**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**April 12, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center – Board of Trustees Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

April 12, 2011

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

March 29, 2011

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Kaitlin Cibenko

Shane Delorme

Osagie Ekenezar

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriques

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Darryl Lewis

Matthew Patterson

Cristabelith Rosario

Jonathan Torres

AJ Vervoort

Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: Jazmin Alayon\* \*Notified President

Michelle Batista

Rosalia Caceres\*

Elizabeth Corey

Nick Courtney

Nazire Divanovic\*

Chris Jones

Ben Peoples

Johana Rosas Delgado\*

John Szczuplak\*

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. AJ moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting, seconded by Matthew.

Motion Passed: 16-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan reminded everyone that the senators would be voting on the 2011-12 annual budgets at the next meeting. He stressed the importance of everyone attending.

He then reported that the next full meeting would be held in the Campus Center.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo reported that 30 students are running for the senate and three students are on the ballot for the board of trustees’ position. The election is set for April 6 & 7. Jazmin and Darryl will be in charge of tabling for the elections outside of the G-wing cafeteria.

**Academic Policies**

Sualeh reported that Nazire is speaking to Dr. Robert Helsabeck, Faculty Senate President, regarding the graduation ceremony. He has concerns over the academic calendar and graduation dates falling on or near holidays.

He then reported that Matthew will ask students how they feel about indoor or outdoor graduations and if they have a preference for graduation being on weekdays or weekends. This information will be relayed to Dr. Helsabeck.

He went on to report that Osagie will update the senate on the Faculty Senate.

Sualeh concluded his report by stating that he met with Chintan Mehta, the IT consultant for student records, and verified that there will be enough internet traffic available on the go portal for registration of classes. Mr. Mehta stated that when students meet with their preceptors and fill out the survey, their time to register gets moved up two hours which frees up potentially hundreds of students from simultaneously logging-in in a certain time to another time slot. This improved process helps free up go portal traffic by up to 40% for every time slot. Thus, he ensured that go portal will not crash or block you from registering at your time slot as there will be a high threshold for simultaneous log-ins.

**School Spirit**

Kaitlin reported that the committee has finalized its plan for the upcoming carnival set for this Friday. The event will be co-sponsored with Residential Life and Neighborhood Watch.

**Student Welfare**

Je’Meda reported that the committee worked on the following issues:

She added that the committee has received many complaints about the smokers who stand outside of the gazebo by Alton Auditorium. The committee then asked Chief Miller to help enforce the policy by placing signs directing people to smoke in the designated area. Due to the continued misuse, the gazebo was removed.

Je’Meda then reported that the committee has received another complaint about the Yoga room. Students would like to be able to use a quieter room, perhaps the dance studio. As of right now, they're constantly distracted with outside noise, and other students have asked them to leave the room. AJ will contact the proper administrator to see what can be done about this matter.

She went on to report that Jonathan is waiting to hear from the custodial office about making sure that all hand sanitation stations are always filled.

Je’Meda concluded her report by stating that she is waiting to hear from Terrence Hardee, Director of Residential Life, about placing hammocks around Lake Fred.

Je’Meda left the meeting at this time.

**Finance**

History Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $1,618.46 to fund their trip to Washington, D.C. to visit a number of historical sites. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Melissa.

Motion passed: 15-0-1\*

\* Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

Speech and Hearing submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,465 to fund their trip to the ASHA/NSSLHA Annual Conference. This conference gives the students an opportunity to hear about the latest research and attend program sessions to learn about practical solutions. This trip is not until November but the funds are needed now to take advantage of early registration. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Kaitlin.

Motion passed 15-0-1\*

\* Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

Brittany concluded her report by stating that the committee completed their evaluation of club budgets and now will meet to set allocations for 2011-12. Clubs will have an opportunity to appeal on April 5.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Stephen Davis, Associate Dean of Students, announced that the deadline for the Hero Campaign nomination is this Friday. The winner will be announced on April 6.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, informed the senators of the packing party, the SET concert and Alpha Kappa Alpha’s **Stockton Night Live**.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.