**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**September 25, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

September 25, 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

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2012-2013 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

September 11, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Peter Bruno

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Mico Lucide

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Charlie Nusbaum

Ben Peoples

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Matthew moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012, seconded by Nathan.

Motioned Passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: AJ Vervoort**

AJ began by having a moment of silence in recognition of the victims of 9/11. AJ then expressed his excitement to be back. He thanked everyone that helped with Freshman move in and the Labor Day Fest. AJ concluded by announcing committees on which some Senators will sit:

President Saatkamp’s William J. Hughes Steering Committee - Justin Frankel

Social Justice Committee - Eddie Horan and Manar Hussein

Homecoming Committee - Charlie Nusbaum and Stephanie Barreto

Faculty Senate-Academic Policies Committee - Becky Batista

Faculty Senate- Affairs Committee - Melissa Lyon

Faculty Senate-Programs & Planning Committee - Eddie Horan

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

David informed the Senators that he would be passing around the signup sheet for office hours.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Charlie reported that the committee will be designing a new format for the ARGO article so that students learn more about Senate. They will also look into publishing monthly articles electronically on Stockton’s webpage that will recap some Senate activities. The committee will also be looking into revamping social media and recording and streaming meetings on SSTV.

Melissa reported that the committee is looking into the possibility of placing advertisements on the Campus Center Food Court and N-wing tables to help promote Senate meetings and student awareness. The committee will also be changing the bulletin boards. It will include new pictures and information about the Senate.

Charlie then stated that the committee will write “Thank Yous” to those who helped with Student Senate training. They will also be getting more involved with Accepted Student Days, Open Houses and Instant Decision Days.

Charlie concluded by stating that the committee discussed doing “Walk Arounds” to give information about Senate and get a larger presence at ICC meetings.

**Academic Policies**

Becky began by reporting that she has been appointed as the Faculty Senate representative. She then announced that committee members have been appointed the contact person for the following schools at Stockton College:

* School of General Studies & School of Natural & Mathematical Sciences - Chuck
* School of Social and Behavioral Sciences & School of Arts and Humanities - Ben
* School of Business & Graduate and Continuing Studies - Becky
* School of Education and School of Health Sciences – Al

Becky reminded students that there is a new deadline to withdraw from a course. It is now November 13, 2012. She mentioned that if students want to drop a class and they have a hold on their account, they should go to Student Records or the Bursar’s Office to temporarily remove the hold and then drop the course.

Becky concluded by stating that if anyone has any academic issues or concerns please continue to bring them to the attention of the committee and they will address the issue accordingly.

**Policy**

Justin reported that over the summer the Policy committee established relationships with organizations and faculty to include the Political Engagement Project (PEP) and New Jersey United Students (NJUS). Justin thanked Dr. David Carr, Professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow, William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, for helping to guide the committee through its first year and for helping create the mission statement, which is as follows:

“The Policy Committee shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, and disseminating information about governmental and College policies that impact the student experience. In conjunction with Student Senate leadership, the Policy Committee shall be responsible for recommending, and where appropriate, facilitating responses to proposed or established policies.”

Justin made a motion to approve the mission statement, seconded by Jessica.

Motion passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

Justin then motioned to change the name of the committee to Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee, seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

Justin went on to state that the committee members discussed what issues they felt were important and chose which issues to pursue over the upcoming semester. Each member was assigned a topic on which they were to research and provide information.

Dave reported that he and Manar will be conducting research on EOF and non-EOF student retention rates. Because the EOF office is busy at the moment, Dave stated that they will compile more information for the next meeting.

Jessica reported that she will be researching New Jersey’s tuition cap policies. This will include the effects the policies have on institutions of higher education and the students and why there has not been any new policies enacted over the last two years and what Stockton can do to help promote/support new policies.

Kaitlin reported that she is looking into the Student on the Board of Trustees’ position and how students can have more influence and say at Board of Trustees’ meetings.

Justin reported that he will be working with A.J. to create a joint task committee to promote voter registration among Stockton students and help reach a goal of 1,200 registered students. This will be done in conjunction with NJUS (New Jersey United Students) and PEP (Political Engagement Project). Justin will also be inquiring about the bond issue in New Jersey and research Governor Chris Christie’s plans and budget for higher education in order to make recommendations to the committee as to what actions should be taken to support or oppose his plans.

**Student Welfare**

Mico began by reporting that the committee discussed the Chick-fil-A issue. The committee decided that they should open discourse between the Senate and the Administration on the subject. They will put together a short presentation informing the Senate on the details of the issues and both sides of the issue so that the Senate can make a formal and informed vote.

Mico then stated that the committee members each took a responsibility from the priority list the Senate made during training.

Melissa reported that she spoke with Trish Krevetski, Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services and COO of SASI, about ATMs with check deposit capabilities. She was informed that the option wouldn’t be worth pursuing since there is a branch on campus.

Mico reported that he is in contact with Laurie Griscom, Director of Event Services and Campus Center Operations, about a structure for an event to enhance administrative presence.

Eddie reported that he met with External Affairs regarding the accuracy of the search box on the school website. Eddie was informed that it is not up to them to clean up the system. Students should be more specific in their search or use the A-Z index.

Stephanie reported that she is in contact with Joe Lizza, Assistant Director of the Campus Center for Operations and Programs, about extending the hours of the Campus Center. She will be doing a survey or poll for student feedback.

Mico was happy to report that the Library has new study rooms for student use.

Mico stated that an issue was brought to the committee regarding the TRLC Kitchen. The committee will be setting up a meeting with housing.

Mico concluded by reporting the committee has been addressing student complaints upon receipt.

**Finance**

Matthew began by reporting that the committee has appointed the liaisons for the clubs and organizations in an effort to monitor spending.

Stockton Speech Pathology and Audiology Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2539.52 to fund a trip to ASHA convention. Austin moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Melissa.

Motion passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

Student Nurses Organization submitted a supplemental in the amount of $200 in order to purchase nursing key chains, nurse rubber ducks and for shipping of these items. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Maribeth.

Motion passed: 23-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Ellis Bonds and AJ Vervoort

Student Nurses’ Organization submitted a second supplemental in the amount of $1,234 in order to fund food for the club’s Annual Meet and Greet Banquet. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Austin.

Motion passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

EDIBL (The Environmental Discourse on the Ingestion of Bugs League) submitted a supplemental in the amount of $450 in order to fund a seminar on bug eating hosted by famous chef, David Gordon. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Ben.

Motion passed: 21-1-3\*

\*Senator Opposed: David Mooring

Senators Abstained: Justin Frankel, Nathan Taylor and AJ Vervoort

Society of Physics Students submitted a supplemental in the amount of 3,377.60 in order fund a trip to the SPS Quadrennial Physics Congress. Maribeth moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Ben.

Motion passed: 23-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Charlie Nusbaum and AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, thanked the Senate for commemorating the events on 9/11. Pedro reminded students that the Dean’s office is always open when needed. He then introduced Gerald Martin, the new Director for Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, announced that throughout the semester, there will be CPR and AED training.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, welcomed students back and thanked them for their support during training. He also informed club and organization members that they can come to the Office of Student Development with any of their concerns.

Jen Radwanski, Associate Director of Student Development, thanked everyone that helped with Welcome Week and advised them to start thinking of ideas for next year.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.