**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**December 7, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

December 7, 2010

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Committee Reports

A. Public Relations

B. Academic Policies

C. School Spirit

D. Student Welfare

E. Finance

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2010-2011 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

November 23, 2010

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Jazmin Alayon

Steve Amato

Caitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Nazire Divanovic

Osagie Ekenezar

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriquez

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Xochil Ramirez

Brittany Revicki

Cristabelith Rosario

Johana Rosas Delgado

John Szczuplak

AJ Vervoort

Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: Samantha Brodsky

Chris Jones

Nicole Kim

Darryl Lewis\*

Matthew Patterson\* \*Notified Chair

Members Late: Nick Courtney

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Sualeh moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting, seconded by Brittany Grapstul.

Motion Passed: 20-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

Nick arrived at this time.

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan reported that the Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner was a huge success and thanked all of the sponsors. He also announced that the Fashion Show, sponsored by Greek Council, Student Senate and SET, raised over $400 for the American Red Cross.

Kenan then announced that the Executive Cabinet will be enforcing the attendance policy. Two missed full Senate meetings could result in probation.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo began by congratulating the Speech Club for winning the Veteran’s Day Poster contest and thanked John Szczuplak, Jazmin Alayon, Melissa Harabedian, Xochil Ramirez, Steve Amato, and Ashley Howard for their help in making the Senate’s Yellow Ribbon Poster.

Paulo then reported that Steve and Melissa completed decorating the suggestion box and made it noticeable for students. They also recorded a Student Senate Public Service Announcement and did an interview with the radio station.

Paulo concluded by wishing everyone and their families a safe and happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the committee.

**Academic Policies**

Nazire first reported that the committee discussed creating a suggestion box for ideas of new majors, concentrations, and courses that students would like to see at Stockton. Osagie is working on where to place the boxes, as well as promoting the use of them.

Nazire then reported that Sualeh created a Facebook group entitled Stockton NAMS Course Availability Complaints. They are hoping to get enough of a response from students so that it will help push for more course availability in the upcoming semesters.

Nazire then stated that she is working with Dr. Dennis Weiss, Dean of NAMS, to figure out if there is a way around Nursing majors’ set schedule.

**School Spirit**

John reported that their committee meeting was held at the Ospreys Nest where they began to put up the pictures they received from graphics for the memory boxes. They will continue to work on the project.

John then stated that the Pep Rally was a success and had a very good turnout. He thanked Len Farber, Director of Student Development, and SET for their efforts.

John concluded by stating that the committee will hold holiday-themed event within the next two weeks.

**Student Welfare**

Johanna reported on the following items:

I-wing gym: Johana met with Lonnie Folks, Director of Athletics and Recreation, and received some updates on the gym and the equipment. I-wing gym weight room is closed down due to the pool construction above. Once the pool construction is completed, renovation of the weight room will begin and last approximately 12-18 months. They will be expanding the length of the room, replacing the old and rusty equipment with new equipment, adding free weights, and adding treadmills for cardio workouts.

Sports Center: Many students complain about the machines in the sports center being constantly out of order. Mr. Folks confirmed that they have increased their preventative maintenance from 4 to 9 times a year to make sure all equipment is in working order. He asks that students be considerate and careful with the equipment so it remains in working order. He also mentioned that many students want a bench press in the center but fail to realize that the center is a cardio/strength training gym, while I-wing is a heavyweight/heavy-lifting gym. Besides that, the sports center does not have the space capacity for other additional machines especially a bench press. In order for that to happen, they would have to remove the cardio equipment that is used daily. Lastly, he mentioned that he would take into consideration the student body request of playing music in the gym.

AJ then reported on the following items:

Go Portal: AJ met with Jim McCarthy, Associate Provost for Computing and Communications, about the problems students are having with the portal. Mr. McCarthy stated that he would modify the portal software to support a larger number of simultaneous users. He expects this will correct the problem. However, to be certain the problem does not occur again he notified the Registrar and Academic Advising about the problem, asking them to reduce the number of students scheduled to register at any given time.  Currently, they are discussing increasing the number of registration time slots and giving priority to students who visit their preceptors.

Blackboard: AJ also spoke to Mr. McCarthy regarding problems with Blackboard. He stated that unfortunately, Stockton does not have the means to correct the problem. The vendors of the portal and Blackboard need to work together to resolve this.  They have made formal complaints and will continue to press the vendor for a solution. Mr. McCarthy informed AJ that the problem comes from the portal and Blackboard not communicating with one another.  Each system has a 70 minute inactivity timer, and if either system detects inactivity it assumes the connection has been abandoned and shuts down all connections to the internet.  Thus, a student who is active on Blackboard, but hasn’t touched anything in the portal for 70 minutes will be shut down.   Until the vendors come up with a solution, Mr. McCarthy suggests students compose their Blackboard work on a desktop word processor then cut and paste to Blackboard or periodically save their work. He will continue to file complaints with the vendor.

**Finance**

The International Business Students submitted a supplemental in the amount of $504.88 to help fund their program, “Lecture Series in Business.” Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Brittany Revicki.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

Active Minds submitted a supplemental in the amount of $119.90 to fund the event “Stress Out Day” on December 8, 2010. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Elizabeth.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Lonnie Folks, Director of Athletics and Recreation, thanked Johana for speaking to him about student concerns. He announced that the issues with the equipment have been addressed and that every piece is fully operational. He encouraged students to use the online survey on the Athletics website to address further issues. He also addressed the issue of the pool construction and stated that once the construction is complete, they will have additional space in the weight room. Lonnie then thanked everyone on behalf of the basketball teams for their efforts with the Pep Rally, it was a great event and produced the largest turnout at the basketball game. He asked the students to continue their support.

Patti Weaver, Bookstore Manager, announced that Moonlight Madness would be held on December 1st, and on December 6th -14th they will be buying back books. She urged students to tell their professors to get their book orders in.

Joe Mangiello, Deputy Chief of Police, announced that the Campus Police is holding their Toys for Tots campaign and boxes will be located throughout the campus.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked the Student Senate for their help and promotion for the Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner, it was a great success. She then wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.