**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**April 16, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

April 16, 2013

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

2012-2013 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

April 2, 2013

Presiding: A.J. Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Ellis Bonds

Peter Bruno

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Tyler Gelsleichter

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Kyle Miceli

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Michelle Puerta

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Michelle Batista\* \*Notified Chair

Melissa Harabedian\*

Members Late: Ben Peoples

Agenda/Business:

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: A.J. Vervoort**

AJ reported the following:

AJ thanked everyone for attending the State of the College Address on Thursday. He hoped, we all learned something and became more informed of the changes and finances of the college.

AJ said that the e-board met on Thursday, March 28th to discuss amendments to the Senate constitution as well as to receive an update on club budgets.

AJ reported that he is working with David to organize the luncheon with Pedro Santana for graduating seniors. The lunch will be held on April 3rd in meeting room five at 11:30 am.

AJ reported that Jessica Carey’s application to serve on the State of New Jersey’s Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Committee (HESSA) was sent in. She will now represent Stockton on the State Board.

AJ said that he met with President Saatkamp and they went over the national LGBTQ campus report from Shane Windmeyer, Founder and Executive Director of Campus Pride, together.

AJ reported that along with Justin they have been in contact with Claudine Keenan and the Special Task Force on University Status discussing updates and progress.

AJ invited Dr. Michelle McDonald, Associate Professor of History and co-chair of the Special Task Force on University Status, to the senate meeting. Professor McDonald then presented to the Senate the survey results from students, faculty and staff.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: David Lamando**

David reminded the senators to sign up for the carnival and for upcoming tabling events.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

The senators failed to amend the constitution with the following proposal:

Article III, Section 7C: Legislative Policies and Government Affairs

“Two senators will be appointed to serve on the NJUS Board, one whom will be appointed by the Chair within this committee.”

Article III, Section 2M: President

“The President will appoint a Student Senator to serve on the NJUS Board.”

Peter Bruno left at this time

Manar proposed that academic policies look into adding a major for African Dance.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie reminded senators to sign up for open time slots for the carnival and the upcoming tabling events through signup genius.

AJ thanked the committee and UBSS for the hard work on the carnival.

Stephanie reported that elections would be held on April 10th & April 11th. Please be sure to vote online. Senate will be providing laptops for students to vote from 11-3PM on both days. On April 10th we will be stationed in the CC Food Court, and April 11th we will be tabling in D-wing.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin reported the following:

Justin is meeting with Senator Whalen and will be discussing his business on Tuesday. Justin reported that Jess is scheduling an interview with the Argo regarding her research on tuition increases in Stockton College compared to other four year colleges and universities.

Tyler reported that he met with Deb Figart and discussed the Financial Literacy program in which he will be helping Dr. Figart plan. He will be discussing his progress thus far on Tuesday.

Tyler reported that the Literacy Program would focus on the training of executive board members of clubs and organizations across the campus, and the diffusion   
of the knowledge to their respective clubs and organizations.

Justin congratulated AJ on his full ride to UPenn and receiving the Community Director and RHA advisor graduate assistantship. He also congratulated Dave Mooring on his full ride to Miami University of Ohio.

AJ then congratulated Melisa Lyon on her acceptance and Stephanie Barreto on her full ride to Penn State.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

Maribeth reported that Ben Peoples and Kyle Miceli attended a meeting with Denise O’Neil, Director of Residential Life, and Plant Management. The following issues were addressed. Plant will work to ensure that the left behinds of geese on the walkways are promptly removed next season. During the cold months automated and manual sweeping will serve as an alternative to power washing for safety reasons regarding ice. The Arts and Sciences parking lot is regarded once a term. The mats laid down in the grass lot were experimental to grow a lawn on the surface of the lot so the mats will not work. The Welfare Committee will attend these meetings every two weeks to address issues concerning housing and Plant Management.

Maribeth also reported that complaints were made by students, about Housing IV buildings being painted and not being notified in advance. Steve Radwanski, Assistant Director of Residential Life, talked to Plant Management and they agreed to stop painting until the summer when residents leave.

Maribeth said commuter students have been asking about the possibility of a commuter lounge. They believe that it is fair for them to have their own space since residential students have dorms and apartments to return to in between class and commuters do not. The committee discussed the proposal for a relaxation room on campus to mainly serve commuters. The room will be purposed to be a relaxed atmosphere and provide stress free resources for students. The rough draft of the proposal is being reviewed and edited and will be voted upon by the committee next meeting.

Maribeth also reported the Campus Religious Council requested a prayer room that can be used for all denominations. The room would have a flexible set up that can convert for any type of religious activity. The committee will be discussing the idea with members of the religious organizations on campus and be drafting a proposal next meeting.

**Finance**

Criminal Justice Society submitted a supplemental in the amount of $440 in order to fund their trip the State Police Museum. The club needs a bus for their 30 members. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Becky.

Motion Passed 23-0-1\*

\* Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

Student Senate submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,000.00 in order to provide funding for the Student Involvement Award Ceremony. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Kyle.

Motion Passed 22-0-2\*

\* Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort, Ben Peoples

HOPE submitted a supplemental in the amount of $500 to provide funding for the S.T.A.R. talent show. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Chuck.

Motion Passed 22-0-2\*

\* Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort, Ellis Bonds

Matt left at this time

Neighborhood Watch submitted a supplemental in the amount of $1,795 to fund their barbecue. AJ moved to approve the supplemental request, seconded by David.

Motion Passed 22-0-1\*

\* Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Manar congratulated Melissa Lyon on her acceptance and graduate assistantship to James Madison University.

Cameron Glover approached the podium while students from the audience and members of the senate stood behind her. She then read the following statement:

“My name is Cameron Glover. I am a sophomore at Stockton. I think of myself as an average student, with above average dreams. I want to help make the world a better place, and as a minority myself, I see everyday where this could benefit the community that I am a part of.

At Stockton, there are students of all different identities - not only racially different, but various faiths, beliefs, sexual identities, and service levels. There are students that are non-white, non-Christian, queer, able-bodied and non-able bodied, and many other identities. However, when I see Stockton, I see that there is a divide that we cannot afford to have as one community.

Specifically, I believe that there is a difference with how white students interact with non-white students, especially black students. Whether it is intentional or subconscious, there has been a rise of blatant casual racism - in that the privileged student is not stating a racial slur, but may be contributing in behaviors and words that contribute to the stereotypes that support racism.

I wrote an article in the Argo entitled, "The Rise of Casual Racism at Stockton", which was met with a lot of heated argument and debate. While I welcome that this was a chance to address problems that I see at Stockton, I also want to make clear that this is not an attack on the institution. I love being a Stockton student - however, I want to ensure that myself and people like me are welcomed in every sense.

I am willing and happy to assist in any way I can, because I acknowledge that this is a long process that requires awareness, action, and education from everyone. I would especially like to thank Dean Santana and Dean Davis for their hand-on approach to taking my statements seriously and professionally, while working hard to ensure Stockton is a welcoming environment for everyone. But this is not something that can be done with just the administration, or just one student. I encourage everyone in the Stockton community to get involved.”

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, announced that he is looking into the consultant report for changes in student development for next year.

**Adjournment:** A.J. adjourned the meeting at 6:10.