

**THE RICHARD STOCKTON  
COLLEGE  
OF NEW JERSEY  
STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting  
April 21, 2009  
4:30 p.m.  
G-wing Lounge**

**Pomona, New Jersey 08240-0195 - (609) 652-4845**

STUDENT SENATE MEETING  
AGENDA

April 21, 2009

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. President's Report
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance
  - B. Public Relations
  - C. Academic Policies
  - D. School Spirit
  - E. Student Welfare
- V. Announcements/Comments from the Public
- VI. Adjournment of the 2008-09 Senate
- VII. Call to Order/Roll Call for 2009-2010 Senate
- VIII. Election of President and Vice President
- IX. Adjournment of the 2009-2010 Senate

2008-2009 Student Senate Meeting  
Minutes from  
April 14, 2009

Presiding: Ashley Pero

Members Present: Brian Ackerman  
Jonathan Beloff  
Brian Brateris  
Kevin Devine  
William Elmore  
Precious Jemibewon  
Dawn Leiser  
John Livres  
Xochil Ramirez  
Jamey Robinson  
Danielle Sanzone  
Josh Spada  
Xilena Viana  
Duanaya Williams

Members Absent: Sofia Bermudez  
Jamie Evans  
Melissa Gonzalez  
Gentae Kemp  
Frank Matthews  
Matthew Miller  
Timothy Papp\*  
Gretchen Ramos\*  
Sara Sterling\* \*Notified Chair  
Tamika Thompson

Members Late: Iris Ruffin  
Sammy Sanchez

Agenda/Business: Ashley called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Precious moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting, seconded by John.

Motion Passed: 14-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

**President's Report: Ashley Pero**

Ashley reminded that senators that the last committee meeting is on Thursday and that she is expecting the senators to wear formal attire at the last meeting next Tuesday.

### **Vice President's Report: Kevin Devine**

Kevin announced that the reverse town hall meeting would be held in the fall semester. The final ICC meeting was held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports: Finance**

Sammy Sanchez arrived at this time.

The Certified Peer Educators Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$1,820 for Special Olympics T-shirts. The shirts would be given out to students/staff/faculty who volunteered their time on April 26, 2009. Jonathan moved to approve the request, seconded by William

Motion Passed 15-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

The Marine Science Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$200 for a trip to the Jenkinson's Aquarium. They are going to identify different species of fish. The club will be utilizing Stockton vans to get there. Admission is \$13 per person and each attendee will contribute \$3. Jonathan moved to approve the request, seconded by William.

Motion Passed 14-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Precious Jemibewon and Ashley Pero

Iris Ruffin arrived at this time.

The Surf Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$350 for registration costs for the Collegiate Surfing Association Mid-Atlantic Championship. This will be their first competition because the last championship was booked so they were unable to attend. Jen Foreman, Assistant Director of Student Development, will be accompanying them on this trip and they will all provide their own transportation. Duanaya moved to approve the request, seconded by Jonathan.

Motion Passed 16-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

The On the Go Student Organization submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$1,500. On April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the club wants to provide coffee and or tea with a Danish to commuter students at three different times during the day. This event's goal is to reach commuter students and let them know that Stockton cares about them. Duanaya moved to approve the request, seconded by Jonathan.

Motion Passed 16-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

The committee concluded their evaluations of the 2009-2010 club budget requests. The allocations totaled \$409,260. John moved to approve the allocations, seconded by Jonathan.

Motion Passed 16-0-1\*

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### **Public Relations**

Xilena reported that the committee moderated the meet the candidates. The following candidates were present: #9 Iris, #24 Darrell, #17 William, #12 Zaneb, #2 Josh, #31 Keenen, #1 Samuel, #11 Brian, #23 Dawn, #20 Lauren, #34 Connor, #32 Dan, #26 Precious, #7 Jermie and #28 Cheres

She added that each candidate was asked the following questions: What is your name, ballot number, and major? What is your weakest attribute? What is your strongest? Why did you decide to run for the senate? Veteran senators, what did you not get to accomplish this year that you would like the opportunity to pursue next year? New senators, what can you bring to the senate to help the veteran senators? What quote best describes you or your favorite quote.

Xilena concluded her report by stating that the committee will promote the upcoming senate carnival set for Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. in the Housing IV quad.

### **Academic Policies**

Dawn reported that the committee was involved in the "Meet the Candidates" for the 2009-2010 senate election.

She then announced to the returning senators and newly-elected ones that she hoped that next year they address the issues that they mentioned during their campaigns.

### **School Spirit**

Danielle reported that the committee met with Athletics and decided to cancel the softball barbecue.

She then reported that the committee is continuing plans to work on the Osprey's Nest.

She concluded her report by stating that the committee discussed dorm-storming plans for the Spring Carnival which will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the Housing IV Quad from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

### **Student Welfare**

Brian Brateris reported that the committee held a short meeting. After the meeting members discussed the Stockton flat rate tuition, on which we are attempting to gather student opinion, to present a position. The Psychology Club is donating time to gather survey data on the issue. We are also trying to determine when the decision is being made so we can present our student opinion before it is finalized.

He then reported that Robin Gillespie from Chartwells updated the committee via email on the new explanations of meal plan benefits on the bursar's website. The committee informed her of discrepancies between the dining services page explanations and the dining services page. The committee is awaiting a reply.

### **Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Joe Lizza, Assistant Director of the College Center, announced the events for graduate send-off set for May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Ashley adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Date: March 24, 2009

Name of Committee: Public Relations

Presiding: Xilena Viana

Members Present: William Elmore  
Gentae Kemp  
Xochil Ramirez

Members Late: Matt Miller\* \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: The committee worked on planning "Leadership Week." Members were asked to contact assigned organizations to relay information about the event.

Committee then informed the student body thru flyers and word of mouth that the deadline for submitting a 2009-2010 Student Senate petition had been extended until Friday, March 27.

Date: March 24, 2009

Name of committee: Academic Policies

Presiding: Dawn Leiser

Members Present: Precious Jemibewon  
Frank Matthews  
Iris Ruffin

Members Absent: Jamie Evans\*                      \*Notified Chair

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: The committee further discussed obtaining donations for Covenant House. Iris will be visiting the shelter to pick up brochures, and they will again table to raise money.

The committee then collaborated with the other committees to choose nominees for Professor of the Year.

The committee also spoke briefly about how the flat-rate tuition will affect students, plans to attend all debates, and help students with any issues they may have with the change.



Date: March 24, 2009

Name of Committee: School Spirit/Morale

Presiding: Danielle Sanzone

Members Present: Sofia Bermudez  
Sara Sterling

Members Absent: Melissa Gonzalez  
Josh Spada\* \*Notified Chair

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: The committee met with Athletics to work out a plan for a BBQ for the Stockton softball team on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We also decided to have a Stockton Spirit Day on April 7<sup>th</sup> in upper G-wing and give a gift away to students who support Stockton and wear Stockton colors or apparel.

Lastly, the committee plans to start promoting the Spring Carnival, which will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the Housing IV Quad from 2:00pm until 6:00pm.

Date: March 24, 2009

Name of Committee: Student Welfare

Presiding: Brian Brateris

Members Present: Brian Ackerman  
Tamika Thompson

Members Absent: Jamey Robinson\* \*Notified Chair  
Sammy Sanchez\*

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: Brian Brateris is meeting with food services regarding specific discrepancies that students have raised regarding the amount of times they can swipe for meals during the day.

The committee met with a student advocate regarding the implementation of the flat-rate tuition that will be starting in the fall semester of 2009. The college has already posted on the portal some specific frequently asked questions with answers. The committee will continue to work with students in order to make the transition over to a flat-rate tuition as simple as possible with the best results for the general student population.

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Date: April 7, 2009

Name of Committee: Finance

Presiding: John Livres

Members Present: Timothy Papp  
Gretchen Ramos  
Duanaya Williams

Members Absent: Jonathan Beloff

Members Late: None

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Motion Passed 4-0-0

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