**THE RICHARD STOCKTON**

**COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**September 15, 2009**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

September 15, 2009

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

1. President’s Report

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance

 B. Public Relations

 C. Academic Policies

 D. School Spirit

 E. Student Welfare

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2008-09 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

April 21, 2009

Presiding: Ashley Pero

Members Present: Brian Ackerman

Jonathan Beloff

Sofia Bermudez

Brian Brateris

Kevin Devine

William Elmore

Precious Jemibewon

Gentae Kemp

 John Livres

Matthew Miller

Timothy Papp

Xochil Ramirez

Gretchen Ramos

Jamey Robinson

Josh Spada

Sara Sterling

Tamika Thompson

Xilena Viana

Duanaya Williams

Members Absent: Jamie Evans

Melissa Gonzalez

Dawn Leiser\*

Frank Matthews

Iris Ruffin

Sammy Sanchez

Members Late: Danielle Sanzone\* \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: Ashley called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. John moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting, seconded by Precious.

 Motion Passed: 19-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Ashley Pero

**President’s Report: Ashley Pero**

 Ashley first welcomed everyone to the last meeting. She then thanked the Senate for a great semester and congratulated the new and returning senators.

**Vice President’s Report: Kevin Devine**

 Kevin congratulated the new senators and reminded everyone of the Club and Organizations Banquet that was held that evening.

**Committee Reports: Finance**

John thanked his committee for all of their contributions and hard work. John then gave the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 Finance Committee:

1) A longer amount of time for supplementals and budget requests

2) A set list of questions to ask clubs when they come in for supplementals

3) Lessons for the finance committee on how to handle supplementals and budget requests

 **Public Relations**

Danielle Sanzone arrived at this time.

 Xilena thanked the committee and the Senate for a great semester. She then gave the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 Public Relations Committee:

1) Have a graphic design major create all senate posters. If there is a graphic design major (or someone with strong experience) on the senate, appoint them to PR, no exceptions. Otherwise, reach out to the Arts majors and have them work in conjunction with the senate to create posters. This will help them quickly build a portfolio. Also, larger events that are known about months in advance can be assigned by the professors as a class project. This was done successfully for the school play, "measure for measure."

2) Continue to build upon "Leadership Week"

3) Use facebook to promote events. There is currently a senate group on facebook. All events should be managed through it.

4) Update the Birthday Card Project

5) Consider revising Senate logo. Get senate stationary, including a letterhead, envelope, and such.

6) Encourage fundraisers with local community business. For example, we had a fundraiser with the local ACE hardware to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Other examples include: barbershops, coffee shops, hardware stores, etc.

7) Motivate the rest of the student body to participate and support the 2009-2010 Student Senate.

**Academic Policies**

 Precious gave the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 Academic Policies Committee:

1) Organize a replacement for the Undecided Fair

2) Help students adjust to the flat-rate tuition

3) Faculty/Student Senate athletic contest

4) Continue liaison with the Faculty Senate

5) Encourage faculty to submit book requests to the bookstore before the deadline

**School Spirit**

 Danielle gave the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 School Spirit Committee:

1) Continue to work with the Osprey’s Nest with the time capsules.

2) Work with Athletics to promote athletic events.

3) Continue to work with the Public Relations Committee to promote our events and programs.

4) Create new ideas for Homecoming and the Osprey Ball

 **Student Welfare**

 Brian thanked his committee. He then gave the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 Student Welfare Committee:

As the Student Welfare Committee you serve as liaisons between the student body and the administration. You must provide a concise summary of student opinion to the correct members of the college staff so student problems can be addressed efficiently. You also function as a filter for the student body. It is up to you to sort out worthy issues from the many complaints. For example, problems with Chartwells or the bookstore will be a common. Each of those entities is a for-profit contractor with the college. Instead of acting on impulse evaluate both sides of the problem and come to a rational solution. Seek out the company manager and discuss the issue in a friendly manner. Nobody will help you if they don’t like you. Also they are only required to fulfill the explicit duties of their contracts. However if you can develop a relationship based on good faith will usually help you out. You aren’t going to boot a contractor through student senate. However you can make sure they provide students with everything they are obligated to. The more administrators you know the faster you can get student issues to the correct ears.

You are an advocate. When meeting with the administrator for any sensitive topic remember you are a neutral representative. If the administrator doesn’t like the news be sure they know it’s not you but the student body who is pressing the issue. Work with the administration not against them.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

 Terrence Hardee, Director of Residential Life, thanked the Senate for their help during the semester. He then gave housing updates.

Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Dean of Students, thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the semester. She then wished all of the graduates good luck and stated that she looks forward to working with the new Senate. Dean Gonzalez presented plaques and certificates of appreciation to the Senators.

**Adjournment**: Ashley adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

2009-2010 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

April 21, 2009

Presiding: Ashley Pero

Members Present: Jacqueline Bavier

 Brian Brateris

 Cheres Chambers

 William Elmore

 Zaneb Ghanem

 Patrick Hewett

 Precious Jemibewon

 Charles Kern

 Keenan Kurt

 Dawn Leiser

 Darryl Lewis

 John Livres

 Steve Magnotti

 Timothy Papp

 Xochil Ramirez

 Jamey Robinson

 Kyle Santoferraro

 Juana Socorro-Aguirre

 Josh Spada

 Dan Stockman

 Xilena Viana

 Samuel Wakawa

 Duanaya Williams

 Lauren Zampelle

Members Absent: Jermic Musgrave

Members Late: None

Ashley called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Ashley then presided over the election for the 2009-2010 Student Senate President.

 Precious Jemibewon, Brian Brateris, Dawn Leiser, John Livres and Xilena Vienna, were nominated for President. Dawn declined. Precious, Brian, John and Xilena were given two minutes to speak, two minutes to answer questions, and two minutes for endorsements. The senators then voted and elected Brian Brateris.

Brian then presided over the election for the 2009-20010 Student Senate Vice-President.

Dawn Leiser, Steve Magnotti, Precious Jemibewon and John Livres were nominated for Vice President. Steve and John Declined. Dawn and Precious were given two minutes to speak, two minutes to answer questions, and two minutes for endorsements. The senators then voted and elected Precious.

**Adjournment**: Brian adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.