**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**November 8, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 8, 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

2011-2012 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

October 25, 2011

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Destiny Bush

Kaitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Darryl Dabney-Carter

Justin Frankel

Brittany Grapstul

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriques

Michael Hering

William Inacio

David Jonas

David Kang

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Charlie Nusbaum

Crystal Rosario

John Szczuplak

Edward Slothus

Julio Torres

AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: Rosalia Caceres\*

Benjamin Peoples\*

Jamie Sofia\*

Members Late: Osagie Ekenezar \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Samuel moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting, seconded by AJ.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

Samuel thanked everyone for their involvement with the Homecoming Pep Rally and Parade.

**Vice President’s Report: Kaitlin Cibenko**

Kaitlin announced that applications for Class Council were available in the Student Development Office and due by November 4th. She also announced the next Town Hall meeting.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Sualeh began by reporting that Charlie will be emailing students about the senate agenda and weekly accomplishments and John will work with the Argo. They will also begin relaying more updates on to the twitter and facebook pages. The bulletin board for the campus center will soon be completed. Flyers are also going to be distributed with information on how to contact Senate and how to get Student Senate updates.

Sualeh then announced that the committee is looking into getting a live feed of Senate meetings to be made available on school televisions throughout campus buildings, classrooms, and the Stockton channel.

Sualeh also reported that Billy will be looking into getting a Senate promotion onto the projection screen ads in class rooms and David is facilitating the awareness of Student Senate to all remaining clubs and organizations.

Lastly, Sualeh reported that the committee discussed the Senate being at more events to promote awareness to students.

**Academic Policies**

Paulo announced that the committee will be going around campus for the next two weeks and getting petitions signed for the Leadership Studies Minor. He added that Edward is contacting universities in New Jersey that have Leadership Studies programs, and Brittany is contacting universities in Delaware and Pennsylvania. The committee will be compiling and reviewing the data to submit a proposal to the Faculty Senate

Paulo then reported that Edward will attend the Faculty Senate meeting next week.

Paulo concluded by stating that Student Welfare will be addressing a complaint that students cannot see their progressive grades online.

Osagie arrived at this time.

**School Spirit**

Melissa Lyon gave the report in Jamie’s absence. She began by thanking everyone that attended and helped with Homecoming Events, especially with float decorating and the carnival. She also thanked everyone who was able to attend the candlelight vigil for Joseph Miller and his family. She gave a special thanks to Destiny for speaking on behalf of the Senate.

Destiny then reported that she spoke to Cheryl Robinson, Sports Marketing Coordinator for Athletics, about participation and support for athletic games for the year. They were given permission to support the volleyball games and sponsor giveaways and prizes. They were also given permission to schedule half time shows during the basketball games.

Melissa announced that the committee has decided to change the school spirit calendars to planners; they will be handed out as free giveaways at upcoming basketball games.

Melissa she stated that School Spirit and Public Relations will be working together to complete new bulletin boards in the campus center and in C-wing. They are also looking to table at Open House events to promote student engagement to potential students.

Lastly, Melissa reported that the committee is planning a dance in the spring semester. The committee will meet with Len Farber, Director of Student Development, to discuss the costs of the event. Justin will be meeting with the Stockton Entertainment Team to discuss their collaboration.

**Student Welfare**

AJ began by announcing that MTV has been restored on campus.

AJ then stated that the committee is creating a Student Senate Welfare Committee facebook and using that page to answer complaints, rather than one of their personal pages. They have also met with Linda Feeney, Director of Computer Services, about setting up a Senate email account which will be maintained by Melissa.

AJ reported that Julio met with Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, about a possible shuttle to Atlantic City for students who are forced to take classes there. Trish asked for names of students and times to see what the demand is like for the shuttles.

AJ went on to report that he, Samuel Wakawa and Kaitlin Cibenko met with Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, to discuss a new app that would enable students to track the location of shuttles on campus at all times. This would eliminate the waiting time at the stops and allow students to stay inside in case of inclement weather. There will also be an iPad at every stop displaying the location of the shuttle for those that do not have iphones.

AJ concluded by reporting that Ben is working with David Pinto, Director of Library Services, on extending the library hours on weekends. Also, AJ is working with Public Relations to announce the Senate accomplishments this year. These accomplishments were published in the ARGO.

**Finance**

Females submitted a supplemental in the amount of $341.85 to fund their trip to the National Women’s Studies Association Conference. David moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Melissa Harabedian.

Motion Passed: 22-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Kaitlin Cibenko and Samuel Wakawa

Campus Religious Council submitted a supplemental in the amount of $5,734.80 to fund their trip to the Passion 2012 Leadership Conference. David moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Brittany.

Motion Passed: 22-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: David Kang, Samuel Wakawa

Political Science Association submitted a supplemental in the amount of $246.30 to fund their social event. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Paulo.

Motion Passed: 19-0-5\*

\*Senators Abstained: Justin Frankel, David Kang, David Jonas, Melissa Lyon and Samuel Wakawa

Marine Science submitted their annual budget in the amount $650 to fund movie nights, speaker series and a career panel. Crystal moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Matthew.

Motion Passed: 22-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Elizabeth Corey and Samuel Wakawa

Hospitality Society submitted a supplemental in the amount of $2,699.47 to fund their trip to the International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show. Elizabeth moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by AJ.

Motion Passed: 18-3-3\*

\*Senators Opposed: Destiny Bush, Justin Frankel and Charlie Nusbaum.

Senators Abstained: Paulo Henriques, AJ Vervoort and Samuel Wakawa

Equestrian Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $600 to fund the St. Augustine Pony Club Unrecognized Event. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Elizabeth.

Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked everyone for their support of the Candlelight Vigil. He then urged students to attend the Town Hall meeting. Len stressed the importance of coming out and hearing the issues first hand and challenged the senators to bring at least two others to the meeting.

Jen Radwanski, Associate Director of Student Development, announced Graduation updates which included the Graduation date and Grad Finale.

The President of Water Watch announced that, in an effort to create an environment friendly campus, they currently have a petition to ban the sale of plastic water bottles and institute hydration stations.

A transfer student brought up internet connection issues. AJ informed the student that the issue has been addressed and they are now waiting for the adapters to be installed.

A Resident Assistant asked if students would be able to continue to get Tilton Fitness pool passes. AJ informed the student that he will speak to Trish Krevetski to see what can be done.

Another student wanted to address the issue of the overcrowded gazebo in the Housing 2 and 3 quad. She wanted to see if it were possible to have a larger one put in its place. AJ informed the student that the issue had previously been addressed and that he would bring it up again.

**Adjournment:** Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.