**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**November 23, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 23, 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 9, 2010

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Jazmin Alayon

Steve Amato

Samantha Brodsky

Caitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Nick Courtney

Nazire Divanovic

Osagie Ekenezar

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriquez

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Nicole Kim

Darryl Lewis

Matthew Patterson

Xochil Ramirez

Brittany Revicki

Cristabelith Rosario

Johana Rosas Delgado

John Szczuplak

AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: Chris Jones\*

Kenan Kurt\* \*Notified Chair

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Brittany Revicki moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting, seconded by Brittany Grapstul.

Motion Passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**Vice-President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

Samuel reported that Kenan was on a T.A.L.O.N.S. retreat.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo reported that Steve spoke with the Argo staff and will be scheduling a meeting with the committee and their editor-in-chief to clarify with their staff what they want published in upcoming editions.

Melissa then reported that she contacted the Stockton radio station, WLFR 91.7, regarding when the committee can record their Public Service Announcement. The concept is to announce the Student Senate meeting times and locations as well as any upcoming Senate-sponsored events.

Jazmin reported that she spoke to Gina Petrillo from Event Services about placing ads on the television screens around the main campus and the new LED Screens on College Drive. She was told that once an event has been approved, the committee must submit a flyer with the information about the event with time, date and location. In addition, the committee must attach the flyer to a TV Message Request Form and/or an LED Sign Message Request From.

**Academic Policies**

First, Nazire welcomed Samantha Brodsky to the committee.

Nazire then reported that she contacted Dr. Cheryl Kaus, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Linda Wharton, Associate Professor of Political Science, about extending the pre-law concentration to criminal justice majors. She was informed that it would be very difficult for a CRIM major to satisfy the requirements of the pre-law concentration because it requires that students take 7 courses and most of them are POLS courses and no CRIM courses qualify. The only track in SOBL that is shared between programs is forensic psychology which is listed in both CRIM and PSYC.

Nazire stated that Matthew expressed his concerns about not having enough sections available for science majors. They discussed creating a survey to send out to science majors to see if they can bring about enough of a demand to open up more sections for these courses.

Nazire concluded by stating that Samantha said that nursing majors have absolutely no freedom in choosing when they can take their courses and have no choice but to follow a set schedule. The committee is looking into possibilities in giving nursing majors more freedom in choosing their courses.

**School Spirit**

John reported that the committee received past Stockton photos from Graphics and placed them on a disc for the print shop to make copies. Additional photos are expected from the yearbook. The committee will then take the photos and decorate the O-Nest with a Stockton retrospective. They plan to have it completed by the end of the week.

John then reported that the committee and the Office of Student Development are planning a Pep Rally on November 14th at 8 pm. The committee is responsible for the giveaways, providing funds, and staffing the event. John asked for volunteers.

**Student Welfare**

Johana reported that with the help of Brittany Grapstul, they created a Facebook group page entitled “Complaints about Stockton.” Many of the Stockton friends were invited to join the group and express their feelings towards the college.

The committee will be working on the following issues:

1. The Go-portal account is down often and it prevents students from accessing their blackboard accounts and e-mails.

2. Either moving or adding the same gym equipment from I-wing gym to the Sports Center. Also, fixing the I-wing gym basement because many students say it looks like a dungeon.

3. Changing the G-wing cafeteria specials. They should carry a wider variety of food rather than just pizza and cheese steaks for every day consumption. Maybe opening another Dina’s cart or something similar would be good as well, especially because during lunch hours Dina’s cart is always packed.

4. Adding clocks to the classrooms because students get yelled at by professors when they check their phones for the time. Also, moderate the heat/air conditioning temperature in classrooms.

5. Fixing the uneven concrete in front of B, C and F courts in Housing I because when it rains those courts get flooded.

6. Gazebos: They need to be constantly maintained. The gazebo outside of A/B-wing is too close to the walkway from B-wing to the Arts and Sciences building and every time students walk out of one building they breathe in all of the smoke at once. Also, the cigarette butt holders are always dirty and stuffed which prevents smokers from disposing their cigarette butts properly. They suggest getting covered sand buckets, since cigarette butt holders are always on fire and filled with smoke.

**Finance**

The Speech & Hearing Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,300 to go to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Samuel moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Xochil.

Motion Passed: 20-2-3\*

\*Senator Opposed: Osagie Ekenezar and Nicole Kim

Senators Abstained: Brittany Revicki, Xochil Ramirez and Samuel Wakawa

The Dance Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $4,322 to go to the American Dance Festival Conference 2011 held in Allentown, PA. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Brittany Revicki.

Motion Passed 22-2-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Osagie Ekenezar and Paulo Henriquez

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

The Stockton Theater Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $4,460 to attend the 2011 KCACTF Region 2 Festival. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by David.

Motion Passed 16-7-2\*

\*Senators Opposed: Jazmin Alayon, Steve Amato, Nazire Divanovic, Paulo Henriquez, Je’Meda Johnson, Nicole Kim and Johana Rosas Delgado

Senators Abstained: Darryl Lewis and Samuel Wakawa

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, first thanked the Senate for co-sponsoring the O-Fan Pep Rally, the Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner and the Veteran’s Day celebration. She then announced upcoming events including Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner which will be held on Thursday, November 18th and the Blueprint for Success Leadership Conference which will be held on November 20th.

**Adjournment:** Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.