**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**February 21, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Event Room A**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

February 21, 2012

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

February 7, 2012

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Destiny Bush

Kaitlin Cibenko

Rosalia Caceres

Osagie Ekenezar

Justin Frankel

Brittany Grapstul

Sualeh Hafeez

Paulo Henriques

Michael Hering

William Inacio

David Jonas

David Kong

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Charlie Nusbaum

Benjamin Peoples

Crystal Rosario

Kate Sparacio

Edward Slothus

Jamie Sofia

Julio Torres

AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: Elizabeth Corey\*

John Szczuplak\*

Melissa Harabedian\*

Members Late: None \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Julio moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012, seconded by Matthew.

Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

Samuel reported that the Student Development office would be hosting a trip to a Leadership Conference at Temple and encouraged students to sign up.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Sualeh reported that the committee met with School Spirit to discuss working together to publicize the Spring Carnival and survey students on what they would like to see in the carnival. Billy will be putting an additional slide on the TV slideshow and requesting an LED posting to publicize the carnival.

Sualeh then reported that he is continuing to work on the timeline for the upcoming Senate and Board of Trustees elections. Petitions will be available on February 13th.

Sualeh then announced that Billy removed the outdated Senate bulletin board in N-Wing. Sualeh is looking into putting an updated board in N-Wing to replace the old one because it was brought to his attention that N-Wing is still a high traffic area. Sualeh is also working on updating the board in G-Wing to put the new senators on it.

**Academic Policies**

Becky reported that the Vice Chair position of the Academic Policies Committee is vacant. Any committee members interested in applying for the position were told to notify her.

Becky also reported that David has been appointed as the Faculty Senate representative. He will attend meetings and report back with a status report.

Becky then announced that the committee members have been appointed the contact person for the following schools:

* Paulo Henriques- School of General Studies
* David Lamando- School of Behavioral Health & Sciences
* Becky Batista - School of Business and School of Education
* Nathan Taylor - School of Arts & Humanities and School of Natural & Mathematical Sciences
* Kate Sparacio-School of Health Sciences and Graduate Studies & Continuing Studies

The committee proposed the following amendments to the constitution:

Article II, Section 2, Paragraph G.

Article II - Organization

Current: GPA requirement is 2.0

Proposed: All Student Senators shall maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above by the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, while currently registered for and attending classes at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. A senator whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5 will be given one semester to raise their GPA to 2.5 or above. If he/she does not raise the GPA to 2.5 or above, he/she will be replaced by the next available alternate. All Student Senate candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

Samuel moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Charlie.

Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

Article III, Section 4

Article III – Duties and Powers

Current: GPA requirement is 2.0

Proposed: The position of Committee Chairperson must be occupied by a member of the Student Senate with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above. The Chairperson shall maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above by the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. If the Chairperson’s cumulative GPA falls below a 2.75, he/she will be given one semester to raise his/her GPA to 2.75 or above. If he/she does not raise the GPA to 2.75 or above, he/she will be replaced as Chairperson.

Samuel motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 17-6-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Destiny Bush, David Jonas, Michael Hering, William Inacio, Matthew Monte and Jamie Sofia

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph A.

Article IV – Election of Officers

Current: GPA requirement is 2.0

Proposed: The position of President must be occupied by a member of the Student Senate with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. The President shall maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better by the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. If the President’s cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0, he/she will be given one semester to raise his/her GPA to 3.0 or above. If he/she does not raise the GPA to 3.0 or above, he/she will be replaced according to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph A.

Samuel motioned to approve the amendment to Section 1, seconded by Kaitlin.

Motion Passed: 17-6-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Destiny Bush, Rosalia Caceres, Michael Hering, David Jonas, Matthew Monte and Jamie Sofia

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

Section 2: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be chosen in the same way as the President according to Article IV, Section 1, paragraphs A…

Samuel motioned to approve the amendment to Section 2, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 17-6-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Destiny Bush, Rosalia Caceres, Michael Hering, David Jonas, Matthew Monte and Jamie Sofia

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

Article V, Section 1, Paragraph C

Section 1 – Vacancies

Current: Nothing in place

Proposed: If the Vice President must step down because he/she does not maintain the minimum GPA requirement, a special election will be held to fill the position.

Samuel motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Benjamin.

Motion Passed 22-1-1\*

\*Senator Opposed: Justin Frankel

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**School Spirit**

Jamie reported that she will be meeting with Len Farber and the president of SET for approval of the Spring Fling event taking place in conjunction with the spring concert. They will discuss the details of the event.

Jamie then reported that Melissa and Billy are putting together an email survey, a Facebook poll, and a paper survey to gather such data. The email will be sent to all students, the Facebook poll would be on the Student Senate page, and the paper form will be completed through a tabling process.

**Finance**

SET submitted a request to use part of their annual budget to attend the Newman NACA National Conference in Charlotte, NC on February 24th through the 29th 2012. David moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Destiny.

Motion Passed: 22-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Nathan Taylor and Samuel Wakawa

Rosie left at this time.

Dance Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $4,245.06 to attend the American College Dance Festival Conference 2012 at Grand Valley State University on March 7th through the 10th 2012. David moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 21-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Benjamin Peoples and Samuel Wakawa

David also reported that the committee evaluated the following budget requests for the 2012-2013 academic year: Accounting/Finance Society, Chemistry, Commuters on the Go, Computer Society, Greek Council, International Business, Mathematics Club, Philosophy Society, Pre-S.O.M.A. and UBSS.

**Student Welfare**

A.J. began by reporting that the committee met with Jason Fitch, District Manager of Chartwells, Desirre Johnson, Director of Dining Services, and Chartwell’s head chef for N-wing to discuss current problems and suggestions.

Some suggestions presented were: extending Dunkin Donuts’ hours of operation on Saturdays, having Dina’s cart open on the weekends, changing the N-wing name to make it more appealing, extending the Bean’s lists hours during the week from 6:00pm to 6:30pm so the students with 6:00pm classes can get coffee prior to class, adding another register in the 360 store to keep the new lines down caused by Dina’s, and bring in prepackaged food options for Muslim students. Also, A.J. was informed by Desirre that Muslim or Jewish students and students with allergies who need particular ingredients omitted can email her their needs.

A.J. reported that the committee also discussed the idea of putting TVs in N-wing. He will be contacting Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services to look into this possibility.

A.J. announced that another register has been added in the lower food court which will help keep the lines down in the lower campus center food court.

A.J. also spoke to Trish about extending shuttles to accommodate students who may get off work late in the campus center. The shuttles will go to 11:10pm. A.J. encouraged students to spread the word.

A.J. went on to report that the committee has been receiving more than the usual number of complaints in regards to parking. A.J. met with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, and asked him to remove his equipment from North Lot to free up more spaces for student parking. He informed A.J. that the equipment will be moved creating 25 new spots in the North Lot.

A.J. stated that the committee received several complaints from freshmen, who are upset that 3 rows of parking lot #7 were taken away over the break. A.J. contacted Chief Miller and they discussed the issue.

A.J. concluded by stating that the final two water stations that were ordered last semester have been installed by the PAC and in J-wing. A.J. will be working with Water Watch and Plant Management to promote the water stations with signage above them.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, commended the Senate for pushing for higher standards and told them that they are moving in the right direction. He told them that his office will continue to provide them with support. Pedro then introduced the new Director of Residential Life, Denise O’Neil.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, commended the Senate for the remarkable job they have done and for striving to be better. He then told students that if they have any ideas of how the Student Development office could make things better, to let him know. He then informed students that the college is preparing for an upcoming visit from the Middle States Review Board.

Tom O’Donnell, Assistant Dean of Students, announced that J.R. Rodriguez would be speaking at a free event.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked everyone that participated in the Get Involved Fair. She then announced the Day of Leadership that will be held on February 25th.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked everyone that supported National Wear Red Day. Over $800 was raised.

**Adjournment:**  Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.