**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**October 9, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Alton Auditorium**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

October 9, 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

2012-2013 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

September 25, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Peter Bruno

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Mico Lucide

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Charlie Nusbaum

Ben Peoples

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: None

Members Late: Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. AJ moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2012, seconded by Jessica.

Nathan wanted the minutes to reflect that members of Pride Alliance attended the last meeting and expressed their displeasure with Chick-fil-A.

Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: AJ Vervoort**

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

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Charlie reported that the committee will be releasing an ARGO article to promote the upcoming Student Senate election. The committee will also being working on a full length article that will detail the work that Student Senate has done so far and its goals moving forward. In addition, the committee will table, hand out petitions and encourage students to vote.

The committee will finish updating the bulletin boards around campus. The committee will also make a new trifold to be displayed on our table whenever we are advertising events.

The committee will continue working with SSTV to set up a system to record our Full Senate meetings and have them posted online as well as displayed on several of the TVs around campus. SSTV is taping today’s meeting.

The committee distributed the “Thank You” cards that were written for those who presented at Senate training this summer. The committee will also sign up for a golf cart for the Homecoming parade and begin designing the decorations for it.

The committee will disseminate the information for the various club awards that are given out each year so that organizations are aware of what they need to do in order to be eligible for one. The committee will also begin working with Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, to get detailed descriptions and contact information for each club and organization to be posted online.

The committee met with Nelson Morales in the Office of Admissions and discussed possible times for Senators to interact with students during Instant Decision days and Open Houses.

**Academic Policies**

Becky reported that the committee has updated the Senate Constitution to reflect the vote during last week’s meeting. In the constitution, Article III: Section 7D originally School Spirit, has been replaced with the Legislative Policies and Governmental Affairs and their new mission statement.

The committee has also taken a look at the Student Survey conducted last year in March 2012 and Journalism was an academic program that students have requested. Ben has begun to take a look in this matter and we will have an update soon. EMT training and CNA Certification were also brought to our attention and Al has begun looking into why that has not been available for students at Stockton.

We noticed students have been interested in more internship opportunities. Please advice students that Stockton has a Career Center available. They are located in the lower campus center Suite 104. The center’s hours are Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 am to 7 pm and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Our committee is also planning a program, where students can come and sit with us and discuss any academic issues they have. Be on the lookout for that program soon.

Please advice students that there is a **new** deadline to withdraw from a course. It is now November 13, 2012. Please remind students if they are dropping classes and have a hold on their account, they should Student Records or the Bursar’s Office to temporarily remove the hold and then drop the course.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs**

Dave and Manar reported that they are contacting a representative from institutional research regarding retention rates among minority and non-traditional students compared with traditional students. Dave and Manar also met with Stacey Zacharoff, the Director of EOF. They discussed how to obtain statistic information for low income and at risk students and their retention rates. This data will not be available to us until later in the week.

Jessica researched tuition increase at Stockton going back to 2009. Her most prominent results were, since 2009-2010 academic school year, college tuition at Stockton has increased 17.6 percent. Upon finding these results the committee has decided to delve deeper into the root causes of this tuition increase. Jessica will be looking into the specific increase per college credit since 2009-2010, along with researching other colleges and universities tuition increases and seeing where Stockton falls among them.

Justin will be looking into the tuition increase as well. He will be meeting with Charles Ingram, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Michael Wood, Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning. Justin will also be meeting with Professor Carr to talk about ways Stockton can help promote the New Jersey Bond proposal.

**Student Welfare**

Mico reported that the committee met with the Campus Center to discuss extending hours. They want a survey done to ask what students want from the campus center (i.e. programming, more food options, extended hours, etc.). They also mentioned that they are looking into enhancing the game room by visiting other college’s campus centers and student unions to compare.

The meeting started with a collaborative meeting with Denise O’Neill of Residential Life and two representatives from RHA in the Dean of Students’ Conference Room. We discussed the TRLC Kitchen. Denise did a walkthrough, mentioning that she didn’t realize how bad it really was, and said that repairs will be done for what we have there now, and Housing will pursue renovations to upgrade it during one of the breaks. We also discussed the formation of a Housing Renewal Focus Group to come up with better, more student friendly ways of making sure students know what they are agreeing to, more useful ways of housing requests (such as a potential interface for selecting specific rooms), and know how to follow up with people in Residential Life. Discussion then turned to issues that Senate and RHA have been working on. RHA has been referring issues of wifi to their advisor, who has said that he would handle such concerns.

After the meeting with Residential Life and RHA ended, the committee went on to discuss Chick-fil-A. A survey (attached) was put together for electronic distribution and a date was decided on for tabling. The survey would require Z-numbers for assurance of no one retaking the survey multiple times, as well as for a drawing to win a Wawa gift card. Since Tuesday’s meeting, there have been articles written on various news sites mentioning Chick-fil-A’s decision to no longer fund anti-gay organizations. More research will be done into this, to verify that these claims are true. Regardless, the survey asks questions beyond the concerns involving Chick-fil-A’s ties with anti-gay organizations, so it may be modified and sent out later this semester after research is done regarding their announcement.

Chick-fil-A Survey

1. Are you familiar with the concerns some students have about Chick-fil-A regarding its ties with anti-gay, anti-women, and anti-immigrant organizations?
   1. Yes (Question 3)
   2. No (Question 2)
2. Students are concerned with Chick-fil-A’s donations to organizations that are anti-gay, anti-women, and anti-immigrant organizations. For details, please follow the link; otherwise, please click “continue to Survey”.
   1. More Information (separate page with a back button to return to survey)
   2. Continue to Survey
3. Do you share the concern students have about Chick-fil-A?
   1. Yes
   2. No
4. Do you eat at Chick-fil-A?
   1. Yes (Question 5)
   2. No (Question 6)
   3. I plan to stop eating there (Question 6)
5. Of the following reasons, what is the most accurate reason you eat there? (to Q7)
   1. Because it tastes good
   2. Because there’s nothing better to eat
   3. Because it’s there
   4. Because it’s convenient
6. Of the following reasons, what is the most accurate reason you won’t eat there?
   1. Because of their ties with anti-gay, anti-women, and/or anti-immigrant groups
   2. Because their food does not taste good
   3. Because their food is unhealthy
   4. Because I am a vegetarian/vegan

7) Do you think Chick-fil-A should be taken off campus because of its ties with anti-gay, anti-women, and anti-immigrant groups, or for any other reasons?

* 1. Yes
  2. No
  3. I don’t know/I don’t care
  4. Could I get more information about the groups student have concerns about? (Q2Aa)

1. What would you like to see replace Chick-fil-A if it were replaced?
   1. Another Chicken place
   2. A healthier option
   3. Another Franchise Chain (Question 9)
   4. Doesn’t Matter
2. What kind of food?
   1. Mexican Food
   2. Chinese Food
   3. Healthier Food
   4. Other (text box)
   5. Doesn’t Matter

**Finance**

1) The Dance Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $5,636 to fund a trip to the ACDFA.

Motion Passed: 18-4-2\*

\*Senators opposed: Ellis Bonds, Jessica Carey, David Lamando and Mico Lucide

Senators abstained: Ben Peoples and AJ Vervoort

Chukwuemeka arrived at this time.

2) SET submitted a supplemental in the amount of $6,200 to fund inflatables, boardwalk games and generators for Stockton’s annual homecoming carnival. The committee adjusted the amount to $3,100.

Motion Passed: 15-4-6\*

\*Senators Opposed: Becky Batista, Ellis Bonds, Manar Hussein and Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Senators Abstained: Austin Jefferson, David Lamando, Mico Lucide, Ben Peoples, Nathan Taylor and AJ Vervoort

3) Active Minds submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,600 to fund a trip to their conference.

Motion Passed: 23-1-1\*

Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort

Senators Opposed: Jessica Carey

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Luanne Anton, Health Educator, from the Wellness Center advised everyone of upcoming events.

Emily Ryan from the New York Times reminded everyone of the newspapers on campus and gave out digital access codes.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, thanked the senate for their presence at the Inter Club Council meeting and for their work on planning the upcoming Homecoming events.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.