**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**March 6, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

March 6, 2012

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

2011-2012 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes From

February 21, 2012

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Becky Batista

Destiny Bush

Kaitlin Cibenko

Rosalia Caceres

Osagie Ekenezar

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriques

Michael Hering

William Inacio

David Jonas

David Kong

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Charlie Nusbaum

Benjamin Peoples

Crystal Rosario

Kate Sparacio

Jamie Sofia

Nathan Taylor

Julio Torres

A.J. Vervoort

Members Absent: Elizabeth Corey\*

Justin Frankel

John Szczuplak\*

Members Late: None \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Julio moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2012, seconded by A.J.

Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

Samuel welcomed everyone. He then reported that he met with students from other state colleges and will be setting up a committee that will lobby for funds for higher education. He then encouraged students to attend the Day of Leadership on March 5th.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Sualeh first reported that the Student Senate and Board of Trustees petition forms for the upcoming elections have been updated and are now available in the Office of Student Development. Billy and Charlie will be sending an email to those students who showed interest in the senate during the Get Involved Fair.

Sualeh then reported that David Kang is continuing to publish senate accomplishments in the Argo.

Sualeh stated that the committee will be tabling with the School Spirit Committee in the upcoming week to continue to gather opinions on what students would like to see at our annual spring carnival. Petitions will also be handed out through the table. With the table, emailing of the students, Argo and social media publications, the committee is anticipating a strong election with a lot of student body awareness this semester.

Sualeh concluded by reporting that the committee will be publicizing the New Jersey Student Association (NJSA) to the students so that they can be made aware that there is a specific organization dedicated to bringing in more government funding for higher education in New Jersey.

**Academic Policies**

Paulo first announced that Becky Batista has been appointed Vice Chair of the committee.

He then reported that some senators are still concerned about the GPA requirement adjustments to the constitution. He reminded all senators wishing to hold a position as a Committee Chair, President or Vice President, that if their cumulative GPA falls below the GPA requirement, he/she will be given one semester to raise his/her GPA to meet the requirement.

Paulo also advised students that if they want to drop a class and they have a hold on their account, they should go to Student Records or the Bursar’s Office to temporarily remove the hold and then drop the course.

Paulo mentioned that the committee members will be conducting a survey for all the students in the different schools at Stockton in order to address any academic issues or concerns.

He concluded by reminded students that if they have any academic issues or concerns please continue to bring them to their attention and they will address the issue accordingly.

**School Spirit**

Jamie reported that the committee and other senators met with the representatives from Rutgers’ SGA. They shared ideas on how to promote activities and how to reach out to the student body.

She also reported that the committee will make the poster board and compile the carnival surveys during the next meeting. She thanked Melissa for her help.

Jamie concluded by stating that the committee is planning to meet with Len Farber, Director of Student Development, about Spring Fling.

**Student Welfare**

Julio reported that he met with Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, to discuss the availability of lockers for commuters. The President of Commuters on the Go requested more lockers for commuters. However, currently there are ten free lockers. Until all the lockers are being used, the committee feels there is no need to look into getting more lockers. Commuters on the Go also requested that Stockton have a policy to rent lockers day by day and Dianne agreed to do a trial run on the ten free lockers. Julio met with Len Farber, Director of Student Development, to discuss getting the bulletin board installed. Len is currently pricing bulletin boards.

Mike reported that he spoke with Lonnie Folks, Director of Athletics, to get an update on the I-wing gym. Lonnie informed him that at this time, there is no set date for when the gym’s weight room will be reopening. Mike also spoke with Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, about installing cameras in the parking lot. Commuters feel this will create a safer environment for both themselves and their vehicles. They are also looking into the issue of parking spaces not being large enough.

A.J. concluded by reporting that he spoke with Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, about vending machines accepting unrestricted dollars. He was informed that if they were to accept unrestricted dollars, Stockton would have to purchase the technology needed to take the college ID and Stockton would act as a middle man with sending funds over. The committee is going to look into this and see the demand from students.

**Finance**

Jamie left at this time.

The Campus Religious Council submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,496.97 to attend the Annual Cultural Trip to NYC on March 25, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Sualeh.

Motion Passed: 21-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Benjamin Peoples and Samuel Wakawa

Active Minds submitted a supplemental in the amount of $272 to help fund the Eating Disorders Week on February 27 - March 2, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

The Equestrian Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $300 to attend the Danny Warrington Clinic in Mays Landing New Jersey on February 25, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Matthew.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

The Speech and Hearing Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $672.15 to go to the ASHA National Headquarters in Rockville, MD on March 27, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Sualeh.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

The Gaming Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,200 to attend the Magic of the Gathering Baltimore Grand Prix at the Baltimore convention center on February 24-26, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Kaitlin.

Motion Passed: 12-7-4\*

\*Senators Opposed: Destiny Bush, Osagie Ekenezar, Melissa Harabedian, Michael Hering, William Inacio, David Lamando and Charlie Nusbaum

Senators Abstained: Sualeh Hafeez, Julio Torres, A.J. Vervoort and Samuel Wakawa

David Kang left at this time

The Pride Alliance submitted a supplemental in the amount of $725.94 to attend the Northeast LGBT conference in Troy, NY on March 30- April 1, 2012. Rosalia moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

Rosalia then informed everyone that Idols of the Tribe submitted a supplemental in the amount of $353.73 to hold a Spring Quidditch Tournament. The supplemental was tabled. She also mentioned that SAVE withdrew their supplemental.

She concluded by reporting that the committee reviewed the following 2012-13 annual budget requests this week: Active Minds, African Students Organization, Anime, CSA, Economics and OT.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Samuel Wakawa announced that the Senate voted to follow up with students about concerns regarding the name of the college.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked everyone for the great job they are doing.

A representative from the Career Center gave updates on upcoming events from their office.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director for Student Development, reminded everyone of the Day of Leadership that will be held on February 25th.

Stephen Davis, Associate Dean of Students, announced the HERO Dinner and encouraged students to vote for Hero of the Year.

**Adjournment:**  Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.