**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**December 4, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

December 4, 2012

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

A. Academic Policies

B. Public Relations

C. Legislative Policies and Government Affairs

D. Student Welfare

E. Finance

V. Announcements/Comments from the Public

VI. Adjournment

2012-13 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

November 20, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Ben Peoples

Nathan Taylor

Members Late: Tyler Gelsleichter

Manar Hussein

Kyle Miceli

Al Nagbe

Michelle Puerta

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Ben moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2012, seconded by Chuck.

Motioned Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

A.J. asked the Senators for a moment of silence with respect to Dominic J. Forjohn. After the moment of silence, AJ asked Senators to keep comments and questions on the upcoming resolution vote within a two minute time limit.

Al Nagbe and Tyler Gelsleichter arrived at this time.

**Vice President’s Report: David Lamando**

David reminded senators to sign in for their office hours and to keep up the good work.

Kyle Miceli arrived at this time.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

Becky reported the following:

The impeachment process is still under evaluation and still being discussed. We should have something shortly.

Please be advised that for those students who have holds on their account, you will be unable to register for classes if you do not take care of that hold. In addition, for those students who were on the waiting list for a class, please make sure your name is added to the roster prior to the add/drop date.

Please advise students to bring any issues to our attention and we will address the issues accordingly.

Please advice students that there is a **new** deadline to withdraw from a course. It is now November 13, 2012.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie established a deadline for the committee in regards to the status of delegated tasks. This will enforce more effective communication and productivity.

Stephanie asked each senator to give their contact information to update the business cards, the bulletin board in G-wing, and the Stockton Website. If any senator did not provide that information, please refer to Stephanie.

Nathan gave Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, the updated Senator information for the “Senate Page” on the Stockton website; it should be updated within days.

Melissa Lyon updated the G-wing bulletin Board on November 14th.

Billy will be making a Facebook event for the full senate meeting on November 20th. It will increase our attendance and inform the student body that Senate will be addressing Chick-fil-A.

The entire committee will be making their social networking profiles reflect current or future senate-supported events, i.e. profile picture of flyers, status updates, etc.

The entire committee is compiling a forum of upcoming senate events to publicize on Twitter and on Facebook. This will increase communication amongst the senators in a timely manner, and educate the public about our goals. If the senators have anything they would like to see posted on Twitter and Facebook at any time, please notify the committee accordingly.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Michelle Puerta and Manar Hussein arrived at this time.

Justin reported that the committee met with Dr. Darryl Greer on Tuesday to discuss higher education policy and legislation in New Jersey and the nation. Dr. Greer reaffirmed that the committee was going in the right direction and provided suggestions as to what the committee should undertake next. Some points of interest for the committee right now are to create an executive meeting between the College’s Board of Trustees and the executive board of the Student Senate. We will also be looking into ways to minimize tuition and fee increases and advocate for specific policies in higher education in the legislation that would benefit Stockton students.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported that Denise O'Neill, Director of Residential Life, came to our meeting to give us updates. After being backordered, the new electric oven has been installed in the TRLC. Students may now use the oven after signing in at the office in the TRLC. Please remember to be respectful of the oven and treat it with care. We are still continuing to house students whom have been directly affected by the storm at a reduced rate. She also invited all the senators to attend an open house at Seaview on December 4th to promote the benefits of the hotel to prospective residents.

We have also found a location to place the carts that are to be used to help Housing I students transport their laundry to and from the laundry room. The welfare committee has volunteered to help clean out the space so the carts can fit. As soon as that is done students can begin signing out carts from the R.A. office to use for their laundry.

We will be hosting a blood mobile on campus sometime in the near future. Students that wish to help with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts are encouraged to donate blood. The blood is being collected by a New Jersey collection agency and is distributed specifically throughout New Jersey, so it is staying in our community that has been affected by the hurricane.

A suggestion was made by a student that there should be a bench at Lakeside Lodge to sit on while students wait for their number to be called for food. Students currently either have to stand around Papa Johns to wait for their food to get done, or they can sit at the tables and may or may not hear their number get called. Ben is going to meet with Don Woolslayer to discuss getting a bench.

A suggestion was made by a student that there should be a station on campus where students can wash and clean their car. Instead of a permanent set-up, we are going to look into hooking up a hose and vacuum in one of the parking lots and getting some soap and sponges and having a car wash session once or twice a month where students can self-service their car for free. Michelle is inquiring with car washes in the area if they could set up a discounted rate for Stockton students also.

Chick-fil-A survey results are completed. A resolution was made by the committee and was voted to be approved to send to President Saatkamp. The motion passed unanimously within the committee. Maribeth read the resolution to removed Chick-fil-A from the campus. She then moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ben.

A lengthy discussion ensued and then the senators voted.

Motion Passed. 14-10-3\*

\*Senators Opposed: Becky Batista, Ellis Bonds, Tyler Gelsleichter, William Inacio, Austin Jefferson, David Lamando, Melissa Lyon, Matt Monte, Dave Mooring, Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Senators Abstained: Ben Peoples, Manar Hussein, and AJ Vervoort

**Finance**

Asian Student Alliance submitted a supplemental in the amount of $1,854 in order to fund the clubs trip to ECAASU. ECAASU will provide an opportunity for the students to network and strengthen their organization through various workshops. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Michelle Puerta.

Motion passed 25-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Reese Kielty and AJ Vervoort

Theatre Club submitted a request to use their annual budget funds to attend the Kennedy Center Theater Festival. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Stephanie.

Motion Passed 26-0-1\*

\*Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, wished everyone a happy holiday, shared his appreciation for the approach Senate towards such a sensitive issue for the student body, and thanked all for their leadership.

Leonard Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked Senate for assisting in the Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner and asked for all’s continued support towards relief efforts that are still underway.

Chief Miller commended the Students for their assistance in relief efforts. 120 Stockton students helped in remote areas to provide relief in Galloway and Atlantic County.

A number of students expressed their approval and disapproval of the senators’ vote on the resolution.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:36pm.