**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**September 27, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

September 27, 2011

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

2011-2012 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

September 13, 2011

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Destiny Bush

 Rosalia Caceres

 Kaitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Darryl Dabney-Carter

 Osagie Ekenezar

 Justin Frankel

 Brittany Grapstul

 Sualeh Hafeez

 Melissa Harabedian

 Paulo Henriques

 David Jonas

 David Lamando

 Kevin Love

 Melissa Lyon

 Matthew Monte

 Charlie Nusbaum

 Benjamin Peoples

 Crystal Rosario

 Edward Slothus

 Jamie Sofia

 Julio Torres

 AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: None

Members Late: John Szczuplak

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. AJ moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting, seconded by Sualeh.

 Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

 Samuel welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the semester. He then thanked Student Development, Housing and the Dean’s Office for all of their support. Samuel then announced that the next meeting will be held in the Board of Trustees’ Room and that minutes will be in the Senate mailboxes prior to the meeting.

 John arrived at this time.

**Vice-President’s Report: Kaitlin Cibenko**

 Kaitlin took a moment to inform everyone that when recycling bottles, the tops must be removed or they won’t be recycled.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

 Sualeh reported that a Student Senate Facebook ‘friend’ is being created so that instead of updates being displayed in a group, which students tend to ignore, they will show up in news feeds. Also, a Twitter account is being created for publicizing achievements and agenda. With Facebook and Twitter, students will be able to contact the Senate in a convenient, fast manner with any problems/suggestions they may have.

 Charlie then reported that the committee is looking into creating business cards with Senate information to be distributed to the students. He then announced that the committee would be tabling in the Campus Center for the two open Senator seats.

 John then reported that he will be meeting with Computer Services to see if the Senate can have a direct complaint box for students to be displayed on the goPortal. He concluded the report by telling Senators to continue to encourage students to run for the open seats.

 **Academic Policies**

 Paulo reported that the committee is reviewing last year’s recommendations. They will address all issues and come up with appropriate solutions.

 Paulo then reported that Edward has been appointed as the Faculty Senate representative. He will attend meetings and update the senators on the issues discussed.

 Paulo also announced that the committee members have been appointed liaisons for the following schools:

* Paulo Henriques- School of General Studies and School of Health Sciences
* Brittany Grapstul- School of Business and School of Education
* Edward Slothus- School of Arts and Humanities and School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
* David Lamando- School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and School of Graduate and Continuing Studies

 He concluded by stating that throughout the course of the semester, they will be discussing and developing a proposal to have Spring commencement ceremony at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. This proposal will be presented to the college’s administration.

**School Spirit**

 Jamie began by announcing that Labor Day Fest was a huge success.

 She then reported that the committee met with the homecoming committee to discuss Senate’s participation. Destiny added that the mission is to bring in as many students and spectators as possible. She then reported that they will not be able to contract the DJ they wanted for the Homecoming Carnival and the Osprey Ball.

 Jamie stated that the committee will be working with Cheryl Robinson on half-time activities during sporting events.

 Jamie concluded by announcing that they are working on the Take to Heart Campaign.

 **Student Welfare**

 First AJ welcomed his new committee members.

 He then reported that the Student Senate got together at the beginning of the semester and made a list of things they thought could be changed or improved. They plan to work on this list throughout the semester.

 AJ then stated that they are prioritizing the issues they will be working on which include: restoring MTV for students, improving the wireless in housing, changing guest registration, and trying to get the change of preceptor/major forms online for easier access.

 **Finance**

 David welcomed his new committee members.

David then reported that the committee divided up the clubs and organizations between members for purposes of contact, budgets and records.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

 Len Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked the Senate for their help with Welcome Week and Labor Day Fest. He then thanked the community for their involvement with the Annual Day of Service. Len introduced Emily Heerema, Graduate Student for Student Development, who announced the upcoming Get Involved Fair.

 Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, welcomed everyone back. He then stated that he looks forward to the year and that his door is always open. Pedro added that his main goal is to see that the students’ needs are being met academically and socially.

 Luann Anton, Health Educator, encouraged students to visit the Wellness Center’s web and Facebook pages. She then gave information on upcoming events.

**Adjournment:** Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.