**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**March 19, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

March 19, 2013

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

February 26, 2013

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds  
 Peter Bruno

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Tyler Gelsleichter

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Michelle Puerta

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Austin Jefferson   
Kyle Miceli\* \*Notified Chair

Ben Peoples\*

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Ellis moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013 meeting, seconded by Kaitlin.

Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

AJ reported the following:

David and A.J. met with Alexa Horvath, SET President, and Matt Greer, SET Vice President, to discuss SET taking over the Senate carnivals next year.

In an effort to abide to our commitment as a green institution, the e-board voted to electronically share our minutes instead of printing and distributing 27 copies, only the e-board will have a hard copy of the minutes now.

Please see him after the meeting if you are attending the LegCon conference as we need to work out the traveling logistics (Justin, Pete, Maribeth, and Jessica).

The e-board met on Thursday, February 21st to discuss possible changes to the Senate for next year.

A.J. attended a meeting on Monday, February 25th to discuss changes and progress that has been made in regards to racism at Stockton.

A.J. requested a $50,000 increase to be added to student clubs for next fiscal year.

Interviews for the Senate Office Manager/Secretary will take place on Monday, March 4.

On Friday, March 8th from 10 a.m. to noon Stockton will be holding a panel discussion with Perform Health on the impacts of Hurricane Sandy. Perform Health has requested to have Student Senators there, assisting by helping on the day of event with ushering the guests, networking, and passing out booklets.

**IMPORTANT UPDATES:**

A.J. met with the 2020 Strategic Planning Committee voting on projects effecting student body.

A.J. had numerous meetings with Harry Maurice, Len Farber, and Stephanie Barreto to plan Senate elections and go over the carnival.

A.J. is still working on University Status with the Faculty Senate and administration.

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

David, Maribeth Capelli and Matthew Monte are meeting with Event Services tomorrow, February 27, to discuss student concerns about the policy for hanging flyers.

He spoke to New Jersey United Students (NJUS) about their now-yearly meeting with our Senate, though mostly with the Policy Committee, which will be next Tuesday March 5.  The next NJUS meeting is at Rowan at 11am, Saturday, March 9th.

The Town Hall Meeting is this Thursday, February 28, at 4:45pm in Alton Auditorium.

There is an Inter-club Council Meeting next Thursday, March 7, at 4:30pm in room C134 to help clubs work on their budgets for the upcoming academic year.

He reminded everyone that Student Senate petitions are due next Friday. It has been brought to my attention that the senators are unhappy with the addition of position training dates set for May.

Dave set forth a motion to eliminate the additional May training dates for the senate positions, seconded by Manar.

Motion Passed: 15-8-2\*  
  
\* Senators Opposed: Tyler Gelsleichter, Al Nagbe, Edward Horan, Ellis Bonds, Melissa Lyon, Stephanie Barreto, Reese Kielty, and Chukwuemeka Nnadi  
 Senators Abstained: Maribeth Capelli and AJ Vervoort

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Stephanie reported the following:

The Valentine’s Day Coffeehouse with Music Union had a great turn out, more petitions were distributed to the student body, and Matt Greer won first place in the “How Much Do You Love Stockton” Twitter contest. Also, congratulations to Senator Maribeth for getting second place with her heartfelt poem. It will be featured in The ARGO.

Nathan is working on creating flyers for the “Coffee with the Candidates” event held on March 7th. If you plan on rerunning for Senate please attend this event to give your statement for your blurb that will be featured in The ARGO.

The committee would like to thank Jessica for assisting with the organization of the Board of Trustees petition packet and flyers.

For those interested in participating in the senate elections, please continue to check your primary e-mail for updates. A highly encouraged event to attend that is coming up is the Senate Town hall meeting on February 28th.

The committee is currently working on finalizing the Carnival. The official date will be April 6, 2013. More details to follow.

**Academic Policies**

*Al Nagbe and Michelle Puerta left at this time.*

Becky reported the following:

The first sentence of the Student Senate constitution’s mission: “The Student Senate is responsible for representing the student body and being the voice for the student body” was motioned by Kaitlin to now read “The Student Senate is a governing body and represents the voice of the students” Dave seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 17-2-3\*

\*Senators Opposed: Becky Batista and Tyler Gelsleichter  
 Senators Abstained: Michelle Batista, Dave Lamando and AJ Vervoort

In addition a motion was set forth by Becky and seconded by Chuck to amend Article 2, Section 3A:

“All candidates in the spring general election shall appear on a single ballot and those twenty-five receiving the most votes shall attain seats on the Student Senate. All candidates in the fall general election shall appear on a single ballot and those two receiving the most votes shall attain seats on the Student Senate.”

**To Read:** “All candidates in the spring general election shall appear on a single ballot and those twenty- three receiving the most votes shall attain seats on the Student Senate. All candidates in the fall general election shall appear on a single ballot and those four receiving the most votes shall attain seats on the Student Senate.”

Motion Passed: 19-2-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Melissa Lyon and Jessica Carey  
 Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

*Al Nagbe returned to the meeting at this point.*

Manar moved to send back to committee the amendment of Article 2, Section 3B, seconded by Kaitlin. It currently remains as follows:

Article 2, Section 3B:

“In the event of a vacancy on the Student Senate, an alternate from one of the two alternate lists shall be chosen to fill that vacancy. There shall be one alternate list of candidates who appeared on the spring general election ballot but were not elected to the Student Senate. There will also be one alternate list of candidates who appeared on the fall general election ballot but were not elected to the Student Senate. The order of the names on the alternate lists shall be determined by the number of votes each alternate received in either the spring or fall general election, starting with the alternate who received the most votes and preceding to the alternate who received the least number of votes.”

Motion Passed: 21-1-1\*

\*Senator Opposed: Dave Lamando

Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin reported the following:

Tyler and Jessica are continuing their studies on tuition increases and financial assistance of Stockton compared to other public colleges and universities in New Jersey and will present information at the next full meeting.

*Peter Bruno left at this time.*

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

There were complaints of broken treadmills in Big Blue and one   
had been out of order for two weeks. One treadmill had needed a part that took a while to come   
in, but it is now fixed. The other was jammed by a student pressing the stop button too hard and   
that was fixed quickly.

Students were questioning the necessity of the no guest policy for   
the first two weeks of the semester. Maribeth had a meeting with John Perovich, Assistant   
Director of Residential Life, and we discussed the reasoning behind the policy and what we   
could change about the policy to please the students. The best option was to change the policy to allow students to have guests the first two weeks of the semester, but only before 10pm. The last two weeks of the semester will still be a strict no guests at any times policy because students   
need to focus on exams.

Ben is waiting on an answer from Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant

Management, regarding more seating in the Arts and Sciences building for students waiting for

the shuttle. Some of the hydration stations are out of order or the filter needs to be changed.

Also, some of the Purell hand sanitizing stations are empty or need a new battery. We should

have updates fairly soon on these issues.

Complaints were made about the geese population in the residential area near Housing IV. This problem occurs every year and Plant Management is doing what they can to take care of it. They will continue to clean the sidewalks and they will put up cutouts of dogs

to scare the geese away. Power washing and alarms are not solutions to pursue at this time as they are safety issues. They already have dog cutouts on the athletic fields and they seem to be

working.

Complaints were made about various washing machines and dryers being broken in the laundry rooms. The committee reminds students that if a machine is broken, they

should report it by a work order. There should be a number on each machine and you are   
able to view which machines are not working on the LaundryView system. However, if a   
machine is not reported broken then it will not show up on the system and Plant Management

will most likely not be aware of the problem. Also, the two new machines in Housing IV laundry room will be available on the LaundryView system by next semester.

We are continuing to participate in the RecycleMania competition. We are currently ranked at 155 with a recycling rate of 20.9%. The school ranked first is a community

college in Florida that has a recycling rate of 77.5%. Last year our rate reached about 50%. We

remind everyone to keep recycling and decrease their trash waste as much as possible.

Students want the hours of operations for Dunkin Donuts changed on

Saturday. Maribeth will be talking to Trish Krevetski about possibly shifting the current   
hours to a later time.

The committee is also looking into the possibility of improving   
handicapped accessible areas. It was brought to our attention that it is very difficult and time   
consuming to get from the main building to N-wing without a ramp. Also, some doors are not   
automatic and it is difficult for a person who has a wheelchair to get through, such as the   
bathroom doors.

We are also looking to put trash and recyclable cans in the lobby of the

campus center since there currently are none.

At this time Pedro Santana presented a PowerPoint presentation

addressing student concerns brought to his attention. Each issue was addressed and follow up

explanations were provided to the audience. The Social Task Force meets on Fridays at 2:30pm

in the Campus Center Meeting Room 1, with more student involvement the issues about events

on campus can be addressed by having students work in the event planning and organization.

*Eddie Horan and Michelle Batista left the meeting at this time.*

**Finance**

History club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $776 to fund an educational trip to Williamsburg VA. The program will educate members on women’s history month. Matthew moved to approve the request, Jessica seconded it.

Motion Passed 19-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

The following clubs had their budgets reviewed: Biology, Active Minds, Pre-Soma/Nursing, Free to Be, S.A.V.E, Communications Society, History, Asian Student Alliance and the Stockton Debate Club.

The following clubs failed to attend the meeting to have their budgets reviewed: Accounting, Anime, Art, Campus Marketing, Chemistry, BLAST, Computer Economics, Greek Council, International Business, Los Latinos United, and the Unified Black Student Society (UBSS)

Review Dates Left:

March 5th – African Student Org, Communications, All Starz, Books w/o Borders, Criminal Justice, Dance, Equestrian, FEMALES, Gaming Club, G.E.R.O.S, Highest Praise Gospel Choir, Hospitality and Tourism, MALES, Marine Science, Debate, EDIBL, Animal Friendly CSA, MCC, SET, STEP EXPLOSION, Model UN, Health Services

March 26th – Occupational Therapy, OGRE, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Speech and Hearing, STAND, On the Go, Peer Educators, Pride Alliance, Theatre, Water Watch, Hope, Idols of Tribe, Stockton Neighborhood Watch, Political Science, Argo, Campus Religious Council, Resource Room, Stock-Apella, Stockton Nursing, Hero, Student Veterans, Holistic Health

March 26 - Finance Committee finalizes allocations and reports amount to the individual clubs.

April 5 – Clubs appeal to the committee. Committee votes on the total budget allocation.

April 12 – Full senate votes on the total budget allocation.

*Reese Kielty and Becky Batista left at this time.*

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Manar reminded the group of the “Remember When” event hosted by UBSS beginning at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 28th and had tickets for the event available at the meeting.

Billy announced Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s upcoming philanthropy fundraiser, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. It will be this Friday at 7pm in I-Wing Gym.

Nate reported upcoming SET events including Taco Tuesday, being held this evening and the Spring Concert. The concert tickets are $8 for students and $15 for the public; guests are limited to buying two tickets with cash only payments.

Chuck announced the upcoming M.A.L.E.S. and Hero Club meeting times and locations. The Hero application is now available online for students to access. The Hero dinner is currently set for April 3rd.

Ellis invited the group to Lambda Sigma Upsilon’s anniversary celebration event.

David Lamando reminded the senators to please try to stay until the senate meetings are adjourned.

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, reported that the dinner held for the graduating senate seniors will be a luncheon instead due to scheduling availability. He also requested that the room be rearranged for the next meeting for better viewing of the projection screen to the senators.

Diane Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, on behalf of Student Development, thanked the group for their attendance at the Day of Leadership event.

**Adjournment:** AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.