**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**November 9, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 9, 2010

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Committee Reports

A. Public Relations

B. Academic Policies

C. School Spirit

D. Student Welfare

E. Finance

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2010-2011 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

October 26, 2010

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Steve Amato

Samantha Brodsky

Caitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Nick Courtney

Osagie Ekenezar

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriquez

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Chris Jones

Darryl Lewis

Matthew Patterson

Xochil Ramirez

Brittany Revicki

Johana Rosas Delgado

AJ Vervoort

Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: Jazmin Alayon

Nazire Divanovic\* \*Notified Chair

Cristabelith Rosario

John Szczuplak

Members Late: Nicole Kim

\*Notified the President

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Brittany Revicki moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting, seconded by Brittany Grapstul. Kenan wanted the minutes to reflect that Elizabeth, Nazire, and Osagie notified their chairs of their absence or lateness from the October 12th meeting.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan thanked the Senators and administrators for making the Town Hall meeting a success. He also thanked those that attending the Warren St. John reading that was hosted by the First Year Experience program and the Student Senate.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo first reported that the committee members along with the rest of the senators attended the Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, and the attendance was good.

Paulo added that Jazmin will be working with Event Services to get ads placed on the television screens throughout the main campus and along Vera King Farris Drive. Melissa will be working with the radio station to get public service announcements on the air and Darryl will be making flyers for all Student Senate related events.

Steve then reported that they are looking into getting events advertised on the new screens on Vera King Farris Drive and considering replacing the suggestion box next to the bulletin board outside of the G-Wing cafeteria.

Steve concluded the report by stating that they are asking all senators to spread the word that the Student Senate Facebook page can be utilized for students to post their questions or concerns.

Nicole arrived at this time.

**Academic Policies**

Sualeh reported that the Undecided Fair was very successful. Nazire spoke with some the professors that were tabling during those days and they stated that there were a number of students that found the fair very useful and are now considering declaring a major.

Sualeh then stated that Nazire will be contacting Professor Linda Wharton to see if it is possible to extend the Pre-Law concentration to the Criminal Justice majors because it will be helpful in getting them into law school. Sualeh also added the he spoke with CSIS faculty regarding more summer classes. He was informed that there wasn’t enough support to add more classes. He will look into giving out flyers to get more participation.

Osagie then suggested creating a forum to establish new courses or concentrations.

**School Spirit**

Caitlin reported that the committee decided to change the direction of the memory boxes. They are planning to do a picture collage of Stockton past to present. John contacted Julie Bowen, Supervisor of Graphic Productions, for pictures throughout Stockton’s history. Caitlin stated that two sororities contributed photos to the boxes. They will use those pictures and complete one of the boxes.

**Student Welfare**

The committee addressed the following questions from the Town Hall meeting.

Parking: Johana reported that Matt Altier, Vice President for Administration and Finance, stated that there is sufficient parking throughout Stockton, not all is convenient parking but every student has the opportunity to park in North Lot and take the shuttle back to class. He also mentioned that soon they will be adding two more shuttles to transport students.

Alcohol/Drug Use: Johana reported that President Herman Saatkamp, Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, responded to the concern on how to cut down the use of alcohol/drugs. They stated that they have moved the freshmen to housing II and III and made it a dry-zone where no alcohol is permitted. Also, they have invested money and time into setting up programs to raise awareness as well as providing counseling/assistance to students with such issues.

Financial Aid/Bursars: AJ reported that Jean Lewis, Director of Financial, explained that when the new Campus Center opens the Bursars’ office and the Financial Aid office will be next to each other. This will eliminate any lack of communication between the two offices. Ms. Lewis encouraged any student with problems to contact the specific office because they are always available. In addition, she stated that the late fees added to some student’s accounts were applied because either the student didn’t reply to the request for forms or other documentation, or they did not fill out HESAA’S documentation properly. In the future, Ms. Lewis hopes to see a stronger relationship among the HESSA, Bursars’ and Financial Aid offices.

Healthy food options: Johana reported that Matt Altier stated that N-wing always has a salad bar, stir-fried bar with fresh vegetables and will be adding whole grain breads and vegetarian food, as well as gluten-free soups. In the future, N-wing will be renovated and they will be adding international cuisine. He also added that there is a nutritionist in Chartwells that can help any student develop a new healthy-foods diet.

Gazebos: Matt Altier stated that within the next few weeks changes will take place in the gazebos including additions of bigger gazebos throughout the main campus and moving the small ones to the housing areas. The gazebos will have seating all around the inside and outside of the gazebos and walkways to them will be added for easier access.

S.A.V.E: Johana stated that a member from SAVE asked if they could help reduce the use of the handicapped buttons. The committee plans to put signs around the buttons to raise the awareness of the energy used. It costs ten cents every time a student pushes the button. Also, they would like to have spigots installed on some water fountains so that students can refill their water bottles easily rather than using the vending machines and using more energy. The committee is in the process of discussing this with Donald Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management.

Phone service: Johana reported that Jim McCarthy, Associate Provost for Computing and Communications, and Joe Loefflad, Director of Telecommunications and Network Services, stated that the reason why most students don’t have cell phone service is because there aren’t many cell-phone towers. They are in the process of requesting more around campus but when cell-phone providers look at their customers they don’t have many accounts in the area.

Lounges in the new campus center: Johana reported that Craig Stambaugh, Associated Dean of Students/Director of the College Center stated that there will be two to four lounges in the new campus center and multiple ones throughout the new building. There will also be three fire places. In addition, the college will be renovating the student lounges that are in the main campus.

Meal plans:  Chris reported that Johana contacted Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, about having more options for the use of meal plans without having to use flex to pay for food. She stated that there are many combinations of food to add up for a meal plan. It was also proposed to have the meal plan raised from $5.85 to $6.85 or round that off to $7. Johana believes that the price of the meal plan is fine the way as it is because if you go out to eat at a regular buffet it costs you anywhere from $10 to $15.

Bookstore: Chris then reported that the committee contacted Patty Weaver, the bookstore manager, in regards to making Stockton apparel cheaper or having more days of sales/discounts. Ms. Weaver responded by stating the request was reviewed and additional discount days were added. On Thursday, October 21st they will have a “Phillies fan day” in which they will have a 10% off certain items and on Thursday, October 28th, they will have another sale event called "Stocktoctober Fest" that includes a 10% off some items.

Je’Meda then addressed the following housing issues:

Wi-Fi in residential areas: Je’Meda reported that she spoke with Terrence Hardee, Director of Housing, and he stated that Housing V has Wi-Fi and the next complexes to receive it, if approved, will be housing II and III. Mr. Hardee informed her that if there is additional funding, housing IV would be next. Housing I would be considered last because the costs would be significantly higher.

Reducing the cost of housing prices during breaks: Je’Meda reported that Mr. Hardee informed her that there would be difficulty getting Board approval for this because Stockton already has the cheapest rates of any other college in New Jersey.

Reducing the cost of lockout fines: Lockout fines are imposed when students don’t have their IDs and have to have someone in housing unlock their door for them. Je’Meda reported that Mr. Hardee stated that he does empathize with students being charged a lockout fine for mistakes such as their IDs falling out of their pockets and said that if the students can propose a rational idea to fix the issue, he would try it next semester on a trial period.

Additional Washers and Dryers: Je’Meda stated that there is an insufficient number of washers and dryers for most of the Lakeside portion of campus. Due to electrical issues and lack of space, the only option would be to double stack the laundry facilities that they already have. That issue will be discussed with Donald Moore, Vice President for Planning and Plant Management.

**Finance**

The Hospitality Management Society submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,424.14 to help fund their trip to the International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show. Brittany Grapstul moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Xochil.

Motion Passed: 18-4-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Elizabeth Corey, Paulo Henriquez, Chris Jones and Johana Rosas Delgado

Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

The All-Starz Dance Team submitted a supplemental in the amount of $6,385 to fund their performance at the Philadelphia 76ers games. They will pay back everything they borrow. Brittany Grapstul moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Brittany Revicki.

Motion Passed: 21-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Kenan Kurt and Xochil Ramirez

The Campus Religious Council submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,026.36 to fund their trip to the Passion 2011 Leadership Conference. Brittany Grapstul moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Nick.

Motion Passed: 21-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Elizabeth Corey and Kenan Kurt

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, presented Jacob Hershey and Michael Maibach with the Police Department’s Civilian Appreciation Award.

Luanne Anton, Health Educator, announced LollaNoBooza was set for October 28th.

Stephen Davis, Associate Dean of Students, announced that the Council of Black Faculty and Staff Annual Dinner & Dance will be held on November 10th at the Carriage House in Galloway Township. He also announced that the Hero of the Year contest will be taking place in April.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced upcoming events including the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th and the Blueprint for Success Conference on November 20th.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked everyone for their hard work and participation in our annual Day of Service event.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.