Meeting
 - i. From the exec boards perspective we're glad this is happened and we're working on addressing those concerns. We're also hoping to use Senate to address some of the concerns. We'll be researching some of the concerns so that when we do have that discussion in senate we can address it comprehensively.
 - ii. Coming up we have administrative meetings, today we had a BOT meeting, and the board continues to be receptive to concerns on our campus. We also have meetings with all of the Dean's and the Presidents. If you would like us to bring something up please let us know.
- VI. Speaker of the Senate Report

- a. CO – no report
- VII. Vice Presidents Report
 - a. EW – Approval of minutes, DG – seconds. Passed with three abstentions.
 - b. EW – I'll now give the floor over to Jamie and Jenn.
 - c. JC – I wanted to come back and talk about the current students portal, which hopefully you all can use as a communication tool.
- VIII. Rider Website Follow-up
 - a. JO – The other piece of this is that before the holidays was that we would revisit this post launch to discuss things that might be more functional for the choir college.
 - b. JC – I'd like to thank you for all of your support and feedback; it made the launch very successful and smooth. Also remember this is not carved in stone we can always address issues.
 - c. AB – What feedback are we allowed to give?
 - d. JO – Everything
 - e. AB – The Westminster Choirs don't come under the Westminster College. Also Westminster History also appears under Westminster College of the Arts.
 - f. JO – A lot of these things will probably double link and navigate.
 - g. AB – My point is that the history is unique under WCC not SFA.
 - h. AntBar – When I look at a lot of schools that have partner relationships their musical counterpart has a memorable website address. With this we have rider.edu/numbers. Is there a reason that there isn't something similar?
 - i. JC – The reason you get the numbers is because we use a managing sight so its unique to every single page, but we create redirects to every single page. So if I were to type in Westminster.rider.edu it would redirect you to the correct page.
 - j. JO – If you think of others please let us know so we can promote the school.
 - k. CO – I went to apply to Westminster for Grad School and was shocked that we don't have an online application.
 - l. JC – I'll link that to the online application file, thanks for bringing that up.
 - m. JO – We transferred over to online applications in fall 2006.
 - n. SM – I was wondering where we get the COA's supplement online?
 - o. JC – We're working on it.
 - p. SM – Also with the Westminster history under the school of fine arts, personally I don't see a problem keeping it there because it shows what the history of WCC is that the new programs have been born out of. Since it is found under the choir college as well keeping it under the CFA would be good to understand the artistic heritage they are joining.

- q. DerGof – I agree with what Alex had said, it's a unique history to the choir college, if I was a dance the world of WCC wouldn't figure into my choice of school.
- r. JO – I'm sure there is a comprise here, remember that the SFPA has a rich history as well, but it's a recreation of the page on the Lawrenceville site.
- s. SMR – Could you combine the two so that if people are looking at the COA they can see that?
- t. CS – After a year of two I think you'll be able to conjoin the two histories.
- u. JO – Everything is a work in progress at this point, it just takes time.
- v. SM – I like the idea of the combined history, I would just hate to see the SFPA lose this element, because a lot of the student coming into the SFPA programs have heard of WCC.
- w. CO – Things I would like to see the portal are a direct link to student web-mail, a link to the academic calendar, a vacation calendar, links to things specific to WCC, links to RSO's.
- x. JC – I'd like to see this page simplified, you want to promote everything but we just have to find a way to reconfigure this. Joe will be working on this project.
- y. PM – Can the RSO's have websites through the Rider Website.
- z. JC – What we've agreed on at the administrative level is that each RSO could give us information and we'd maintain it. We'd love to get more content up.
- aa. AB – If you scroll down you have a picture of Williamson, but you have a picture of WCA – when you put a picture of our main building when we are still unsure of identity it can ruffle feathers, it looks like you've changed the name of the Princeton campus.
- bb. JO – All of you are going to have to be models for us, we need more photography, the challenge is these small spaces and getting appropriate size photography.
- cc. JC – If anyone offers to be a model then please contact Joe.
- dd. DerGof – I've found rider.edu/onestop useful but its buried, if I hadn't been told, I wouldn't have known it was there.
- ee. JO – Drew our director at one stop will be glad to hear that. The strategy is to have one place that all questions will be answered.
- ff. MG – I would just like to say that I think the website is wonderful.
- gg. JO – I think that this comes from the power of our student senate, the partnership cannot end though, I would love to have a committee from your college come out that can address you're issues and needs.
- hh. SMR – I think it would be a good idea to get more pictures of students and teachers together.

- ii. JO – You all catch such a better picture with your faculty.
- jj. AntBar – I was just looking at academics and I clicked on the choirs and it's great that there are lots of rotating pictures, but it seems odd that there isn't a choir picture on the choir page.
- kk. MF – I remember before you launched the website creating a college of the arts website that was a bit more unique, I was wondering if there was any progress or if you had any more plans.
- ll. JO – You're seeing the progress, if you see any things that you view as a problem please let us know. One of the things we did last year was to look at the cross admit schools and see what their websites.
- mm. AntBar – I like the website its clean and organized.
- nn. JC – Final exam schedules, when would you like to see them online?
- oo. CO – Today.
- pp. JC – What other really important things?
- qq. AB – Academic calendars
- rr. AntBar – Last year when I was applying there was a really cumbersome calendar thing, I hope that's gone.
- ss. JC – Yes.
- tt. AntBar – Perhaps also having a PDF so we can print it as well.
- uu. PM – Is there a way to each the calendar?
- vv. JO – If you're putting together events you need to add you're description.
- ww. CO – On the student portal showing when student tickets are available.
- xx. AB – Also our Mahler 8 performances have been sold out since December, putting when internal ticket sales are available.
- yy. JC – If anything comes up just email us.
- zz. EW – Also keep in mind forming the website committee, and talk about what we can do to really adjust the needs of the students, if you have concerns bring them to me and we'll hopefully form that committee in the next few weeks.

IX. Recycling at Rider University

- a. DK – I'm the sustainable committee at Rider, we're a committee that has been gathered for a year now, it was created to find a better way to have a sustainable campus. And out of this came the president's climate commitment, which we are now attempting to implement. Recycling mania is something that takes place for 10 weeks during the semester and it's a competition between colleges.
- b. CS – I know that in Ithaca recycling a joke because the recycling bins always have trash in them. There is also rumor that the recycling is not being recycled.

- c. DK – The same thing is happen on Lawrenceville campus, and we’re attempting to make sure that everything is going to the proper disposal.
- d. AntBar – In the dorms the recycling bins are not in the same location as the trash bins and they don’t bother to look for the recycling bins.
- e. DK – I know we need an investment in recycling bins.
- f. LW – Perhaps its just a matter of letting people know how recycling works so they are educated on what recycling can do. We just need more bins on campus.
- g. DerGof – I think the library is doing a great job, I do think that maybe double sided printing needs to be done.
- h. DP – We’ll get to library specific after Diana is done talking.
- i. DK – I’d like to know if someone would like to help post signs.
- j. DP – It sound like most people are interested in recycling, but maybe if posters are created you could help design them or hang them up. We can only do so much before the students have to help out. The website also has helpful suggestions.
- k. MF – Considering that we’re trying to conserve paper perhaps we can do something other than paper. Put a digital notice on the digital board.
- l. DK – I’ll have to check on that.
- m. EW – What are the weeks of recycle mania?
- n. DK – January 27th – April 5th, there’s a link on the website. There is also a link the university presidents climate commitment.
- o. DP – We’ve also starting a library blog about paper waste – go check it out.
- p. DP – We’ve also just gotten a new double sided printer in the library
- q. DP – The copiers will take a longer time but if its something that you really want push for those things they are more likely to listen to students.

X. Old Business

- a. Lauridsen Resolution
 - i. EW – I wanted to know if you wanted to talk about any updates.
 - ii. AB – Sure, senate two weeks ago senate approved legislation and financing for Morten Lauridsen coming to campus, he will be coming to campus – he’ll be on campus the week after spring break.
 - iii. EW – Who is aware that he is coming to campus.
 - iv. AB – Dr. Miller has made key administration aware.
 - v. EW – Do you need any help?
 - vi. AB – Everything is handed over the external affairs office.

- b. Legislation Proposals
 - i. EW – We'll hold off until next week.
- c. Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order
 - i. PM – Aaron Blankfield said he would come in a do training we just need to decide on a day.
 - ii. EW – What are everyone's feelings on that, during a meeting or after a meeting?
 - iii. Consensus – During a meeting.
 - iv. EW – How much time will this take up?
 - v. PM – He said it could be anywhere from 15 minutes to a hour depending on how in depth we want to go.
 - vi. EW – I think we should decide this now..
 - vii. SM – I might suggest that we do a 15 minute overview to see how the senate feels and then if they decide that this is something we want to do then do the hour session.
 - viii. CO – 15-minute overview is the same presentation I gave you at the beginning of this session so if you want something more in depth then we need to go longer.
 - ix. PM – I know he's created a game where we can use RRO where we can see what it feels like in a real session
 - x. MF – I think 15 minutes would be more than acceptable.
 - xi. LS – Can you trust that the person who is going to train you knows how long it would take to train you.
 - xii. CO – I'd like to motion that we invite Aaron to our next meeting and assess the training based on how far we want to go. PM – Seconds. Passed with 4 abstentions.
 - xiii. EW – Will you take care of inviting him?
 - xiv. PM – Yes.
- d. Bulletin Board
 - i. EW – After our discussion the bulletin board went up, I thought it was great, but people started to rip down the names. I noticed a few senators' names were vandalized and I took them all down, because I felt it was disrespectful that people acted the way they did. I think we need to find a way to use that bulletin board in a way student's feel that is useful for them.
 - ii. EL – I thought that since there are a lot fo RSO's maybe every week we could feature a RSO who the RSO's are and what they do, future programming etc.
 - iii. MG – Do you know why the bulliten board was vandalized?
 - iv. EW – I don't know
 - v. JF – What's the make focus of the senate body, I think we need to figure out what we want to convey to the senate.

Should we do something dedicated to what we've done and or were we're going?

- vi. CO – My suggestion to the bulletin board meeting, one of the biggest questions I always get is has your senator emailed you, so that everyone can see who their senator is.
- vii. Consensus – great idea.
- viii. EW – My idea was the put something on the bulletin board that would benefit the student body the most.
- ix. MG – Are you ever going to give us new constituent lists?
- x. EW – I'm working on it.
- xi. EW – Are we going to agree with senator Olson
- xii. Consensus – Yes.
- xiii. EW – How is this going to be executed?
 - 1. John, Andrew and Amanda are going to assist
- xiv. CO – I need a full list of the senator list so we can post that
- xv. EW – Those of you who raised you hand please stay after

XI. New Business

a. Westminster Seal & Colors

- i. Colors and Seals discussion
- ii. MF – I went to talk to the OIT about seeing the computers change and there isn't any change. They said they were waiting on administration.
- iii. LS – Can you email me with documentation?
- iv. EW – Who did you speak with
- v. MF – Walt Johnson.
- vi. PM – Motion to extend the meeting till 8:15pm SM – seconds. Not passed with two abstention

b. Aramark & Dining Services

- i. EW – We do have food committee meetings in place (February 28th from 12:15 – 1:00pm Robertson Room). Please contact your constituents about this.
- ii. SM – I think we also need to work with Brittany; she is very active in this issue.
- iii. EW – If you get any feedback please forward this to President Lashley and Brittany Hines-Hill.
- iv. LS – I did mention to Aramark that meetings are great but I encourage them to have their staff sit with people during lunch.
- v. PM – Can the meeting time be sent out to the listserve. Also when you are requesting suggestions they need to be specific.
- vi. EW – Also remember you can go through the dining commons and ask people what they think of the food, those are the things that senators need to be doing.

- vii. PM – I’m willing to do this if people are willing to help me, if some other senators will wear their senate shirts then we can go around and get feedback. I’ll send out an email to the entire senate.
 - viii. AB – I motion to adjourn, MF – seconds. Passed.
 - ix. EW – I do want to go over this last point before adjourn, so since this motion is on the
 - c. Gong Show – March 28th
- XII. For the Good of the Order
- XIII. Adjournment 8:07pm

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