**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**November 8, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 8, 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

October 23, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

 Becky Batista

 Michelle Batista

 Ellis Bonds

 Peter Bruno

 Jessica Carey

 Kaitlin Cibenko

 Justin Frankel

 Tyler Gelsleichter

 Melissa Harabedian

 Edward Horan

 Manar Hussein

 William Inacio

 Austin Jefferson

 Reese Kielty

 David Lamando

 Melissa Lyon

 Matthew Monte

 Dave Mooring

 Al Nagbe

 Chukwuemeka Nnadi

 Charlie Nusbaum

 Ben Peoples

 Michelle Puerta

 Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: None

Members Late: Maribeth Capelli\* \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Austin moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012, seconded by Nathan.

 Maribeth arrived at this time.

 Motioned Passed: 26-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

 A.J. welcomed the three new senators, Tyler Gelsleichter, Reese Kielty and Michelle Puerta. AJ then reported that the event with Speaker Sheila Oliver went very well and they look forward to working with her again. He also reported that he and Justin have been in contact with a representative from *The New York Times* to discuss student interest in the newspaper. They plan to host an event to boost awareness of the paper on campus. AJ then encouraged everyone to attend the Election Day Extravaganza hosted by the Student Senate and the Unified Black Students Society.

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

 David announced that he would be doing a radio show to promote Stockton. He then announced the upcoming Inter Club Council Meeting and that the attendance policy has been restarted.

**Committee Reports: Legislative Policies and Government Affairs**

 Justin first welcomed the new members.

 Justin then reported the following:

 Burritos, Ballots, and the Bond will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 6-9 pm in the Coffee House. The phone-a-thon will be held from October 30 through November 1, from 6:30-9:30 pm. Stockton clubs and organizations have graciously offered their office space and telephone for their use. The Election Day extravaganza will be held November 6, 2012 from 9 am to 7 pm. It will be a cosponsored event with SET, UBSS, Student Senate and other clubs and organizations.

 Committee members were assigned tasks that where relevant to their event list. Jess followed up with Joe Lofflad, making sure the phones in the offices are able to dial out for our phone-a-thon. Jess also followed up with club responses in regards to letting us use their office/phones. Manar recruited volunteers to help with all three events. Kaitlin followed up with Event Services to make sure that the venues for the events are secured. Dave was assigned to distribute flyers and literature pertaining to the first event and information about the Bond Referendum, along with the Public Relations Committee assistance.

 Tabling will continue throughout this month in order to keep promoting events, and inform students about the Bond Referendum. They will also be encouraging students to vote.

 **Student Welfare**

 Maribeth reported the following:

 The committee met with Denise O’Neill, Director of Residential Life. Denise informed them that she met with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, and was told that the oven in the TRLC kitchen has been removed and will be replaced by an electric oven instead of gas; this should be completed by November 1, 2012. There is no expected completion date yet for the remodeling if the TRLC kitchen. Also, the housing selection process has been improved and is now easier and more efficient for students to select housing.

 The committee shared their list of housing complaints and issues with Denise. One complaint was that the laundry room in E-court is too far for students to carry laundry from other Housing 1 buildings. Denise informed them that she knows of carts that students might be able to use for easier transportation of laundry to and from the laundry room. She is also looking into the possibility of adding a laundry room in the Lakeside Lodge. Another complaint was that some of the Housing 1 buildings are dirty on the outside and unappealing to look at. Denise informed them that due to the material of the building, it is not possible to power wash them without damaging the building; she will look into alternatives. Also, Shauna Lawlor, RHA Student Senate Liaison, informed the committee that she works very closely with Denise O‘Neill and wants them to keep in contact with her about any housing problems.

AJ suggested that each committee member be assigned to be a liaison for important directors around campus. Maribeth will handle all issues with Trish Krevetski, Assistant VP for Auxiliary Services & COO of SASI, Ben with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, and Joe Loefflad, Director of Telecommunications & Network Services, Eddie with Denise O’Neill, Director of Residential Life, Stephanie with Chief Glenn Miller, and Michelle with Lonnie Folks, Director of Athletics.

 An updated list of issues was created and reviewed. Each was given a rank of importance, assigned to a committee member, and given a person of interest. At the top of the issues list are parking complaints, wifi connectivity still being low, Chick-fil-A staying on campus, more emergency pulls on the light path and extended library hours.

 Eddie reported that there have been complaints about the gazebos and their cleanliness. He spoke with Don Woolslayer and they will be power washed shortly.

 Stephanie reported that she and Maribeth met with Mary Ann Trail, Interim Director of Learning Resources, to discuss the possibility of extending the Library hours and access to lap tops. The result of this meeting came down to the reluctance of fulfilling those requests because of the limited funding provided to them. However, Mary Ann did encourage them to remind students to utilize the resources already offered to them. They also proposed to extend the hours during exams even further. Instead of 4-5 days, they asked for 2 weeks. Mary Ann was very enthusiastic and supportive of the suggestion but told them that she would get back to them because taking action on the request involves allocating more resources.

 Ben reported that he spoke to Don Woolslayer regarding the Arts & Science parking lot being paved. He was informed that the lot is regraded twice a semester and will not be paved.

 Ben also reported that there will be 18 additional commuter lockers installed next semester.

**Academic Policies**

 Becky reported that the committee discussed adding to the constitution an impeachment process. If you would like to impeach a senator, you will have to have valid evidence of him/her acting inappropriate or ineffective as a fellow senator. In addition, they will have to have a petition with 75 signatures and they will have to present this information to the Senators. Becky motioned to have the addition added to the constitution, seconded by David.

 After a lengthy discussion the Senate voted to pass the issue back to committee.

Becky then reported the following:

 Please notify students who are interesting in adding a new academic program.

 Students have been interested in more internship opportunities. Please advise students that Stockton has a Career Center available located in the Campus Center Suite 104.

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

 If anyone has any academic issues or concerns please continue to bring them to our attention and we will address the issue accordingly.

 **Finance**

 Student Senate submitted a supplemental in the amount of $907.90 in order to fund the Senate’s election-day extravaganza. The money used is being spent on food and refreshments in order to get students to vote in the upcoming election. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Chuk.

 Charlie motioned to remove items from the menu to reduce the price, seconded by Ben. That motion failed and senators then voted on the original motion for the supplemental.

 Motion Passed: 21-4-2\*

\*Senators Opposed: William Inacio, Melissa Lyon, Charlie Nusbaum and Ben Peoples

 Senators Abstained: Manar Hussein and AJ Vervoort

 Highest Praise Gospel Choir submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,950 to fund their annual fall concert. HPGC is requesting the money to cover the concert fee for the musicians and items needed for the concert, such as refreshment, equipment and publicity. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Chuk.

 Motion Passed: 22-2-3\*

\*Senators Opposed: William Inacio and Ben Peoples

 Senators Abstained: Ellis Bonds, David Mooring and AJ Vervoort

 **Public Relations**

 Charlie reported the following:

 The committee will work to update the bulletin boards in G-wing and in the Campus Center food court. The committee will use them to display all upcoming events that the Student Senate will be sponsoring.

 The committee will be tabling for the November 6th voting day event that the Legislative Policy Committee will be hosting. They will also be tabling to promote the “Burritos, Ballots, and Bonds” event.

 The committee will be working with Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, to continue updating Student Senates webpage on the Stockton website. They are also working with Lauren to update club and organization webpages so that students know their meeting information.

 The committee will be assisting the Legislative Policy Committee in getting the word out about their events. The committee will be utilizing all avenues to promote events.

 Nate reported that the Senate QR code is now working in the ARGO.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Craig Stambaugh, Associate Dean of Students, welcomed the new senators. He then announced that in an effort to support students, the Dean’s office will be having drop in sessions for students to come by with questions or concerns.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.