**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**February 22, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

February 22, 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

February 8, 2011

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Jazmin Alayon

Michelle Batista

Rosalia Caceres

Elizabeth Corey

Nick Courtney

Nazire Divanovic

Osagie Ekenezar

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Paulo Henriques

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Chris Jones

Matthew Patterson

Ben Peoples

Brittany Revicki

Cristabelith Rosario

Johana Rosas Delgado

John Szczuplak

Jonathan Torres

AJ Vervoort

Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: Caitlin Cibenko\* \*Notified Chair

Melissa Harabedian\*

Darryl Lewis\*

Members Late: Brittany Grapstul \*

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Brittany Revicki moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting, seconded by Nick.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan commented on the impressive showing that John, Paulo and he made while being interviewed on Channel 40 after the President Obama’s *State of the Union Address*.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo thanked Craig Stambaugh, Associate Dean of Students, and Joe Lizza, Assistant Director of the N-wing College Center, for allowing the senate to use the N-wing bulletin board as an informational board. The committee placed a roster of the student senators and their committees, the senate mission statement, and several colored flyers with the senate’s meeting time and location on the board. The goal with this board is hopefully to attract the freshman population and encourage them to attend the meetings.

He then reported that the committee revised the G-wing bulletin board. The committee added new pictures of all the senators and arranged them by their committees. They changed the back ground of the board to yellow because it sticks out and will catch people’s attention. They also added monthly events to the board.

He concluded his report by adding that the committee will continue to update their facebook page. They will add pictures of the senators so the Stockton community will recognize them. In addition, they will be posting solutions to complaints and attempt to inform students on a more frequent basis.

**Academic Policies**

     Nazire reported that the committee is addressing complaints of Stockton’s new “Go Green” approach in the classroom and student complaints regarding the attendance policy. Updates will be given at the next meeting.

Michelle reported that she spoke to Joe LoSasso, Registrar, about the Amnesty Program. The program allows past students who dropped out and were a few credits short of graduation to come back and graduate. He said that students who want to return and graduate have to submit a letter of appeal to Dr. Debra Dagavarian, Assistant Provost, for approval. There are two different cases for this program. They are 1) Allows a student who had a low GPA to wipe the slate and start over from the beginning. This one does not occur very often. 2) Allows a student who is a few credits short of graduation to take the courses needed to graduate.

Nazire concluded her report by stating that the committee is still taking nominations for professor of the year.

Brittany Grapstul arrived at this time.

**School Spirit**

John reported that the committee discussed the upcoming Senate sponsored Spring Carnival, which will be on April 1, 2011, in the courts behind Housing 5. This carnival will be the precursor event to SET’s Spring Concert. The committee is in the beginning stages of planning, and determining what events and vendors will be there. They are looking into hiring a DJ, having traditional carnival food such as corn dogs, snow cones, and cotton candy, and looking into venues such as an airbrush artist, face painting artists, the sumo blow up and other blow up structures. They are also working on creating a schedule for the carnival for the organized games such as a potato sack and a three legged race. Lastly, they are going to see about working with Residential Life as a co-sponsor.

The committee has set a date for an interest meeting, which will be February 10th (this coming Thursday), for the “OFan club” in upper G wing. The club will promote school spirit by not only attending the sporting events at Stockton but will essentially be a student cheering section. The committee will also promote the games to increase attendance. The committee asks all senators to please come out and support!

Lastly, John reported that the committee also discussed hosting a potential “Meet the Athletes” event in which the student body would have a chance to meet the Stockton athletes involved in spring sports and get to know them on a personal level. This would have a positive influence on the school spirit at Stockton.

**Student Welfare**

Johana reported that Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, attended the committee meeting. She informed us that we are still awaiting a response from Jiang’s as to whether or not they will accept Osprey Cash. She also informed us that there are shuttles that go off campus to the town center Monday through Thursday at 6 o’clock in the evening and return to pick up students at eight o’clock in the evening and that Au Bon Pain is now open until 9 o’clock at night Monday through Thursday due to the many student requests. In addition, it was brought up to Trish’s attention that the vending machines are regularly out of order. She said she would try to keep maintenance of the vending machines throughout campus.

She then mentioned that Chris Jones will be looking into expansion of operation hours for Dina’s cart. He informed us that students have the option of requesting food such as; hamburgers, cheeseburgers, cheese steaks, etc from N-wing cafeteria. However, many students are not aware of this therefore we are going asking the director of N-Wing, Desiree Johnson to place big signs that inform students of such.

Johana stated that she will be meeting with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, to discuss the expansion of water fountain spigots throughout campus especially near the gym locations. They placed one on top of the water fountain right outside of Alton Auditorium. Help spread the word so other students are aware of this great service. This will help the S.A.V.E Club promote recycling and going green! Johana will also meet with Don Woolslayer to discuss the pavement in the housing courts due to the massive flooding on rainy days.

**Finance**

The Economics Society submitted a supplemental in the amount of $500 to fund their trip to the Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference to New York. The supplemental originally listed 6 attendants; this has been changed to 7. Additionally hotel, travel, and meal fees have been adjusted. There will be no travel fees because a Stockton shuttle will be used as means of transportation, and hotel fees have been added to accommodate the overnight stay. The club contribution was increased by using their allocated budget for this year and the amount of the supplemental increased to $992.65. Brittany Revicki moved to approve the supplemental in the amount of $992.65, seconded by Elizabeth.

Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\* Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

Brittany Grapstul stated that the committee started to evaluate the clubs’ 2011-12 annual budgets: The following clubs were evaluated: Accounting/Finance, Anime, Biology, Chemistry, Computer, Geology, Greek Council, History, Math, Philosophy, Physics, Pre-SOMA and Stockpot.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Laurie Smith, Atlantic County Prevention Resources, talked about the 911 lifeline education.

Gus Stamatopoulos, Associate Director of the Library for Public Services, talked about the library’s user survey.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.