**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**February 26, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

February 26, 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

2012-13 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

February 12, 2013

Presiding: A.J. Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Peter Bruno   
Maribeth Capelli

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Tyler Gelsleichter

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Kyle Miceli

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Ben Peoples   
Michelle Puerta

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Jessica Carey

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Ellis moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2013 meeting, seconded by Maribeth.

Motioned Passed: 25-0-1

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

AJ reported the following:

Please see him after the meeting if you plan on attending the LegCon conference to work out the logistics and get a final head count by tonight.

David and he have been working with the e-board to come up with a simpler way for supplemental to go through as well as discussing some changes within Senate.

He has been in close contact with Claudine Keenan, Dean of the School of Education, Harvey Kesselman, and the faculty senate on University Status.

He has requested a $50,000 increase to be added to student clubs and the supplemental account.

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

David reminded the senators of the importance of scheduling office hours.

**Committee Reports: Finance**

Active Minds submitted a supplemental in the amount of $135 in order fund their post secret event. This event displays spark conversation, raise hidden issues important to the community and provide direction for future programming, advocacy and change. Matt moved to approve the request, seconded by Melissa.

Motion Passed 25-0-1

\*Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort

F.E.M.A.L.E.S submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,500 in order to bring a speaker to campus dedicated to woman’s rights. Matt moved to approve the request, seconded by Nate.

Motion Passed 24-0-2

\*Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort and Kaitlin Cibenko

The following clubs submitted their 2013-14 annual budget requests: Computer Society, History Club and Pre-S.O.M.A.

Please note the upcoming schedule for clubs to be evaluated:

February 19 – Accounting/Finance, Anime, Art, Biology, Campus Marketing, Chemistry, Blast Computer, Economics, Geology, Greek Council, History, International Business, Math, Philosophy, Physics, Pre-SOMA, Stockpot, Student Senate, Class Councils, Active Minds, ASA, Free to Be, LLU, SAVE and UBSS

March 5 – African Student Org, Communications, All Starz, Books w/o Borders, Criminal Justice, Dance, Equestrian, FEMALES, Gaming Club, GEROS, Gospel Choir, Hospitality and Tourism, MALES, Marine Science, Debate, Edibles, Animal Friendly, CSA, German, MCC and SET

March 26 – Occupational Therapy, OGRE,, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Speech and Hearing, STAND, On the Go, Peer Educators, Pride Alliance, Theatre, Water Watch, Hope, Idols of Tribe, Stockton Neighborhood Watch, Political Science, Argo, Campus Religious Council, Healthy Habits, Resource Room, Stock-Apella

March 26 - Finance Committee finalizes allocations and reports amount to the individual clubs.

April 9 – Clubs appeal to the committee. Committee votes on the total budget allocation.

April 16 – Full senate votes on the total budget allocation.

**Academic Policies**

Chuck reported that the committee has looked into adding a “scientific” writing curriculum for Biology and Chemistry majors, in order to prepare them for lab reports and the MCAT. After speaking to a member of the NAMS department about having a scientific writing course, we came to an understanding that the scientific writing course is built in with the sciences programs and courses in both their lecture and labs so it is done on daily bases. I was also informed that there is also a prep-for-research course which also was developed to better prepare students for both research and scientific writing.

Chuck yielded the floor to Becky at this point and she reported the following:

The committee has also looked into the IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction course surveys. I had a meeting with Heather McGovern, who is the contact person for the Institute for Faculty Development and she gave me a lot of information.

The IDEA Survey is college required and it is an agreement with faculty members and the college. Untenured and adjunct professors are all evaluated. Only half of the classes of faculty that have tenured are evaluated. However, tenured faculty can choose to have all their classes evaluated and they normally do. The IDEA Survey is used for the majority of Stockton courses, but it is not an appropriate form for some course like independent studies or for courses with fewer than 5 students. For 5-14 students w small classes receive about 10 opened ended questions.

For untenured faculty members the survey is really important as soon as they start teaching on Stockton’s campus. If they receive a low evaluation it could be because they just started or a different set of students. They are given a sort of grace period in order to adjust and the results of the evaluation will be at first a learning process. When they begin they are assigned a faculty mentor and they have their program coordinator, dean and the institute for faculty development as a resource. On the other hand, if they do not show progress they will likely to be out of a job. New untenured faculties have a 2 year contract and they go through a significant review and so from their first semester they have a year in a half to improve. The student evaluation will determine their future here at Stockton.

Adjunct faculty members are always evaluated because they aren’t long term faculty. They work about a semester at a time. They probably teach for about a year and student feedback will determine their return.

Tenured faculty members, their student evaluation still matters, especially when they come up for a 5 year. A portfolio is put together as a reflection and student evaluation is taken into deep consideration. If tenured faculty member are interested in a promotion, they must demonstrate good teaching, scholarship and service. Prior to the five year review every semester the Deans of the specific school look and they’ll question faculty about their evaluation. However, that is up to the Deans’ discretion.

Workshops are also held and there is also intensive summer training.

The form is evaluated after so many years, currently its 5 years. Concerns have always been the length, it not providing much information, but they have just evaluated the form this past year. Currently, it is still the appropriate form to use over the 7 question survey that was vague and that was used for 25 years. If we want to make changes to the IDEA Survey or if you have any suggest please see me. Students are reminded they have the option to leave detailed comments on the bottom of the IDEA form.

What students should do if they have a concern and issues, they could speak to any member of Student Senate, the program coordinator or dean about their concern, dean of students and so on. Write detailed comments on survey, it is very helpful! If you have specific question of what to do, student senators can direct you where you should go to get help.

The committee received complaints regarding the bookstore and I had a meeting with Trish Krevetski to address these issues.

Prices are set by publisher at a retail price. If you go to different school, the prices used or new would be the same. You can elect to purchase your books at the bookstore and take advantage of the face to face and staffing assistance.

Book not being there, could be for various reasons. Faculty members sent the book information at a later date and it was being shipped. Sometimes it could have arrived, but the books have not been put on the shelf at the moment. Students are recommended to look up courses in advance and make the education decision about where you will like to purchase your books from.

Buybacks is 100% based on if the faculty has said whether they are going to use the book the following semesters and Faculty member using new editions of books. Customer service would be addressed.

If anyone has any Academic issues or concerns please continue to bring them to the committee’s attention and we will address the issue accordingly.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie reported the following:

Petition packets will be available on Wednesday, February 13th in the Office of Student Development, Campus Center Suite 240. There is also a sign-up sheet for students interested in further details on the election process.

Senate and Music Union will be hosting an event on Thursday, February 14th at the Coffeehouse from 8PM-10PM. This will be a chance to meet the individuals who picked up petitions. The committee kindly asks that the Senate attend and wear their Student Senate polo.

On the same day as the Coffeehouse event, the committee will be asking Stockton Students to Tweet to **@rsc\_senate** about why they love Stockton. The contestant with the most heartfelt message will be featured in the Argo and will win a $25 gift card to the Stockton Bookstore. The contest will end at 8PM and the winner will be announced at the Coffeehouse event.

The committee is currently working on organizing the Senate Carnival. Senate President and Vice President will be meeting with SET representatives tonight at 6pm. Details will follow as we begin to do further planning.

Senate will be partnering with Verizon Wireless and the CARE Program collecting old cell phones. Donation buckets will be placed outside the Resource Room and Senate office.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin reported the following:

Tyler and Jess are continuing their studies on tuition increases of Stockton compared to other public colleges and universities in New Jersey and will present information at the next full meeting. Tyler will be working with Len Farber to discuss this further.

Kaitlin brought to our attention a meeting at Montclair State University for NJUS on the 16th of February. Senator participation from our committee will be discussed.

Justin, Manar and Dave are receiving the budget proposal from President Saatkamp soon. They will learn whether or not we have a say in where the money from the Bond Referendum goes. 

Justin will be meeting with Daniel Tome, Coordinator of Service Learning, to discuss the *The New York Times* status of availability on campus.

As a committee, we discussed attending information sessions around Stockton regarding achieving university status.   
  
 Justin was commended for receiving the Hughes Center Distinctive Student Leadership award.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

Students had requested for meal swipes to be able to purchase frozen food at Lakeside. Since the beginning of the Spring 2013 semester students can now use their meal plan swipes to purchase frozen food. The Welfare Committee will be hanging up flyers on Housing V doors, freshman doors, and bulletin boards to promote the new meal plan feature. At the last senate meeting, Kaitlin Cibenko asked if cornbread was still available. Cornbread is still available, but only on certain days since it does not sell well everyday and goes to waste.

On February 3, 2013 Stockton College has officially entered into a recycling competition called RecycleMania. National recognition is provided to the winning school in each category on the RecycleMania website and in a national press release. Winning schools receive an award made out of recyclable materials, and win the right to host that category’s special traveling trophy for the coming year.

Ben Peoples is keeping in contact with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, about the extra benches inside A&S circle. At the moment, finding a location for the benches is being discussed. Also, some of the hand-sanitizing stations on campus are empty and he is requesting for them to be refilled. Plans will be made to have the water bottle refill stations checked on.

Eddie Horan is keeping in contact with Joe Loefflad, Director of Telecommunications &Network Services, about the student e-mail system. There have been various complaints by students about the operations of the system. One complaint is that the system is unable to e-mail attachments that are too large such as spreadsheets or high resolution pictures.

On Friday February 15, 2013 Maribeth will be attending a committee meeting that will be focusing on grants for Stockton’s bike program. Options for the grant include, improving bike trails at Seaview, improving the signage on the road/trails around campus as well as increase fitness options by installing tailing fitness stations, and adding covered storage solutions around campus to allow students, faculty, and staff to securely and safely place their bikes away from the elements when not in use.

The committee is also looking into the no-guest policy for the first and last two weeks of the semester. We will be meeting with John Perovich to discuss a potential switch to a no overnight guest policy instead.

The committee encourages students to register for the Day of Leadership: Social Change from Within on Saturday, February 23rd. The featured presenter is Dr. Jamie Washington, an incredibly dynamic speaker who will be focusing on issues of social justice, multicultural leadership, and self-awareness of your own identities. There will be a $100 prize, towards an upcoming event or for a pizza party, awarded to the club with the most student leaders in attendance

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Liz Masterson from Chartwells presented the February special dining events on campus.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, reported the upcoming Inclusive Leadership Conference at Temple University scheduled for Saturday, February 16th. Stockton currently ranks as the highest represented school at this conference after Temple, the host. For students attending, please remember to sign the travel waiver available in the Student Development office and wear Stockton apparel to the event. Lauren also reminded student of the Day of Leadership, taking place on February 23rd, and prompted others to spread the word about signing up to attend. There applications to be a TALON or orientation leader are currently available and due by March 1st. Applications can be found on Student Development’s website and more information will be available at upcoming informational meetings.

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, reported that the campus issue of racism will be addressed at a follow up meeting to be scheduled for the week of February 26th. Senators and concerned students are invited to attend. Pedro also applauded the eight graduating seniors for pushing themselves and celebrated their accomplishments this semester, four of which are going into the higher education career field after graduation.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, congratulated Justin Frankel on his award and applauded Eddie Horan for his upcoming arrangement of shadowing President Saatkamp.

Mat Greer presented the large-scale upcoming SET events for the remainder of the semester.

Harry Maurice, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked Nate Taylor for recording, compiling, and sending out the minutes from the last Student Senate meeting.

Ben Peoples announced the reminder that the Board of Trustees Open Meeting is being held on Wednesday, February 20th, at 3:30 pm in the Board of Trustees Room.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.