**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**November 20, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 20, 2012

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

2012-13 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

November 8, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Tyler Gelsleichter

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Kyle Miceli

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Ben Peoples

Michelle Puerta

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Becky Batista\* \*Notified Chair

Peter Bruno

Members Late: Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Nathan moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012, seconded by Stephanie.

Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

A.J. welcomed the new senator, Kyle Miceli, and congratulated Stephanie Barreto on becoming the Public Relations Chair. A.J. thanked everyone that helped with and attended the Election Day events.

**Vice President’s Report: David Lamando**

David reminded senators to sign in for their office hours.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

Chuck arrived at this time.

Al reported the following:

The impeachment process is still under evaluation and still being discussed. They should have something shortly.

The committee is aware that with Hurricane Sandy, students were unable to return and attend classes. Al advised students to bring any issues to their attention and they will address the issues accordingly.

Please advise students that there is a **new** deadline to withdraw from a course. It is now November 13, 2012.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie first thanked the committee for welcoming her into the Chair position.

Nathan then reported that he will create a separate column in *The Argo* addressing student concerns and questions.

Melissa reported that she collaborated with the Student Welfare Committee to organize a “Monthly Accomplishments” section on the Student Senate board.

Melissa then gave a report from the Faculty Senate meeting.

Stephanie then reported that the committee concurred that an improvement on the success and turn out of both “Coffee with a Senator” and Inter Club Council meetings should occur. The idea is to host a monthly “Coffee with the Senators.” In regards to ICC, Stephanie has contacted Harry Maurice, Assistant Director of Student Development, for each club President’s e-mail.

Stephanie concluded by reporting that she talked to Tomas Itaas, Assistant Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, about the CARE program. She gave him the contact information for both the chairs of the Student Welfare and Academic Policies committees for future collaboration.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin began by welcoming Kyle. He then thanked the committee for their hard work in preparing and executing the Burritos, Ballots and the Bond event. It was a great success.

Justin then reported the following:

The committee had to cancel its scheduled phone-a-thon due to Hurricane Sandy. At the meeting the committee discussed rescheduling it for Monday, November 5 2012. Committee members were given specific tasks in order to organize the event on such short notice.

The committee discussed the Election Day Extravaganza event. Committee members were assigned tasks in order to make sure the event ran smoothly. Political Engagement Project provided transportation throughout the day for Stockton students to and from the Campus Center to voting stations.

The committee discussed the direction it should go after Election Day was over. Committee members decided to resume their research on the college’s current policies in regards to EOF/traditional student retention, tuition and expense increases, financial aid, getting on the Board of Trustees’ agenda.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

The college is still working closely with students whose attendance has seen problems due to Hurricane Sandy; any questions or concerns should be forwarded to Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, who will review claims on a case-by-case basis.

Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, sent the student body an email, which the committee forwarded to many student organizations, encouraging students to volunteer with the demobilization of county shelters. Michael Brandenberger, Director of Galloway Township Office of Emergency Management, reported that over 120 members of the Stockton community volunteered.

The committee created a list of ways to assist with hurricane relief and they have been posted on its Facebook page. They encouraged students who are interested in volunteering to refer to that post. They can also see Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, for additional volunteering opportunities.

Because of the storm, many blood drives were cancelled, so there is an opportunity to donate blood. The committee is currently working to assemble an on-campus blood drive, which will be held within the next two weeks.

There is a collection of food, clothing, and toiletries in Lower N-Wing until November 16th.

At the last town hall meeting, students voiced concerns over unfair treatment on campus. Maribeth met with Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, to discuss the issue. He welcomes every student with any issue to contact him through appointment, phone call, or email. Pedro emailed select Stockton offices to remind those offices that students should always be treated fairly.

Students also voiced concerns at the last town hall meeting that the events of some student organizations saw more police presence than the events of other organizations. Students who wish to understand how Stockton Police determine the amount of police presence at events can refer to *The Argo’s* “Chief’s Corner.” Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, has explained in detail the police’s risk assessment process for on-campus events.

Eddie reported that he has investigated claims that Stockton was investing $50,000 towards the improvement of wifi on campus. Joe Loefflad, Director for Networking and Telecommunication Services, explained that this is true: Stockton has purchased $50,000 worth of access points, which will be installed at the spots on campus at which most wifi connections occur.

Maribeth then reported that the committee sent out its Chick-fil-A survey to the student body. The survey has ended and she thanked all who took the time to fill it out.

Maribeth concluded her report by stating that she met with Denise O’Neill, Director of Residential Life, regarding housing updates. Denise informed her that there are carts available for students to transport their clothes to the laundry room. She also stated that the laundry rooms will be painted and the floors waxed over the winter break. Denise also encouraged senators to get the word out about the open houses at Seaview.

**Finance**

Matt began by commending Justin and the LPGA Committee for a great job during the election.

Hospitality Society submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,120.39 to fund a trip to the International Hotel, Motel, and Restaurant Show. The money from the supplemental will go towards the hotel, parking and travel. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Nate.

Motion Passed: 23-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: William Inacio and AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, thanked Senate for their leadership during a time of crisis. Many have stepped up to help and he looks forward to upcoming projects to help restore the area.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, also thanked students for their help. He reminded everyone that there are collections being taken in N-Wing for Sandy Relief. There will be an email sent shortly to inform students of upcoming volunteer projects. Len then encouraged everyone to attend the Annual Student, Faculty and Staff Dinner.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced that the Fall Day of Leadership would be held on November 17th and encouraged student leaders to register. Lauren then thanked Senate for helping to promote the Sandy Relief efforts.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.