

**THE RICHARD STOCKTON
COLLEGE
OF NEW JERSEY
STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting
October 1, 2013
4:30 p.m.
Event Room A**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING
AGENDA

October 1, 2013

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. President's Report
- IV. Vice President's Report
- V. 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

2013 – 2014 Student Senate Full Meetings:
Minutes from 17 September 2013

Presiding: Maribeth Capelli

Present: Carl Archut Jr.
Maurice Brandon
Jessica Carey
Louis Chevere
Katerina Childs
Caleb Garofalo
Chad Gevertz
Eddie Horan
Manar Hussein
Reese Kielty
Frank Livia
Thomas McBride
Kyle Miceli
Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama
Ariel Miles
Al Nagbe
Lauren O'Neil
Kiyle Osgood
Sutton Pakenham-Laltrello
Damien Salamacha
Murphy Slagle

President's Report: Maribeth Capelli

The President reported the following:

Senate is still pursuing compensation for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Maribeth stated that she has been in contact with Ramapo's Senate to host a conference

Maribeth reported that she has been working with Eileen Conran, Manager, Instructional Sites, on promoting Stockton's educational sites. Maribeth mentioned events over the summer time that promoted Hammonton and the instructional site located there.

Maribeth reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Science Center.

Maribeth mentioned that she attended the student officer training program on Sunday, September 15 and welcome student leaders. She mentioned that there is a new ICC Facebook page for student organizations

Vice President's Report: Edward Horan

Eddie requested that senators sign up for office hours and noted the creation of the new Inter-Club Council Facebook page, which may be found at <http://www.facebook.com/StocktonICC/>. He thanked the senators for their continued work despite some setbacks early on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Policies

Al informed the Senate of three new majors and withdrawal policy
Al reviewed who will be working with each academic college,
Al will be working with School of Natural and Mathematical Science and
Graduate and Continuing Studies
Katerina will be working with General Studies and Arts and Humanities
Chad will be working with SOBL and School of Business Studies

Legislative Policies

Jessica reported that Dr. Figart attended their September 10th committee meeting to discuss the student debt crisis. Jessica mentioned that the average students have over \$20,000 in debt after college.

Jessica mentioned she is setting up a meeting with the Wellness Center regarding the insurance policy and its cost.

Jessica reported that Ariel set up a meeting with Daniel Tome and Len Farber to discuss the NY Time Readership program.

Kyle reported he is now on the Political Engagement Project committee

Public Relations

Michelle reported that her committee has a lot of ideas. She mentioned that he will be updating the Facebook page, updating the Senate Bulletin boards.

Michelle reported that they are working on getting Senate petitions out to students. She mentioned the election is October 7th and October 8th

Finance

The Nursing Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$800.00 for their annual welcome reception.

Motion passed: 21-0-2*

Abstained: Maribeth, Caleb

The Speech and Hearing Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$2,743.66 for their annual conference.

Motion passed 20-0-3*

Abstained: Maribeth, Caleb,
Katie

Louis proposed a Point System Policy for Senate funded organizations. The following were discussion on the proposed policy, Manar left there was not enough time to review the policy and clubs didn't have enough time to review it.

Manar moved that the Senate send it back to committee and Eddie seconded it.

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Jessica stated that there was not enough time to review it, and Louis apologized for having sent it out so late the night before.

Motion to end discussion:
14-4-2

Motion to send back to
committee: 14-4-2

Student Welfare

Carl reported on the project completed over the summer, High Speed internet, cell phone charging stations in the Campus Center, illegal fishing in Lake Fred, deer crossing signs, mediation room, "Let's Talk About Stockton" event planning, and parking.

Manar reported on the health insurance policy and that it can't be changed for this year. Manar mentioned she took a video of the North Lot and that it was full. Manar explained that she had created a silver complaints box that will be located near the Senate bulletin board.

Maurice mentioned that he is working with telecommunications on Wi-Fi signals in housing.

Murphy mentioned that she is working on LGBTQ housing in Residential Life and working with Denise O'Neill, Director.

Carl requested that Lt. Cindy Parker address Senate on parking. She mentioned how they were addressed the lack of parking. She reported that another lot was being utilized and that shuttle service was made available to this lot; students are made aware of this lot on the LED signs on the campus drive. She reported that there was no longer a grace period for tickets and explained that this should assist.

Trish Krevetski responded to some of the parking questions and asked what would be the best method to get word out to students on parking.

Carl reported that he is working with Charles Ingram, Vice President, Administration and Finance, to create a parking committee.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

Joe Loefflad addressed comments about the Wi-Fi__33 and how the network had been expanded over time. He acknowledged that they have identified some areas in housing where the strength/signal is weak. This will be worked on. After one senator made a comment about taking an exam on line, he pointed out that it is not a good idea to take an exam using the Wi-Fi__33 since connections sometimes get lost. He suggested plugging in directly into the network.

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students welcomed the new Senate and thanking them on their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM

24 September 2013—Committee Meeting

Presiding: Maribeth Capelli

Members present: Carl Archut Jr.
Michelle Batista
Maurice Brandon
Jessica Carey
Louis Chevere
Katerina Childs
Caleb Garofalo
Chad Gevertz
Eddie Horan
Manar Hussein
Reese Kielty
Frank Livia
Thomas McBride
Kyle Miceli
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Ariel Miles
Al Nagbe
Lauren O'Neil
Kiyle Osgood
Sutton Pakenham-Laltrello
Damien Salamacha
Murphy Slagle

Members absent: none

Members late: none

Agenda: The Senate discussed what had been the problem with the Point System at the full meeting of 17 September—in other words, why did the Senate send it back to committee? Maribeth and Louis both noted that Louis had received no feedback about the Point System before the full meeting; Louis did note, however, that he had sent out the information late the night before the meeting, which many senators noted as their primary reason for not having provided feedback. Essentially, they sent it back to committee because they did not have a proper understanding of the Point System.

Al noted that his committee was still redrafting the constitution and that they would soon send it to the Senate for review.

The Senate then broke into committees.

Academic Policies Committee

Date: 24 September 2013

Committee: Academic Policies

Presiding: Al Nagbe

Members Present: Chad Gervertz
Caleb Garofalo
Katerina Childs

Members absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda: The committee will be presenting a newly revised constitution. Caleb Garofalo headed the revision process.

Chad is composing research on a History minor/concentration. Students who are interested in adding a major, minor or concentration can contact the Academic Policies Committee.

Katerina is researching the conditions under which students must buy text books that their professors wrote. Caleb is working on enhancing our current CAPP system.

There are three new academic policies at Stockton:

Students can now earn double majors instead of completing second Bachelor's Degrees.

Students may not accumulate more than 25% of their grade work at Stockton in W notations; this limit excludes WI notations (withdrawal due to illness).

Course Repeat Limit: An individual may enroll in a course no more than 3 times, unless otherwise previously designated and approved—for example, certain music and dance courses, independent studies, and seminars. The dean of the course's school must approve additional repeats.

Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee

Date: 24 September 2013

Committee: Legislative Policies and Government Affairs

Presiding: Jessica Carey

Members present: Ky Miceli
Tom McBride
Damien Salamacha

Members absent: none

Members late: Ariel Miles

Agenda: The Legislative Policies and Government Affairs committee began their first meeting by thanking Ky Miceli for volunteering to be the committee's PEP representative for the duration of the semester, promising to attend their monthly meeting and report back to the committee with any pertinent news. Jessica then delegated concentrations to each member of the committee to reinforce organization and accountability. As it stands now, Ky and Tom are in charge of Civic Engagement; Ariel Miles is responsible for Community Outreach; and Damien Salamacha will be heading Internal Affairs.

Ariel will be meeting with Daniel Tome, Len Farber, and Jessica to ensure that *The New York Times* continue to be placed throughout campus as well as looking into the possibility of scheduling a writer for the paper to speak to the Stockton student body. Ariel also suggested reaching out to smaller, local papers to see if they too would be interested in the opportunity to discuss journalism at the college.

Jessica asked the committee members to promote PEP's Constitution Day series throughout the semester. She also asked Ky and Tom to look into beginning a presentation to make on the Senate floor about the importance of civic engagement.

In regards to the shuttle service that PEP will be providing to local polling places for the gubernatorial election this year, Ariel suggested that the Senate look into providing a shuttle service for October's special state senatorial election. She also suggested that the committee look into better informing the students about this irregular election. Jessica then asked Ariel to look into the possibility of having the League of Women Voters come to campus and help the committee in its voter registration efforts.

Ky then gave his notes on the PEP meeting and informed the committee that the polling institute has added twenty-four stations. Additionally, he stated that Daniel Tome and the polling institute as a whole are hoping for students to seek research opportunities that use the polling institute as a resource. He also told the committee that Stockton implemented its first five Living Learning Communities, which allows students to live in housing arrangements with students who have expressed

interest in the same field. The Day of Scholarship has been extended from one to two days this year. He will continue to update the committee on news from PEP.

Tom expressed interest in looking into the policies that surround applying for grants and scholarships, hoping to create a comprehensive presentation to relay to the students to assist them in the financial aid application process.

Jessica then went on to inform her committee of the possible tabling hours for PEP, beginning 9 September and running through 15 October.

Public Relations

Date: 24 September 2013

Committee: Public Relations

Presiding: Michelle Batista

Members Present: Sutton Pakenham-Laltrello
Lauren O' Neil

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda: Our main focus this evening was fixing the Senate bulletin board. We discussed ways to improve our advertising of Student Senate petitions via social networks. Our main goal is to reach out to students and encourage them to come to "Let's Talk About Stockton" in October. We also talked about making t-shirts with Senate logos with a creative saying like the one Maribeth suggested. We are also dealing with adding Senate elections in *The New York Times* as well as *The Argo*.

Student Welfare Committee

Date: 24 September 2013

Committee: Student Welfare

Presiding: Carl Archut, Jr.

Members Present: Maurice Brandon
Manar Hussein
Murphy Slagle

Members Absent: none

Agenda:

Carl met with Charles Ingram, Vice President for Administration and Finance, on Wednesday 18 September 2013 to discuss who will be serving on the committee.

On Friday 20 September, Carl worked with Laurie and Don in regards to finding a location for more commuter lockers and club/Greek bulletin boards.

Carl also met with Dianne Stalling from Student Development in regards to creating Diversity Program. This program will be during the last day of multicultural month—31 October 2013. A student named Henry Lee will be helping us plan and put on the program.

Maurice will be researching the history of the Stockton tree symbol.

Maurice received a wifi update from Joe Loefflad:

During the course of the summer break the office of Telecommunications and Network Services were successful in deploying additional wireless access points. Their initial goal, which was supported by financial commitments from the college, was to enhance Wi-Fi accessibility in Housings 1 and 2; however, they found that they had enough resources and time to also upgrade the Wi-Fi in Housing 3. Housings 4 and 5 remain on their project list and will be completed once they receive funds approved through the Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund. Wireless devices work in one of two radio frequencies: 2.4Ghz or 5.0Ghz. The legacy 2.4Ghz frequency also supports many other devices such as microwave ovens, blue tooth devices and wireless game controllers. These devices create noise or interference in the 2.4Ghz spectrum. The Office of Telecommunications and Network Services has confirmed that the microwave ovens in housing, when in use, have a tendency to knock users off the wireless network. This occurs because the Wireless Access Point recognizes the interference and proactively changes to a different channel in the 2.4Ghz spectrum. By doing this it forces users to re-associate with the Access Point on its new channel.

Manar will finish decorating the complaints box so that students can submit complaints anonymously.

Additionally, she will organize a date and tabling times with the help of the PR Committee, so that students can voice their concerns to the committee.

She will be serving on the Police Chief Search Committee.

Murphy will update the committee about research on LGBTQ Communities/Center at the nine Public Institutions in New Jersey.

She will be meeting with Denise on 4 October to make laundry carts readily accessible for students in Housing II and to renovate the Housing I laundry room.

Finance Committee

Date: 24 September 2013

Name of Committee: Finance

Presiding: Louis M. Chevere

Members Present: Frank Livia
Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama
Kiyle Osgood

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda: Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment (S.A.V.E.) Club submitted a request to use club funds from club's budget in the amount of \$1,755 to attend the Power Shift Convention.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

The Richard Stockton College Model United Nations (RSCMUN) submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$2561 to attend National Model UN Conference.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

The Campus Religious Council/Ratio Christi submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$489.70 to attend Ratio Christi Conference.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

The Stockton Veterans Organization submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$2,500 to hold a program titled Program Papers: An Academic Program for all students to learn how to deal with feelings through art.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Greek Council submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$2000 for a speaker, Cara Filler, to speak about safe driving.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Dance Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$1000 to offset the decreased budget allocation received last semester.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Stockton-a-cappella submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$500 to offset the decreased budget allocation received last semester.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

F.E.M.A.L.E.S submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$1000 to offset the decreased budget allocation received last semester.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Equestrian Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$500 to offset the decreased budget allocation received last semester.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Student Senate submitted a supplemental in the amount of \$1200 for advertisement in *The ARGO*.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

The Finance Committee restructured the Point System Policy with the help of feedback from fellow Senators.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Should the Senate approve the Point System Policy, a detailed outline will appear in our next meeting's minutes.

President's Report – October 1, 2013

Multicultural Month starts today, and celebratory events are being hosted throughout October. Shane Windmeyer of Campus Pride will be here tonight for a presentation.

Freshman Convocation occurred on Thursday, and the author of *Spook*, Mary Roach, presented to the freshman class.

On September 18, 2013 the opening ceremony of the Unified Science Center occurred. I gave remarks along with President Saatkamp and others involved in the planning and construction process. Students really appreciate the time and detail that was put into the building. I took a walk through the building the first day of classes and heard students describe the building with "beautiful" and "well-planned."

A follow-up meeting on diversity at Stockton occurred on September 19, 2013. Administration updated students on what they have been doing to promote diversity at Stockton. The students were very pleased with the progress that has been made and were grateful that issues were being addressed. Some more suggestions were made on what can be done to promote diversity, such as hosting events to engage students in discussions about unity and respect. The Meditation Room is ready to be furnished. It has new paint, carpet, ceiling tiles, and curtains. We are looking into what types of furnishings are needed and what we can allocate from our budget.

Construction for the new 103 parking spots officially began yesterday. It will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete and is expected to be finished in mid-November. In the meantime the Student Welfare Committee is forming a parking committee that will evaluate current parking procedures and suggest ways to improve it. They will be meeting soon.

Vice President's Report: Edward J. Horan

On 13 September, Eddie met with the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees. The committee discussed such business as new grants for the social work program, an honorary degree for a student who died in the 1970s, and the installment of a new system of K through 12 education, by which students will be held to more rigorous standards to assure their readiness for college.

Eddie is excited to announce the success of the first Inter-Club Council meeting of the semester, held on 26 September. Most active clubs sent representatives—many of whom had good news and suggestions to deliver at the meeting. Attendance was so good, in fact, that Len Farber noted that he could not recall the last time so many representatives showed up.

A reminder from Eddie to the chairs: Please observe the four-AM Friday deadline for minutes, as Eddie needs to assemble that information and send it to Len. Please also send minutes as .docx files (when possible), using twelve-point Times New Roman, as this will assist Eddie in assembling the minutes. Please also refrain from using bullets and highlighting in minutes.

A reminder from Eddie to the senators: Please remember to sign in for your office hour—which you should complete each week. If you have found that Eddie is mispronouncing your name when calling attendance, please let him know so that he can give you your due respect.