

THE RICHARD STOCKTON
COLLEGE
OF NEW JERSEY
STUDENT SENATE

Notice of Meeting
September 23rd, 2014
4:30 pm
Board of Trustees Room

Galloway, New Jersey 08205
609-652-4845

STUDENT SENATE MEETING AGENDA
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Full Senate Meeting 9 September 2014

Presiding: Carl Archut, Jr.

Members present: Louis M. Chevere
Nick Persia
Victoria Nucci
Mike Tuozzolo
Ziwei Li
Tyler Graff
Kiyle Osgood
Tara Ricco
Haley Matsinger
Angelo Bechara
Maryam Sarhan
Maurice Brandon
Brad Ross
Lauren O'Neil
Zayhira Roa
Emily Zeck
Noya Ilan
Kristen "Murphy" Slagle
Cristian Moreno
Marina Barsoum
Ar-Rasheed Brisco
Alison Rocker

Members absent: None

Members late: None

Agenda/Business:

Approval of Minutes

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes from April 22nd, 2014, seconded by Maryam.

Motion Passed: 20-0-01*

*Senators Abstained: Carl Archut, Jr.

President Report

Hello and welcome back, my fellow Ospreys! I hope the summer has treated all of you well. This summer has been very productive and I am excited to share some of my goals and this update with all of you. As you can see, we are using a new meeting configuration to improve visual communication and make it easier to recognize Senators who wish to address the Senate. You have also noticed two other changes. First, we will be using a sign in sheet for students wishing to make public comments. This is being implemented for reasons of fairness. Students signing will be called upon in the order in which they signed in. Comments from faculty and administrators will follow student comments as time permits. You will also notice that prior to the start of the meeting that advertisements and announcements about campus events were scrolling. Since we are now displaying campus event announcements, we are asking such announcements no longer be made during the public comment portion of our meetings. Senators are being asked to follow this protocol as well.

Some of my goals this year involve increasing the number of candidates and number of students who vote during elections. For the fall election I hope to have 25 senate candidates and 1200 students vote. For the spring election I hope to have 40 senate candidates and 1500 students vote.

I am excited to announce that the Student Senate has invested in seventeen iPads, phase one of two, so that we can reduce the amount of paper wasted when the full senate meeting booklets are printed.

In an effort to enhance communication internally within the Student Senate, I created a blackboard class. With this class the Senators will be able to access all of the resources they will ever need, including table gallery request form; request for use of college facilities form; ULTRA program attendance form; co-curricular transcript consideration form; administrator contact information; and Senator Contact information. They will also have access to all of the training session videos, and archived meeting minutes. Not only will they have all of that information readily available for them, but each committee will have their own section, allowing them to communicate with one another and share their goals.

A task force was formed to address compensation. The compensation task force is chaired by and comprised of students who are not a part of the Student Senate. Another task force was formed to look into the possibility of restructuring the student senate to better serve the students at Stockton. This task force has a very diverse representation of clubs and organizations.

In an effort to better serve the student body the Student Senate has created a new program called, “*Students Helping Students*”. With this program we hope to be able to address specific pressing issues that students are facing. If you have a specific concern that you would like addressed, please contact a Senator. With your continued support we will be able to raise awareness about the issues affecting students and we will make a difference.

We established the first comprehensive motto “*Towards New Horizons*” to give Student Senate a new direction for the academic year. This year the Student Senate plans on being more visible,

approachable, goal oriented, and transparent in an effort to better serve the student body. You will see this “look” with this motto in all of our future publications.

I would like to thank Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, and Len Farber, Past Director of Student Development, because I was able to attend the NASPA Region II Conference at the Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey from June 8th-10th, 2014 and the LeaderShape Institute in Atlanta, Georgia from July 20th-25th, 2014.

I would also like to thank the following administrators for their support in helping make the 2014 Student Senate Training a success:

Herman Saatkamp
Harvey Kesselman
Pedro Santana
Craig Stambaugh
Tom O’Donnell
Denise O’Neil
Steve Radwanski

Christy Cunningham
Joe Marchetti
Chartwells Dining Services
Stockton Affiliated Services, Incorporated.
John Perovich
Debra Lanza

I really appreciate your commitment and dedication to the Student Senate. Training went very well and the material presented was well received by all.

Finally, I would like to announce that on September 3, 2014 a recommendation was made by the Pan-College Task Force on University Status to pursue a change in its official New Jersey status and name to that of a university. The Board of Trustees of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is expected to vote on September 17th, 2014. Please be sure to attend this very important and possible historic meeting.

Vice President Report

Carl yields the floor to Louis for his Vice President report. Fellow senators, as we begin another school year here at Stockton College, let us remember the integrity and honor we must uphold as “Student Senators.” As elected Student Senators, we must also remember that we are the face of the students of Stockton College; students of all races, creeds, residents, commuters, traditional and non-traditional students. We are servants to these students, so every second given during this semester and next will be crucial. They have placed their trust in us to make sure that their voices are heard and that their needs are satisfied. That is why we have implemented mandatory office hours for every senator.

The office hour schedule will be placed on the door of the Student Senate office and throughout the college campus. If a student is in need to talk to a senator, instantaneously the student will see this schedule and realize that a senator is present at the office at all times. Our mission is to not allow any student at this distinctive college to go unrecognized. If anyone has a concern, question, idea, or just a need to vent, a Student Senator will be present in our office at all times.

Again, integrity and honor is what we must uphold as “Student Senators.” So be mindful of social media and social events. Be mindful of your actions on and off campus. Be mindful of your well-being. Be mindful of your class work and any other obligations that you have taken upon yourself this semester. We are a team and must finish this school year as a team. Respect each other, the administrators, and the students we serve. But most importantly respect yourself. Let’s continue the hard work we have started this summer.

I would like to finish by giving thanks to the Student Development office, the Dean of Students office and all other offices of Student Affairs. We appreciate the training and guidance that everyone has bestowed on us. I would also want to give thanks to all the Ospreys at Stockton that elected us to be their voice. We will try our best to not let one voice go unheard, one idea go unnoticed, or one student go unrecognized. Louis yields the floor back to Carl.

Academic Affairs Committee

Carl yields the floor to Nick to report for the Academic Affairs Committee. Nick Persia took the floor and informed everyone that each senator with in academic affairs will have their own assigned dean, so that if anyone should have a problem with in their school of study to get into contact with him and let him know what academic school it is in regards to. He then let everyone know that there will possibly be a study day added to the end of the semester, so that students will be able to have time extra time to study, after a long period of exams. Nick Persia then let the audience know that the library will no longer be carrying book for recreational use, due to so many people renting books. There will also be an event for freshmen and transfer students who do not know how to use their CAPP. They are also looking into an easier ways for students to register for classes, as well as a better way to keep current Honors program students involved in the honors program. Nick yields the floor back to Carl.

Government Affairs Committee

Carl yields the floor to Angelo to report for the Government Affairs Committee. Angelo thanked everyone for coming out. He then went on to say that in their committee meeting that they discussed their accomplishments this past summer. Maryam attended the last NJUS meeting for the year at Rowan University. She will be attending the next meeting at William Paterson University on September 13, 2014. He kept in touch with the *Up To Us Year 3.0*, and they will be applying for that this year, and it will only be for students in senate for the time being. Angelo then announces that Maryam will be holding another higher education awareness week again this year, and that the Government Affairs Committee will be working with the office of service learning, because they are now a sponsor for this program. He also reported that last Thursday Brad attended the civic engagement meeting, in order to increase the political engagement project. Angelo then announced that State Senator Jim Whalen and Assemblymen Vince Moiso will be coming October 14, 2014 to give a panel on voter registration, and the importance on going out for elections. They will also be going to the national constitution center. Angelo yields the floor back to Carl.

Public Relations Committee

Carl yields the floor to Lauren to report for the Public Relations Committee. Lauren O'Neil welcomed everyone back from their summer and wished a good start to the year. She then announced that their goals would be to increase the attendance by 20% to students coming to the full senate meetings. They would like to increase the student presence on campus as well as create a more positive attitude towards senate, in order to create a universal brand that is more easily identifiable on campus, and more details can be found on the website. This summer they created graphics, letterheads, templates so that everything from Senate will be more identifiable when looking at. They also have graphic on TV. Their committee goals are now on their website. The bulletin boards have been updated in H wing and in the food court, with the flow charts, with updates. They are looking into getting a senators column in the Argo so they can continue to relay information. Their twitter updates will be posted more frequently, hopefully with the minutes posted before full senate meetings. They will be tabling and continuing to give out giveaways such as water bottles. Lauren yields the floor back to Carl.

Student Affairs Committee

Carl yields the floor to Murphy to report for the Student Affairs Committee. Murphy Slagle then took the floor and announced that she would be the new chair for the Student Affairs Committee. She announced over the summer that their committee came up with a number of goals for more funds, as well as vegan/ vegetarian options on campus. Murphy then announced that her and Ar-Rasheed would be setting up a meeting with Assistant Director of Residential Life Trish would be meeting with, and have a review of the gender inclusive housing. Murphy yields the floor back to Carl.

Finance Committee

Carl yields the floor to Kiyle to report for the Finance Committee. Kiyle announced that they will be refining the budget requests process to make things easier, as well as refining the points system. They are also going to be holding a fundraising/ utilization of funds workshop at one of the ICC meetings. Lastly he said they will be working on a one page supplemental request, to better inform clubs on what the process is and how to submit it.

There is a motion on the floor to approve Active Minds & Greek Council's supplemental request in the amount of \$1,550 for their Suicide Prevention Week at Stockton College. Motion seconded by Emily.

Motion Passed: 20-0-2

There is a motion on the floor to approve a supplemental in the amount of \$1,200 for the Social Work Clubs 2014-2015 budget. Motion seconded by Ar-Rasheed.

Motion Passed: 20-1-2

There is a motion on the floor to approve a supplemental in the amount of \$4,000 for the RSC Model UN trip to Washington, DC. Motion seconded by Ar-Rasheed.

Motion Passed: 20-0-3

Kiyle yields the floor back to Carl.

Announcements/Comments from the Public

Kathy Lloyd announces that she is the NAACP president for the Richard Stockton College of NJ chapter. She invited the Student Senate to their first meeting on September 17, 2014 in room F-120 and encouraged everyone to become a member of the organization. She also mentioned that on October 1st there will be a town hall meeting in the event room and encouraged all to attend. The first part will be for review of prior meeting, then an update, and lastly an open discussion.

Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, welcomed everyone back. He is looking forward to seeing students step up and start the year off in a right way. He said that many senators have left their marks on this campus, and that the 2014-2015 Student Senate should do the same. He closed by saying if anyone has any ideas on how to make the campus a better place that he is welcome and open to any suggestions.

Dianne Stalling thanked the Student Senate for their leadership in partnering with the Girl Scouts of America, at the Day of Service, and hosting a College 101 program. She wanted to share that the leader of the girl scouts troop wanted to let them know they had a great time and that they look forward to working with the Senate again in the future. There will also be a survey sent out to all girl scouts who participated in the program. Survey results will be shared with the Student Senate to help make the next program bigger and better.

Tom O'Donnell, Assistant Dean of Students, wanted to remind the senators that they represent the clubs and organizations on campus and that their actions speak volumes. He also informed everyone that President Saatkamp called him to let him know that our school was awarded by *The US News and World Report*, Top Veteran Friendly College, and that we should be proud and continue to dedicate and support greatness in all of our organizations on campus this year.

Jeff Wakemen, Director of Student Development, introduced himself and said that he is excited to be in his new position, and said if anyone needs him that he will be in the past Directors office.

Chief Coffin introduced himself as the new Chief of Police and said that it was an honor to be here. He said that he is excited to work with and meet everyone.

Adjournment

Carl adjourns the meeting at 5:01 pm.

Committee Meeting 16 September 2014

Presiding: Carl Archut, Jr.

Members Present: Louis M. Chevere
Nick Persia
Victoria Nucci
Mike Tuozzolo
Ziwei Li
Tyler Graff
Kiyle Osgood
Tara Ricco
Haley Matsinger
Angelo Bechara
Maryam Sarhan
Maurice Brandon
Brad Ross
Lauren O'Neil
Zayhira Roa
Emily Zeck
Noya Ilan
Kristen "Murphy" Slagle
Cristian Moreno
Marina Barsoum
Ar-Rasheed Brisco
Alison Rocker

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Academic Affairs Committee

Date: September 16th, 2014

Presiding: Nick Persia

Members Present: Victoria Nucci
Mike Tuozzolo
Ziwei Li
Tyler Graff

Members Absent: None

Agenda/Business:

Nick met with Tom Grites, the assistant provost, to talk about the study day resolution. We went over the current academic calendar and possible days we could implement this day. With the current ending week of the Fall semester, it will be very hard to get a study day during the fall as graduation has to be done before the holidays and teachers grades need to be in early, but the spring semester has more options. Nick is continuing the work on this resolution.

Also Nick has had numerous emails and concerns from students regarding the course retake policy at Stockton. If you do badly in a course one time and retake it, both grades are using to calculate your GPA. A lot of schools in New Jersey drop the lowest grade if you retake a class. The grade still shows up on your transcript, but does not affect your GPA. I am looking into a possible solution for this.

Victoria has set the date for her event Know Your CAPP on October 22. The event will give freshman and transfers students a full explanation of the CAPP system and will teach the students how to use it efficiently. This is going to be a great event and I hope everyone can make it.

Government Affairs Committee

Date: September 16th, 2014

Presiding: Angelo Bechara

Members Present: Maryam Sarhan
Brad Ross

Members Absent: Maurice Brandon

Agenda/Business:

Thanks to Chartwells we will be advertising for the NY Times, by putting table tents on all the tables in the Cafeteria. Thanks to Service Learning we will have labels to put on them to further explain to students how to login.

Information on the trip to the National Constitution Center trip will be announced soon. The trip will be in the beginning of October.

Members of the Government Affairs Committee will be on “Talking with Anne” 1450AM on Saturday Sept 20 at 8am to talk about Politics and how the Political world affects college students.

We will hear back from the Up to Us organizers on October 3rd regarding our application that was submitted on Sept.17, 2014. The team met and answered the short answer questions collectively.

Maryam attended the first NJUS meeting of the year at William Paterson; Angelo would like to thank Maryam for her dedication to Student Senate. She gave up her whole Saturday for this and it says a lot about her passion for the Student body.

Angelo would like to thank the offices of Senator Jim Whelan, Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, and Assemblyman Chris Brown for their quick replies and easy communication. They will all be speaking at our panel “Osprey’s Vote” where Students can meet their 2nd district State legislators, ask question, and hear from them why voting on election day is very important.

Public Relations Committee

Date: September 16th, 2014

Presiding: Lauren O’Neil

Members Present: Zayhira Roa
Emily Zeck
Noya Ilan

Members Absent: None

Agenda/ Business:

Good afternoon faculty, staff, and Stockton community! The main focus of the Public Relations Committee these past two weeks was planning and organizing the tabling for the Get Involved Fair. This is the biggest opportunity we have to get the word out about senate to as many people as possible. We saw a lot of interest from freshmen and transfers who want to run in the fall election and who picked up petitions from our table. Petitions can also be found on our website.

In order to promote our social media, we had a promotion at our table which was everyone who liked our Facebook page would receive a water bottle and pen. Also, brand new this year, we were selling Stockton bracelets at the table for two dollars. This is part of our new initiative, “Students Helping Students”, and all money raised goes into a Stockton scholarship fund. So far we raised about sixty dollars, with our goal being to sell all the bracelets. We will also be selling them before the full meetings.

To further encourage candidates to run who may not have stopped at our table, Zayhira and Carl wrote an article for the Argo in which it describes the top five reasons to run for senate. The article is out in week’s issue. We are also finalizing details for “Senate Day” on September 30th which will entail coffee with a senator, open question and answer forum, and an interest meeting.

We are working on getting everything ready for Let’s Talk About Stockton, which will be held on October 2nd at 4:30 in the Event Room. Also, we are in the process of publicizing events being run by other senators, the “Know Your CAPP” and “Ospreys Vote!” programs. We are looking forward to these upcoming events and are excited to meet the future candidates!

Student Affairs Committee

Date: September 16th, 2014

Presiding: Kristen “Murphy” Slagle

Members Present: Alison Rocker
Cristian Moreno
Ar-Rasheed Brisco
Marina Barsoum

Members Absent: None

Agenda / Business:

Ar-Rasheed has met with Trish Krevetski with regards to a few recent issues with food services. This included a discussion about Papa Johns expanding options through "Fresh Mex" and a possibility of extending hours.

Cristian is focusing on a special project with Athletics by trying to find a space for yoga/flatwork in big blue whereas currently there is very limited space. Cristian has been gathering numbers of those attending relevant programs to get an idea of how many people would use the space and how much space would be needed.

Marina attended a meeting to discuss a project to increase class size and attendance at off campus locations.

Murphy met with Trish Krevetski. It has been found that the DVD box across from the food court is not used often. The service provider is considering adding games into the machine for student use. There is also another shuttle coming sometime next month that will have a lift for those in wheelchairs. With this additional shuttle, one will be used for the route to the campus center and the other will go to A&S. Murphy will meet with RHA and Denise O’Niell to discuss any housing concerns and receive updates. A meeting will take place with the chief of police to discuss the use of osprey cam monitoring the campus. Another update from Trish Krevetski will take place shortly; in the meantime students should only park in the lot adjacent to the athletic field on Pomona road in the event that campus police direct vehicles to that location.

Finance Committee

Date: September 16th, 2014

Presiding: Kiyle Osgood

Members Present: Haley Matsinger
Tara Ricco

Members Absent: None

Agenda/Business:

The Finance Committee has created their new universal email address that will move to eliminate confusion and problems that has risen in the past.

New Business

1. Stockton Dance Club is having the annual American College Dance Association Conference. This conference provides the opportunity for 20 students to explore dancing further. The original requested amount was \$4715.60. **Adjusted amount is \$4,400.**

Motion Passed: 3-0-0

2. Richard Stockton College Model Un (RSCMUN) will be sending two head delegates to accompany the 6 Stockton students that will compete in this conference. The original requested amount was \$4,264.90. **Adjusted amount is \$1,750.** The finance Committee worked with the office of the Provost to fund this activity for the Colleges 20/20 initiative

Motion Passed: 3-0-0

3. The Speech and Hearing club will be attending an annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference in Orlando Florida. Attending this trip will be four members of the clubs executive committee. The original request amount was \$2,056.72. **The adjusted amount is \$1,950.**

Motion Passed: 3-0-0

4. Multicultural Month committee; SET, ASO, UBSS, CSA, ASA, Pride Alliance, LLU are requesting a supplemental to cover the cost of the annual opening and closing ceremony for Student Multicultural Month. The original requested amount was 4271.50. With no contribution from any other department or supporting organizations. **The adjusted amount is \$3,000.**

Motion Passed: 3-0-0

5. Student Senate Government Affairs Committee is requesting a supplemental to cover the added costs to the US Constitution Center. This year the trip will be for 50 students instead of 40. The original requested amount is \$400. **The adjusted amount is \$300.**

Motion Passed: 3-0-0