

Student Government Association Westminster Choir College of Rider University
Senate

1 December 2008

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order 6:30

II. Roll Call

Anthony Baron Present
Alex Benestelli Absent
Mike Fili Present
Shani Foster Present
Anna Friars Present
Daniel Garrick Present
Rachel Gluzband Absent
Derrick Goff Absent
Kristin Hagan Present
Dan Halbstein Present
Jim Hopkins present
Shane Magargal Absent
Samantha Scully Present
Lauren Snyder Present
Julianne Zervopoulos Present

III. Approval of the Agenda

Senator Halbstein moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded.
All in Favor.
Any Opposed.
Motion passed Unanimously.
The Agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Baron moved to strike all words 'Motioned' and replace them with
'Moved' throughout the minutes.
Seconded.
All in Favor.
Any Opposed.
The ayes have it.
Senator Halbstein moved to strike the word 'constitution' and replace it with

‘constituents’ in the “For good of the order”
It should read “one of his constituents approached him.”
All in Favor.
Any Opposed.
Passed Unanimously.
Madame Chair calls for any last amendments.
The minutes are approved.

V. Reports

a. Vice President

Be sure to check up on your constituents.

Also, we have the midnight breakfast coming up.

Point of Inquiry from Senator Baron about the midnight breakfast.

Point of Information from Mare: next Wednesday at 10:30 in the Dining commons.

Point of Inquiry from Senator Scully about what the event actually is.

Point of Information from Madame Chair: It is breakfast during the night during the week of finals where professors and staff often cook for us.

The SAF runs out at Lawrenceville all the time. They have increasing organizations with budgets and a turf to pay for. Ask your constituents how they would feel about raising the SAF on our campus from \$125 to \$150.

Point of Inquiry from Senator Baron: Asking if the Lawrenceville and Princeton campus SAF prices need to change simultaneously.

Madame Chair was unsure.

Point of Inquiry from Senator Snyder asking if the goals of the SAF were the same on both Campuses.

Madame Chair will check, however the constitutions are different. Check with your constituents on this matter.

Senator Baron noted that because of our Economic Crisis, many students are already concerned about being able to afford tuition and this would be a burden to them. He asked if there was someone those people could contact if they fall into that category.

SGA Advisor Gina offered herself to be contacted on this matter.

The Status of Senator Sweeney’s votes are still unsure. Madame Chair has not checked the minutes yet. She will check this week. Also, Madame Chair noted that she could use her right to vote to keep a vote as is.

VI. Unfinished business

a. Spring Meeting Time.

Madame Chair states that after receiving a few schedules, 6:15 or 6:20 on Wednesdays looked to be the best time.

Senator Baron noted that Senators Goff and Benestelli would not be able to attend.

Madame Chair noted that the Speaker would not be able to attend.

Senator Zervopoulos noted that choir is often scheduled at that time.
Senator Halbstein inquired weekend meetings.
Madame Chair informally inquired who would prefer Monday over Wednesday.
Both were fairly even.
Madame Chair stated that the meeting time seems to work best on Wednesdays.
Senator Friars made note that many of the senators who would be missing on Wednesdays are in or are the Chair of an Ad-Hoc Committee.
Senator Baron inquired if the committees could stay as is and the chair could simply be changed.
Senator Baron asked for a roll-call vote of the preference of Senate Meeting Times.
Madame Chair polled the room as to their preference of either Tuesday or Wednesday Senate meetings for Spring 2009.
Majority prefers Wednesday.
Brittany will follow up with the exact time of Senate for the spring via E-mail.

VII. For the Good of the Order

Senator Garrick inquired if there were garden ticket updates.
Madame Chair will look into it.
Senator Scully asked about the financial aid e-mail about the meeting on the Lawrenceville campus. She asked if they could have the same type of meeting on the Princeton campus.
Senator Friars noted that there is an event going on during the time of tonight's senate meeting.
Madame Chair said she would talk to Lauren Parsons.
Senator Friars stated that she would be looking into possibilities of a designated smoking area on campus or possibly a smoking ban. Senator Halbstein will be working on this project with her.
Anthony Baron met with Rider News and will hopefully see a continued Westminster presence in the Rider News.
Senator Baron also noted that he spoke with Steve Hitzel about the Hot water incident in the DIPS.
Senator Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded.
All in Favor.
Any Opposed.
The ayes have it.

VIII. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:04