

## Senate 3/11/08

- I. Call to order 6:31m
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes
    - i. EW – We'll get minutes to you by next minutes
  - b. Prospective Senators
    - i. EW – We'll now vote on Derrick Goff.
    - ii. EW – I'll open the floor for discussion, I know some of you weren't here last meeting when he was presented but if you have any discussion now about voting him in please do so.
    - iii. JF – Did he mention any kind of previous experience with Student Government Associations?
    - iv. DG – He said he was elected as a senator but declined.
    - v. JF – I meant previous to this institution.
    - vi. EW – Any concerns or pros on the floor
    - vii. MF – I think it is a great testament to his desire to be an active part of the senate after we declined senators.
    - viii. AntBar – I think this is the third meeting he's been at this semester, it says something about interest.
    - ix. AB – I'm just curious why the vote was put off until tonight.
    - x. EW – the intentions were to send out minutes, however the minutes were not sent out and there weren't any questions asked.
    - xi. EW – I'm looking for a motion.
    - xii. JF – I'd like to make a motion to accept Derrick Goff as a senator, MF – seconds. Passed with one abstention.
    - xiii. EW – Derrick Goff is accepted as a senator could you please welcome him back to the room.
    - xiv. EW – congratulations you are now voted in as a senator. I will email you a list of your constituents and you'll be required to contact them.
- IV. Introductions of Guests
  - a. EW – Tom if you'd like to give a brief introduction.
  - b. TC – I'm a sacred music major with an organ concentration, I'm floating between my sophomore and junior years in college.
  - c. SMR – I'm voice perf major in my first semester as a sophomore with a minor in arts admin.
- V. Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Speaker of the Senate
    - i. CO – No report.
  - c. Vice President

- i. EW – please let your constituents know about the town hall meeting tomorrow evening. We’re going to highlight a few RSO’s, talk about senate and talk about what the SGA has been up to. As I hear that there is an overwhelming desire to be a SGA officer and we’re going to break off, browse through the constitution and see the day in the life of the executive member. Please send an email about this meeting.
- ii. SM – That’s happening at the town hall meeting?
- iii. EW – After the town hall meeting.
- iv. EW – I’m still working on a rematch for ultimate Frisbee. I’m also working on multi-cultural showcase. As soon as the date and the location get approved I’ll email you the information.
- v. EW – Some of you may know that I’ve been working on starting a health and wellness club, they will hopefully be able to present to the senate after spring break. More information to come.
- vi. AZ – Where and what time do they meet?
- vii. EW – Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 in the Martin Room.
- viii. EW – The last battle of the campus that I’m trying to pull off is a dance off where we can be together and show campus pride, I’m inviting TCNJ and Princeton.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Drag Ball Support

- i. EW – Has anyone emailed Matt to help out with set-up and clean-up. They can still use your help so if you are available please email Matt, it would be greatly appreciated.
- ii. EW – remember when you email your constituents to mention drag ball.

b. Focus Groups

- i. EW – Last week it was motioned to meet with your focus groups outside of senate and the decide if you want to dissolve your groups and report today.
- ii. AZ – Community outreach wants to stay.
- iii. EW – Parking?
  - 1. DG – I thought we decided to dissolve parking.
  - 2. PM – Decided to dissolve parking
- iv. EW – Facilities
  - 1. PM – Keep facilities
- v. EW – Heritage and Traditions
  - 1. CO – Keeping it.
- vi. EW – Activities
  - 1. JF – I’ll work with myself.

- vii. EW - Health and Wellness
    - 1. SMR – He didn't say anything to me about it
    - 2. SM – It's not a huge complication to dissolve a 1-person committee.
  - viii. EW – Lets just talk about what it means for a committee to stay or being dissolved.
  - ix. PoO – CO – He could ask regardless.
  - x. EW – Ok so we'll vote on those 5.
  - xi. PoC – CO - Didn't we vote last week that whatever we decided at this meeting that is what we would do.
  - xii. AntBar – What is the point of the health and wellness committee?
  - xiii. EW – Explanation
  - xiv. EW – So all other committees will stay except for the parking focus group.
  - xv. MF – The parking focus group did take some surveys was anything done with that?
  - xvi. EW – You presented graphs?
  - xvii. MF - Yes we did.
  - xviii. LS – I had student workers go out and look at stickers.
  - xix. MF – Yes we took that on ourselves.
  - xx. EW – I took that information to the parking committee and that information as helpful in determining the need and the use of the decals.
  - xxi. MF – You mentioned reprinting decals?
  - xxii. EW – It is up to Vicki weaver to take this through, she will be on campus soon to do a walk through.
  - xxiii. LS – We couldn't do it this year but it is something that we're looking into next year.
- c. Seabrook Lounge Doors
- i. EW – Responses from constituents?
    - 1. AntBar – Senator Brothers commented that his constituents would rather see soundproofing of practice rooms.
    - 2. CO – All of my constituents said no.
    - 3. AB – One of my constituents expressed concerns over practice rooms and bathroom stall doors.
    - 4. MF – I spoke with some students that were in Seabrook lounge, they said that it might be nice just to fix the doors rather than replace them.
    - 5. SM – I asked my constituents about it but the few that I heard back and their opinion was that they don't live here so it isn't of much concern for them.

6. AZ – I am the Seabrook 1<sup>st</sup> senator, so I thought my constituents would have an interest, most of them told me that they weren't really bothered by the news and that it wasn't an issue.
7. JF – What kind of doors were we thinking of putting on the lounges.
  - a. EW – The same kind of doors that you see on Dayton and Ithaca.
8. MF – I think in general it might be a bad idea to put so much glass in that lounge.
- ii. EW – Were there any senators who were not able to contact their senators?
  1. AntBar – I just got my constituent list.
  2. MG – I forgot to mention this
- iii. EW – Sometimes it's difficult to gain response, but please remember that these emails are a great way to gain student opinion.
- iv. AZ – I think whenever we bring something forward it seems that there is just always a variance of opinion.
- v. TC – I think what's more to the point that I didn't even know that this was an issue before coming to senate meetings, I've honestly never heard anyone complaining about these doors. And if we are going to pick something to fix based upon what our constituents want fixed there are so many things to fix I think its vaguely irresponsible.
- vi. AB – I motion to close discussion on Seabrook doors, AntBar – seconds. Passed with two abstentions.
- vii. EW – I'm looking for a motion to vote for the doors.
- viii. PoI – CO – I think what the chair is looking for is a motion to do the Seabrook doors.
- ix. PoI – MF – We have to write resolutions to do things why don't we have to do that process here, similar to when matt brought the water garden up.
- x. PoI – CO – A resolution is the official opinion of this body, it cannot do anything. A bill is binding only upon the student government. We can put forth opinions and legislate within the SGA we cannot tell administration or the school what to do.
- xi. EW – I'm looking for a motion on the Seabrook doors, if no one motions we'll drop.
- xii. MG – I motion for the new Seabrook lounge doors to be voted on. TC – seconds. Motion failed with 4 abstentions.
- xiii. PoI – PM – There are two different ways to do this, we don't have to make a motion we can also just do call to vote.

d. Gong show

- i. EW – Can everyone report as to what they have discovered, as Chris is heading the Gong Show I'll have all questions directed to him.
- ii. CO – The gong show is on march 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. I have a sign-up sheet going around tonight I need a total of 16 different signatures as to a time that you can sit at the table and to get people to sign-up for gong shows.
- iii. AZ – Can you give an exact time frame, the entire lunch period (11:30am-1:00pm – lunch, 4:30-6:00pm)
- iv. MG – What if we can't do two hours?
- v. CO – If you aren't doing an entire hour and a half indicate what time you can do.
- vi. Co – Did anyone talk to judges?
  1. SM – Mirchandi is a yes, Nova is a no.
  2. PM – Dr. Jordan is undecided
  3. TC – Frau Crane is a maybe.
- vii. CO – what about the posters?
  1. PM – They haven't been created yet.
- viii. CO – At the next meeting we need to discuss decorations. Also do we need to put forth a prize and if so what? And if so I'll put in a request to SFB for funds.
  1. MF – I don't think we need to offer any prizes.
  2. SM – What has been done in the past in that regard?
    - a. EW – They've been given prizes
    - b. CO – Two years ago they brought awful decorations at the dollar store.
    - c. LS – We could do gift cards to Panara.
- ix. EW – The gong show isn't going to be that much money.
- x. AZ – If we do prizes I feel the prizes should be easily silly and outrageous.
- xi. CO – I actually like that idea, it is something they could use in the future.
- xii. AntBar – What about he Westminster sweatshirt?
- xiii. CO – Based on what I'm hearing I'll go ahead and request funds for a WCC sweatshirt and then we'll go down from there.
- xiv. PoI – DeGo – This is for the week after spring break correct?
- xv. CO – Yes.
- xvi. LS – Do you need any equipment?
- xvii. CO – I think that every senator should be there at 7:15pm on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- xviii. EW – Do you want to come as yourselves or in school colors?

- xix. AB – Can we leave it up to senators as to what their apparel will be.
- xx. DeGo – As I don't own a SGA tee-shirt I would appreciate it not being a requirement.
- xxi. PoO – PM – You need to close discussion.
- xxii. EW – Is there any unfinished business
- xxiii. Crickets...
- xxiv. EW – We'll move on.

## VII. New Business

### a. Nurse & Health Services

- i. EW – Anything you bring to me, I'll bring to Dean Johnson, we're set to meet later this week with Val Kamin so we can try and think of options to fit WCC.
- ii. CO – My constituents all said resoundingly that it is awful, the hours are awful if you have to go after hours you are forced to go to Princeton medical. The only drugs she can prescribe is aspirin. The doctor needs to be here more often, we either have to go to the other campus. They also see incompetence with our medical staff.
- iii. PoIn – AntBar – do they pay doctors visits separate?
- iv. LS – I believe health services in general are free and medicine is generally charged to student accounts. Health services are overseen by the ADOS office.
- v. EW – The medication isn't free its charged to your account.
- vi. MG – I emailed my constituents about this and I got no responses back, I feel that this is a big response I was wondering if you have any tips on how to go about this.
- vii. PM – Not saying that our health services are good here, but if there could be communication between the doctor and the nurse. She can't writ prescriptions or make diagnoses by law she has to wait for the doctor, so I think we should about having a doctor around that can make a diagnoses.  
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- viii. AntBar – If the doctor can't be around regularly, nurse practitioners can diagnose and prescribe.
- ix. EW – I want to focus this in more on hours, are we hearing that the hours need to be expanded or more in line with our schedules.
- x. DeGo – There needs to be something clearer as well as something that is more in line with our schedules.
- xi. TC – I've noticed problems with hours changing on a weekly basis. I don't think mores specific hours is a problem but just consistency, we must expand the hours we can't always

guarantee when the nurse is going to be here in conjunction to being sick.

- xii. CO – I walked into the nurses at 1pm and there was not one there in the middle of the week, and that's just not ok.
- xiii. EW – Thanks for your feedback if you get any more please email me, I'll be meeting with Dean Johnson on Friday so any info before Friday would be appreciated.

b. Resolutions

- i. AB – This came from the concerns of my constituents specifically over identity and commencement. Most of this is probably already in order but we would like to request confirmation from administration. We'd also like to direct the executive board to discuss these with administration and the student body.
- ii. SM – Grammatical error – second page, line 21 (the executive board). Also I believe that this
- iii. AB – as a resolution of the student body future student bodies could change this resolution as they see fit.
- iv. PoIn – CO – We're looking at a resolution with several 'whereas' clauses the only thing that becomes relevant is the first whereas. Further we don't have the authority to dictate where the commencement should take place because it is also dependent on Princeton. Further
- v. PoI – KC – Explanation
- vi. LS – With this first resolve your asking that something be changed, the second you are asking for consideration. You might want to split these into two separate resolutions.
- vii. AntBar – Two comments or questions/concerns, first of all the last sentence, for now it seems you want to make this a lasting situation (this document) because for now we don't see something glaringly threatening to the commencement, that language could be manipulated too easily. Also there are implications that the name will always have WCC – this could also have problems.
- viii. MG – Didn't senator Fili write a similar resolution.
- ix. PoI – Referring to the Princeton campus is that referring to WCA or WCC since the college of the arts is based at the Lawrenceville campus.
- x. SM – The Princeton campus is specifically WCC. Explanation again of WCA.
- xi. AB – To respond to Senator Olson, we're expressing the student body opinions, not this year but this year and in years to come. In my opinion it is an accurate representing of the student body. What Laura said about requesting a

change, it is not it is requesting that it not be changed.  
What were requesting that

- xii. Co – We have no power to confer degrees; rider now has the power to confer degrees that's why there was a change in doctoral hoods.
- xiii. AB – And I agree but rider university is still giving students with purple and gold upon them, and that has been done long since the merger so it is not sort of judgment of being a part of not being a part of rider but in the recognition of the strong history it is the request of this resolution that it be changed back. As to senator Barron, hymns are decided on by the commencement committee, and only comment on the things considered administrative.
- xiv. TC – In response to a few things, particularly about our commencement taking place in puc, any resolution that would be passed it will be assumed that there ins't going to be a large change in opinion so I don't think its helpful to get hung up on things that may or may not change.
- xv. EW – Alex do you have enough information to make changes?
- xvi. AB – The only major change that I head was the insertion of the article 'the'.
- xvii. JW – I'm concerned about the last clause please change instructs to requests. Also in the second resolve, I don't think that the seal has been on the diplomas for a while.
- xviii. AZ – The resolution that senator Fili stated is that seals need to be on the diplomas and nothing about the colors?
- xix. DeGo – Was that an administrative decision to change the colors on the hoods was this researched as to what is possible or what is not.
- xx. PoInq – AntBar – This would currently be a separate ceremony.
- xxi. AZ – Doesn't it say that commencement exercise of WCC would be at the PUC.
- xxii. AntBar – Yes I would like to see specific wording.
- xxiii. CO – The only positive change that I would like to put forth, senator Benestelli and I for everyone who has been sitting here for the last 8 months I was the strongest advocate on this campus for not losing any identity for WCC so I fully agree with everything that is being said in this document, and I hear administrations responses to support them. I'm scared that they will see it as a slap on the hand and be viewed as over redundant. The name WCC will not be removed from diplomas, we will have the chapel unless thee



is something that hinders that. They have made their assurances there is no reason to put this forth with the exception of the first resolve, everything else should be removed.

xxiv. AB – I have talked to Dean Annis I don't think he'll view this as a slap on the wrists. This is why I wrote the resolution to get positive confirmation for this. Derrick asked for a reason why the hood colors were changed, Laura perhaps you can find out. Anthony perhaps you and I could talk about it.

xxv. EW – Is there any more discussion on this resolution?

c. Fall Break

i. EW – I attended the Lawrenceville senate today and explained the situation to them as well. I met with their vice president and he said that whatever we motioned and voted on this campus that they will work with us.

ii. CO – I move that we extend the meeting by five minutes to continue this discussion.

iii. EW – Our executive board meets Thursday and we'll discuss this further.

iv. EW – The Lawrenceville senate.

v. LS – I think Ed is asking to hold off circulating the petition until we meet with the Lawrenceville board to come-up with a game plan.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

a. JF – This is my last senate meeting and my last meeting at rider, I've accepted a position at Carnegie hall, its been great working with you.

b. AB – I motion to extend the meeting for five minutes, passed.

c. EW – So this is in your minds, the graduate students do not like the idea that they have to pay to attend the SRC. I've been having a ton of meetings to see what type of plane we can work out, the one thing is that if this does happen, we do have the YMCA, so if the SRC takes all of our students do we take away the YMCA? If you mention this to your constituents ask if they are using the SRC and see if paying \$24 per month is too much?

d. CO – If the grads pay the same why aren't they allowed to use the gym.

e. EW – Also I would like to appoint Patrick Meyers as the parliamentarian for the rest of the spring semester,

f. PM – We did a really good job with RRO tonight, interjections need to be recognized by the chair, not everything is an interjection, if you have a legitimate question about a discussion on the floor fine but everything isn't an interjection. Everyone gets three chances to

speaking the person putting forth the motion gets 4. Direct everything to the chair.

- g. JF – Person can speak three times total or on a certain subject?
- h. LS – Just so you know money was allocated to re-carpet Seabrook hallways, we have discussed in the passed carpeting the street side practice rooms, if you have any comments stick around.
- i. EW – Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.