

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

**Notice of Meeting
March 31, 2009
4:30 p.m.
G-wing Lounge**

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STUDENT SENATE MEETING
AGENDA

March 31, 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

2008-2009 Student Senate Meeting
Minutes from
March 10, 2009

Presiding: Ashley Pero

Members Present: Brian Ackerman
Jonathan Beloff
Sofia Bermudez
Brian Brateris
Kevin Devine
William Elmore
Jamie Evans
Precious Jemibewon
Gentae Kemp
Dawn Leiser
John Livres
Timothy Papp
Xochil Ramirez
Gretchen Ramos
Jamey Robinson
Sammy Sanchez
Danielle Sanzone
Josh Spada
Sara Sterling
Xilena Viana
Duanaya Williams

Members Absent: Melissa Gonzalez

Members Late: Frank Matthews
Matthew Miller
Iris Ruffin
Tamika Thompson

Agenda/Business: Ashley called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Sammy moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting, seconded by Sara.

Matthew arrived at this time.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1*

*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

President's Report: Ashley Pero

Ashley welcomed the new senator, Sofia Bermudez. She then reported that the Stockton Faculty Band concert at the House of Blues was a huge success.

Vice President's Report: Kevin Devine

Kevin welcomed Ashley back. He then announced the next Inter Club Council meeting would be held this Thursday at 4:30 in the upper G-wing lounge.

Committee Reports: Finance

John announced that the committee is still reviewing 2009-2010 budget requests. The last meeting will be held on March 24th.

The Surf Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$2,707 for the National Scholastic Surfing Association Collegiate Championship on April 16-21, 2009. Jonathan moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Duanaya.

Frank and Iris arrived at this time.

Motion Passed: 23-0-2*

*Senators Abstained: Frank Matthews and Ashley Pero

The Teaching Outside the Box Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$439.75 for the program, Symposium on Literacy and Language, on March 24, 2009. John moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by William Elmore. A club representative was not available so Jenifer Forman, Assistant Director of Student Development, spoke on their behalf.

Tamika arrived at this time.

Motion Failed: 8-14-4*

*Senators Opposed: Brian Ackerman , Jonathan Beloff, William Elmore, Precious Jemibewon, Gentae Kemp, Frank Matthews, Gretchen Ramos, Jamey Robinson, Sammy Sanchez, Danielle Sanzone, Josh Spada, Sara Sterling, Xilena Viana and Duanaya Williams

Senators Abstained: Sofia Bermudez, Jamie Evans, Ashley Pero and Tamika Thompson

Following the Student Welfare report the senate was informed that a representative from the club had arrived. The senate then had a discussion and agreed that the negative note was due in part to the representative not being in attendance to answer questions on the supplemental. Brian Ackerman moved to approve a motion to reconsider a hasty decision, seconded by Frank.

A discussion ensued and the senate passed the motion.

John then moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Duanaya.

Motion Passed: 24-1-1*

*Senator Opposed: Jonathan Beloff
Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

Public Relations

Xilena reported that the committee is still working on plans for a leadership week, which will be held on April 13-17, 2009 from 10 am – 4 pm. The goal of a leadership week is to inform students of the leadership opportunities that are available within clubs and organizations.

William announced that senate petitions are available in the Student Development office and are due Friday the 13th.

Xochil reported that minutes from the committee meetings will be posted in the ARGO.

Academic Policies

Dawn stated that the committee discussed the **Do 1 Thing** fundraiser for the Covenant House, which is a refuge for teenagers, and how to improve upon it. They are planning to collect clothes before and after Spring Break to donate to the Covenant House. Iris stated that she will continue to increase education about the Covenant House.

Dawn then announced that they are working on holding a forum to discuss domestic violence after Spring Break and plan to table again to work on raising money.

School Spirit

Danielle reported that the committee is continuing to work with Stacey McIntosh, Associate Director of the College Center, on the Osprey's Nest project. They will be going to Michael's to purchase needed material.

Danielle then stated that they will be meeting with the Athletics department to discuss morale boosters for the Spring sports activities.

Student Welfare

Brian reported that he spoke with Plant Management regarding the covering of the hockey rink. They informed him the hockey rink is a low priority until the current projects are completed, but they will consider it for next year.

Brian also announced that the cedar swamp bridge will be repaired.

He then stated that the committee will be exploring the pros and cons of Stockton's future flat rate tuition for the student body. There will be a discussion on the topic on Thursday, March 12th at 5 pm.

Jamey reported that he met with Fran Battone, Director of Counseling and Health Services, regarding the availability of condoms on campus. She informed him that students can purchase condoms in the stores and they will be available in vending machines after spring break. Fran then stated that the condoms will be available in the vending machines, so that they are available to both genders. Additionally, condoms are still available for free in the Wellness Center where students can also get additional safe sex education.

Sammy concluded by announcing that the Tilton Fitness Pool is now available to the Stockton community. Sammy will have more information on the hours that the pool will be accessible at the next meeting.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

A representative from the Wellness Center announced upcoming events during Disability Awareness Week. Also, they will be hosting an Alcohol and Drug Prevention program on April 3rd.

Students from the Asian Student Alliance thanked the senate for supporting their trip to the Eastern Coast Asian American Student Union.

Adjournment: Ashley adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.