

Student Government Association
Westminster Choir College of Rider University
Senate

5 March 2009

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
 - a. Anthony Baron - absent
 - b. Alex Benestelli - absent
 - c. Ted Bickish
 - d. Shani Foster
 - e. Anna Friars
 - f. Derrick Goff
 - g. Kristin Hagan
 - h. Dan Halbstein
 - i. Jim Hopkins
 - j. Shane Magargal
 - k. Samantha Scully
 - l. Dena Sweeney
 - m. Julianne Zervopoulos

- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Vice President Godfrey announced that Joe Seaton couldn't be with us tonight. He was going to speak on the subject on the SAF. What he wanted to propose to us cannot be discussed till next fall.

- b. Senator Sweeney moved to delete point 1 from section 7 under new business.
- c. Seconded.
- d. The ayes had it.
- e. Senator Sweeney moved to remove section 4 from the agenda.
- f. Seconded.
- g. The ayes had it
- h. Senator Friars moved to approve the agenda.
- i. Seconded.
- j. The ayes had it.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Friars moved to postpone approval of minutes till next week.
- b. Seconded.
- c. The ayes had it.

V. Reports

- i. President LaBoy gave his report. He got in contact with Natalie Barney and raised questions about the pub being stocked, why is the oven breaking – how could we fix up the pub. She still needs to talk to Joe more about that. They no longer are given a key to the freezer – they’re allotted a certain amount of food per night so if they run out they can’t go to the freezer to re-stock. He emailed Dean Onofrio and Dr. Abrahams about the concern for Music Ed students for reimbursement. Dr. Abrahams was thrilled about receiving that email. They’re going to look further into the issue, since the money can’t come from the SAF. The

executive board will have a meeting with the President tomorrow. The Bi-campus committee meeting went as well as it could. They now have a blackboard site for the committee to collaborate and communicate.

ii. Vice President

1. She emailed Dean Annis this afternoon to invite him to come to senate. He would like to invite the senate to his house for dinner at some point. He would like to know when would be a good time for everyone. She will ask him of Thursday evenings after senate, if not, Friday evenings work well.
2. She's been proud of how efficient we've gotten. Noted that many comments mentioned last week were offensive - we are here to further push our college to make it greater and better for whatever our students want.

iii. Speaker

1. Speaker Magargal has finished his graduate school auditions for the semester. He's been in communication with his constituents and prepping his proxies very well. He is here, he is approachable, he reminded the senate that he is here to make it as efficient as possible and he is here at their service.

iv. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. Senator Sweeney reported that they are reviewing the document. It needs a glossary if it stays the way it is because it is too extensive in the sense that there is

terminology that needs further explanation. They are still open to suggestions to help make the document better.

2. Senator Friars reported that they would like to reinstall their ad hoc committees.
3. Senator Zervopoulos asked for a copy of the proposed document.

VI. For the Good of the Order

- a. Senator Halbstein reported Senator Friars and himself would have their bill ready by next week on pre-designated smoking area. They will propose to change the area to be at the base of the hill behind Talbott library. He asked the senate to ask their constituents their opinions.
- b. Senator Scully reported that her constituents expressed thanks to SFB on how they handled the situation last Sunday.
- c. Senator Friars moved to adjourn.
- d. Seconded
- e. The nays had it; the meeting was not adjourned.
- f. Senator Magargal expressed the frustration of his constituents with the fact that students had to spend so much money in buying their music for choir. Dr. Jordan has students buy music that they don't end up using.
- g. Senator Goff has had conversations at length with Dr. Jordan. He has begun to craft legislation about this.
- h. Senator Halbstein who works at the performance collection said that for most works they only carry 30 to 60 copies of music. He would be happy to talk to Devin Mariman about possibly talking to conductors about

which works are going to be used and getting more copies thereof.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Friars moved to adjourn.
- b. Seconded
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.