

**Westminster Choir College Student Government Association Student Senate  
Meeting Minutes: 22 September 2009**

Senate Meeting – 22 September 2009

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM

2. Roll Call

See Sign-in for details.

Senator Layton absent due to Mahler 3 runout.

Senator Hughes declined membership to the Senate.

Former Senator Ted Bickish serving as proxy for Senator Katherine

Matheson due to Mahler 3 runout.

3. Introductions & Housekeeping

*Roberts Rules of Order:* Vice President Mattison discusses the objectives of Roberts Rules of Order. Please see “Brief Overview to Roberts Rules” for full description.

Meeting Start Time: Hope to begin each meeting at 8:30. May start later due to Sacred Music Lab.

Blackboard Group forthcoming. Agendas will be submitted Sunday Evenings via Blackboard.

Quorum: The amount of people necessary to create a legislative action. Here it is 2/3 of the membership. Total membership as of today is 17, quorum is 12.

Motions: Motions must be made towards the chair, not towards other speakers. “I move to...”, Hands are raised only when others are not speaking.

Points of Privilege/Points of Order

4. Approval of Agenda:

Senator Friars moved to approve the agenda.

Senator Goff moves for call of discussion.

Point of Inquiry: Have written statements been prepared?

President LaBoy submitted a written inquiry.

Senator Goff moves to remove Vice President’s Report from Agenda.

Seconded.

Unanimously passed.

Senator Goff moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded.

Unanimously passed.

5. Written Reports:

President LaBoy has prepared a report for this evening. Please consult Secretary for copy of written report.

6. Speaker of the Senate Nominations:

Senator Halbstein nominates Senator Friars for the post.

Senator Friars accepts.

Senatorial Proxy Ted Bickish nominates Senator Goff for the post.

Senator Goff accepts.

Senator Lakeland moves to allow both candidates to speak on their behalf for two minutes.

Senator Friars spoke on her behalf.

Senator Goff spoke on his behalf.

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Senator Bickish motioned to ask questions to both candidates for two minutes.

Seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Senator Zervopoulos moves to extend the question time for one minute.

Senator Goff seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Senator Sloan moves to accept Senator Friars to Speaker Position.

Roll Call Vote.

Senator Buckley – Nay  
Senator Capner – Nay  
Senator Fildes – Nay  
Senator Friars – Aye  
Senator Halbstein – Aye  
Senator Hughes – ABSENT  
Senator Kohler – Aye  
Senator Lakeland – Aye  
Senator Layton – ABSENT  
Senator Malone – Aye  
Senator Matheson – Nay  
Senator Neil – Aye  
Senator Sloan – Aye  
Senator Zervopoulos – Aye  
Senator Zubert – Aye  
Senator Koblentz – Aye  
Senator Goff – Nay

Motion failed.

Senator Lakeland moved for more discussion.

Seconded.

Discussion begun.

Senator Zervopoulos moves to accept Senator Friars:

Seconded.

Roll Call Vote.

Senator Buckley – Nay  
Senator Capner – Nay  
Senator Fildes – Nay  
Senator Friars – Aye  
Senator Goff – ABSENT  
Senator Halbstein – Aye  
Senator Hughes – ABSENT  
Senator Kohler – Aye  
Senator Lakeland – Aye  
Senator Layton – ABSENT  
Senator Malone – Aye  
Senator Matheson – Nay  
Senator Neil – Aye

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Senator Sloan – Aye  
Senator Zervopoulos – Aye  
Senator Zubert – Aye  
Senator Koblentz – Aye  
Motion Failed.

Senator Lakeland moved to table vote until next week.

Seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Senator Lakeland retracted the motion.

Senator Friars nominated Senator Halbstein to Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Halbstein declined.

Senator Sloan moves to table this so both candidates may gather their arguments for next week.

Seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

7. For the Good of the Order:

Senator Zervopoulos requested for a list of constituents.

Seconded.

Discussion – President LaBoy asked to hold off.

Senator Friars heard complaints about the smoking Gazebo being taken over by Conservatory Parents. The people who are smoking are left out of the Gazebo, and that is the only place they can smoke on campus.

Chair Mattison: Scott Hoerl is coming next week to talk about these issues.

Senator Friars: Many complaints have been ensuing about triples in Seabrook and singles in Ithaca. Maybe next week we can form a consensus on how to avoid this.

Senator Zervopoulos noted some troubles with bathroom placement. She also requested for a time for Jane Ferrick to attend a senate meeting.

Ted Bickish: Can anything actually be done?

Senator Neil: Can we form a committee?

Secretary Baron explained how to form a committee.

Senator Lakeland inquired as to how students can be contacted to let them know senators are on the way.

Chair Mattison agreed to send that email this week.

8. Senator Lakeland motioned to adjourn

Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.