THE RICHARD STOCKTON

COLLEGE

OF NEW JERSEY

STUDENT SENATE

Notice of Meeting

November 26, 2013

4:30pm

Event Room A

Galloway, New Jersey 08205

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STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

November 26, 2013

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Vice President’s Report
5. Committee Reports
	1. Academic Policies
	2. Public Relations
	3. Legislative Policies and Government Affairs
	4. Student Welfare
	5. Finance
6. Announcements/Comments from the Public
7. Adjournment

Presiding: Maribeth Capelli

Members present: Eddie Horan

 Al Nagbe

 Caleb Garofalo

 Chad Gevertz

 Louis Chevere

 Kiyle Osgood

 Frank Livia

 Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama

 Tyler Graff

 Ariel Miles

 Thomas McBride

 Lauren O’Neil

 Jacqueline Genovese

 Haleigh Sockwell

 Carl Archut, Jr.

 Maurice Brandon

 Kristen Murphy Slagle

 Manar Hussein

 Nick Persia

 Cristian Moreno

 Katerina Childs

 Maryam Sarhan

 Courtney Keenan

 Angelo Bechara

Members absent: Jessica Carey

Members late: Michelle Batista

Agenda/Business:

**Approval of Minutes**

 Maribeth called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes from November 12,2013, seconded by Carl.

Motion Passed\*

\*Senators Abstained: Maribeth Capelli

**President’s Report**

 Maribeth reported first on the events around campus such as The Affordable Healthcare Act currently being held in the Campus Center. She encourages those to attend the Town Hall meeting on November 13th given the attendance of President Saatkamp and his cabinet. She also encourages students to participate in the 29th Annual Student Faculty and Staff dinner being held on Thursday November 21st. Maribeth closed her report proud to announce that the parking lot of the Art and Science Center had been recently regraded and that the school is planning on doing so more often. She then moved the meeting to Eddie for the Vice President Report.

**Vice President Report**

Eddie reported on the recent changes made to senate including three new senators and the new office manager. He also apologizes for any issues regarding the minutes due to the change in office manager. Eddie has recently been speaking with students and faculty about the killing of trees and created a petition on change.org.

**Academic Policies Committee**

Maribeth yields the floor to Al to report for the Academic Policies Committee. Al reports that his committee is finalizing the last portion of the constitution. He reports that his committee has met to discuss the things that have been turned down and moves the floor to Caleb to go over those new revisions.

Caleb reports on the changes that have been made to the finalization of the constitution. He then motions to approve the Percentage Requirement for the petitions from the student body. Motion seconded by Carl.

Motion Passed: 25:0:01\*

\*Senators Abstained: Maribeth Capelli

Caleb then motions to approve the amendment of the constitution regarding the impeachment process. Motion seconded by Frank.

Motion Passed: 21:01:04\*

\*Senators Opposed: Kylie Osgood

\*\*Senators Abstained: Maribeth Capelli, Angelo Bechara, Ariel Miles, Maurice Brandon

Caleb moves to the completion of his presentation. He reports on his ongoing discussion with several of the deans regarding the increase on cap degree evaluations and what it can provide for catalog improvement. The deans see no ability for Stockton to implement a track system due to the encouragement of preceptors instead. Caleb also reports on his pursuit to make other additions to the catalog. These additions would allow students to see when specific courses are available each semester and plan registration of classes more efficiently. Caleb yields the floor back to Al who yields it to Chad.

Chad reports on his research regarding the Major or Minor in Leadership. After meeting with the Dean of General Studies, he finds that a major would be unrealistic due to the large number of faculty for approval, whereas a minor would only require about five or six faculty. Chad hopes to pursue a Leadership Minor within the Political Science Department if a major fails. Chad yields the floor back to Al. Al then yields the meeting to Katerina to discuss the academic honor system as well as the concerns regarding the scientific lab manuals.

Katerina reports on the lab manuals first, explaining how a student came to the committee with several grammatical errors. Katerina states that they will need to obtain the course number and professors name in order to make those changes. She reports that the committee is also working on lowering the Honors GPA as it is currently seen as “incredibly rigorous” in comparison to other schools. Katerina believes the current standard for graduating with “Cum Lade” is a 3.7 at Stockton. She closes with her plan to meet and discuss with several faculty members in order to address this change. Katerina then yields the floor back to Al who yields it back to Maribeth.

**Public Relations Committee**

Maribeth yields the floor to Michelle to report for the Public Relations Committee. Michelle reports on the committee’s success on tabling and advertising for the town hall meeting on November 13th. She thanks her committee for their hard work and yields the floor back to Maribeth.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Maribeth yields the floor to Ariel to report for the Legislative Policies Committee. Ariel states that the committee currently has nothing to report and will have a more detailed report after reassigning tasks due to changes in members. She then yields the floor back to Maribeth.

**Student Welfare Committee**

Maribeth yields the floor to Carl to report for the Student Welfare Committee. Carl reports on the committee’s goal to invite more alternative loan lenders to campus in the spring as an idea addressed to them by the Financial Aid Office. This would offer students more information on loans such as borrowing without soliciting specific lenders. Carl summarizes the changes in food across campus and encourages students to utilize managers of each restaurant to address any issues they experience. He also reports on the increased number of gluten free and healthy options across campus before yielding the floor to Maurice.

Maurice reports on the issues with “Buzocracy” and explains that he is currently looking into new ways to publicize it to receive complaints. He is also still working to address issues in regard to chairs in the new science building and Wi-Fi accessibility. He yields the floor back to Carl.

Carl yields the floor to Manar who reports on her recent discussion with David Amoriello regarding the sign posted in the gym. Manar reports that student are not holding each other accountable enough when it comes to athletics and that more respect is being pushed on those who use the facilities. If facilities continue to run with less accountability on students, the hours of use may eventually be adjusted, but the facility most likely will not be shut down. Manar yields the floor back to Carl.

Carl yields the floor to Murphy who reports on the Laundry Cart Option for Housing 2 and its ongoing progress. She also reports on the expansion of the general neutral option for the freshman side. Also, she announces the upcoming Dance with Greek Council on November 22nd from 9pm-12am, open to all for $5. Murphy then yields the floors back to Carl.

Carl yields the floor to Nick to report on Event Services. Nick discusses his findings on the use of Unrestricted Dollars on Osprey Cards to be used toward Ticket Servicing. Most technical issues have been worked out but should be working in the near future. Nick yields the floor back to Carl.

Carl yields the floor to Cristian who reports on ideas to bring awareness to students who work in the offices at Stockton and the responsibilities they cover. Cristian yields the floor to Carl who moves the meeting back to Maribeth.

**Finance Committee**

Maribeth yields the floor to Louis to report for the Finance Committee. Louis reports the current balance in the supplemental account to be $65,811.75 as of November 5, 2013. He also reports on the Theatre’s request for $3586.10 to attend American College Theatre Festival in West Chester, Pennsylvania. The Club hopes to attend this in order to improve their art and better them selves as theatre students so they can bring their talent back to Stockton. Fundraising has been done and Kylie states that the personal contributions mentioned equal 2/3 of the cost of the trip.

Motion Passed: 23:01:02\*

\*Senators Opposed: Ariel Miles

\*\*Senators Abstained: Maurice Brandon, Maribeth Capelli

Maribeth yields the floor to Louis who reports on the changes made to the point system for the rest of this semester and next year. This system will be enforced starting on November 18, 2013.

Other Announcements

Sigma Sigma Sigma showing movie, “Higher Learning”, at 8:30 on November 12, 2013 at 8:30 – Free to all students

“Setting Boundaries” with Image Young Adult Minestry from a Church in Pleasantville – Held in F201 on November 12, 2013 at 7pm

Big Gay Bingo Night held on November 19th

Wing Bowl at JD’s at 8pm on November 20, 2013 – Sponsored by Kappa Sigma to raise money for Homeless War Veterans.

President’s Report

The Town Hall meeting with President Saatkamp and his cabinet was a great success. We had a full room and many questions asked by students. Students that did not have a chance to ask a question were encouraged to give a senator their question so it could be answered at a later time. Three senators and myself attended the 75th Assembly of the National Center for Student Leadership Conference this past week. It was a great networking opportunity and we participated in many presentations, workshops, and events. The mission of the conference is to equip student leaders and their advisors with comprehensive tools to achieve their leadership potential and positively impact their campuses and communities through practical, focused training and opportunities to collaborate with other student leaders.

*Maribeth Capelli*

**Student Senate President**

 Committee Meeting: 19 November 2013

Presiding: Maribeth Capelli

Members Present: Eddie Horan

 Caleb Garofalo

 Chad Gevertz

 Louis Chevere

 Kiyle Osgood

 Frank Livia

 Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama

 Tyler Graff

 Jessica Carey

 Ariel Miles

 Thomas McBride

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 Nick Persia

 Cristian Moreno

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 Maryam Sarhan

 Courtney Keenan

 Angelo Bechara

Members Absent: Al Nagbe

 Manar Hussein

Members Late: none

Agenda/Business:

Academic Policies Committee

Date: 19 November 2013

Presiding: none

Members Present: Caleb Garofalo

 Chad Gevertz

 Katerina Childs

Members Absent: Al Nagbe

Members Late: none

Agenda/ Business:

Caleb has been working on and recently finalized a short reference sheet, which outlines the sections of the constitution that hold senator accountable for their actions and demeanor.

In pursuit of a leadership major or minor, Chad has been in contact with a number of political science professors to discuss classes that would highlight such studies.

Katerina is continuing to research the requirements for graduating with Latin honors. Yesterday she spoke with the Provost on this issue and plans to update the students on the information she has found.

Public Relations

Date: 19 November 2013

Presiding: Michelle Batista

Members Present: Courtney Keenan

 Jacqueline Genovese

 Lauren O’Neil

Members Absent: Haleigh Sockwell (excused)

Members Late: none

Agenda/Business:

Our main priority right now is working on a new section of the ARGO call the “Informary”. Lauren is designing the sheet and we are all collecting information for it. Jackie is currently working on updating the senate website with the final minute copies and Courtney and Lauren is updating the website with facebook and twitter links. We are working on an end of the semester event that Haleigh will be making flyers for, to relieve the stress of finals and what not. We are developing many events that will be held in the spring semester. Thank you everyone who came out to the Town Hall Meeting!!

My committee and I have decided to revise #9 as followed:

You can campaign in the designated campaigning building but not in the designated voting/poll building.

YES NO AB

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Student Welfare Committee

Date: 5 November 2013

Presiding: Carl Archut, Jr.

Members Present: Maurice Brandon

Nick Persia

Murphy Slagle

Cristian Moreno

Members Absent: Manar Hussein

Members Late: none

Agenda/Business:

**Carl:**

The Financial Aid Office would like to know if we would like them to invite alternative/private lenders to campus during the Spring 2014 term for the purpose of providing information about alternative loans. The Student Welfare Committee has decided to hold this program. I will be meeting with Jeanne Lewis during the coming week to talk about the logistics of the event.

We are excited to say that the newly established Parking Committee is finally able to get under way. Associate Vice President of Facilities and Construction, Don Hudson and I will be Co-chairing the committee.   Our first meeting will be on Friday, December 6th1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Campus Center, meeting room #4.

**Maurice:**

No report

**Murphy:**

The laundry carts for housing II are being implemented. The service will be provided by A100 until four and RA's will do it after 4 in the TRLC office. RHA is making flyers to advertise them. There is a new care package delivery system. A bulletin board is being placed in lakeside. RHA is hosting a roommate social on February 25th 8pm in the event room.

The committee for the Women's Gender and Sexuality Center went before the Faculty Senate, which voted to create an official task force to complete the proposal and facilitate moving the proposal though the college. More details about the task force will be forthcoming from the Faculty Senate.

**Nick:**

Met with Laurie and Len to discuss adding additional commuter lockers as the ones we currently have are filled. We are looking to add an additional 54 lockers under the stairs in the Campus Center going to the lower food court area. There are three different options ranging in price from 29,000 to 65,000 (including shipping and plant management labor). We are waiting to see if this will fit in the budget.

**Cristian**:

No report

Date: November 19, 2013

Name of Committee: Finance

Presiding: Kiyle Osgood

Members Present: Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama,

Frank Livia, Tyler Graff,

Members Absent: Louis Chevere\*

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business:

 \*Vice Chair Kiyle Osgood presided the meeting due to Committee Chair Louis Chevere telecommunicating the meeting due to illness.

 Supplemental Account balance as of 05 November 2013 is $62,225.65

 Stockton Neighborhood Watch Club (SNW) submitted a supplemental request in the amount of $663.00 for a trip to the Crime and Punishment Museum in Washington, D.C. The total cost of the trip is $4,193.93; Clubs Contribution is $2,430.93; Personal Contribution $1,100.00. The trip will allow the students in the student organization to explore an in-depth look into criminology. Trip date: 07 December 2013.

 Motion Passed 5-0-0

* 1. Pride Alliance Club submitted a supplemental request in the amount of $1,500.00 for a program titled Robyn Oaks: Workshops and Bi-Visibility Café. The total cost of the program is $2,500; Club Contribution is $1,000. The program will allow the student organization bring in a speaker to conduct a workshop on bisexuality and its perspective. Program date: 15 April 2014

Motion Passed 5-0-0

 The Free To Be School Center (FTB) requested a “Budget Amendment” in the amount of $3,000. The amendment will help alleviate the FTB’s current budget restraints on activities, lesson plans, and supplies. The FTB budget allocation of 2012/13 was $28,325. In 2013/14, FTB requested a budget of $29,174.75. FTB was instead allocated $25,000.00 for that fiscal year. Reason for the denial of an $849.75 increase, and budget cut of $3,325, was due to the previous administration and Finance Committee’s austerity and uncertainty of a Supplemental Account increase.

 Motion Passed 3-0-2

 The Committee briefly discussed the current progress on Budget Summaries from funded clubs & organizations. Overall the committee has received approximately 25-35% of Budget Summaries from funded clubs and organizations. Committee members are certain that they are in contact with majority of their assign clubs, and that those assign clubs have assured that they are in progress in submitting their Budget Summary. Chair Chevere would like to request that if fellow Senators who are apart of any student club and organization remind their Executive Board that the Budget Summary is due 5 December 2013.

 Committee Member Tyler Graff had written an article for the Argo on the implementation of the Point System Policy and the outline of the Budget Summary. Mr. Graff had done an excellent job with the article. It shows the determined effort by the Finance Committee and Student Senate with creating transparency and constant communication with the student body of Stockton.

Date: November 25, 2013

Name of Committee: Finance

Presiding: Louis Chevere

Members Present: Frank Livia, Tyler Graff, Kiyle Osgood

Members Absent: Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama\*

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business:

 Stockton-a-Capella submitted a supplemental request in the amount of $1,190.00 for recording equipment. This supplemental request will allow this student organization purchase recording equipment so that they can record an album. Total Cost - $1,190.00 Motion Passed 3-1-1

 \* Committee Chair Louis Chevere excused committee Member Adaobi Michaels-Ezeamama for her absence.