**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**October 12, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

October 12, 2010

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/Comment from the Public
2. Adjournment

2010-2011 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

September 28, 2010

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Jazmin Alayon

Steve Amato

Caitlin Cibenko

Elizabeth Corey

Nick Courtney

Nazire Divanovic

Osagie Ekenezar

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriquez

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Chris Jones

Nicole Kim

Darryl Lewis

Xochil Ramirez

Brittany Revicki

Johana Rosas Delgado

John Szczuplak

Members Absent: Matthew Patterson

Members Late: Cristabelith Rosario

Samuel Wakawa\* \*Notified the President

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Nick moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting, seconded by Steve.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan spoke to the Senators about the attendance policies. Two absences are allowed for the semester with proper notification. If more than two absents occur the senator will be placed on probation for a five week period. During this time he/she is not allowed to miss any meetings.

He then stated that the Freshman Convocation went well. He informed everyone that the program was co-sponsored by the senate.

Lastly, he informed everyone that Steve Heerema was appointed as a student liaison to the Faculty Senate. Two more students are needed, so anyone interested in the position should contact him.

Cristabelith Rosario arrived at this time.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo reported that the bulletin board should be completed by Thursday, September 30.

He then stated that the committee made a Student Senate information flyer for the Get Involved Fair. The flyer gave a brief description about the Student Senate along with the names and contact information of the President and Vice President.

He went on to report that the committee has reached their goal of having 100 students on our facebook page. Currently there are 200 students on the site, so the committee has set a new goal of 250 students by October 12.

Paulo said that Steve reached out to the editor from the Argo to get each Tuesday Student Senate Meeting and Senate-sponsored events published in the newspaper. At this time he is still awaiting a response from the editor.

He then reported that the committee decided on a format for our letterhead to make us look more professional. Sualeh will be assisting in the final touches and we will have it ready by October 12.

He added that the committee will be advertising the tutoring schedule. The schedule at this time is Sunday-Thursday from 7pm-9pm at the TRLC. There are tutors for all classes and the committee wants to advertise to the freshman class so they are aware of the available resources provided in Housing II & III.

Paulo then stated that John, Chair of School Spirit Committee, has asked Public Relations to advertise Spirit Week, which is tentatively scheduled for October 4 – 8. The events for the week are as follows: Monday is Favorite Sports Team Day, Tuesday is Color Wars (Seniors wear Red, Juniors wear Green, Sophomores wear Blue, and Freshman wear Gray), Wednesday is Osprey Pride, Thursday is MTV’s Jersey Shore Day, and Friday will be Mardi Gras Day, which will coincide with this year’s Homecoming theme.

Kenan then reported that Public Relations is running the upcoming senate elections set for October 6 and 7. A pictorial will be placed in the Argo.

**Academic Policies**

Nazire reported that the Undecided Fair is set for October 12th and October 13th. Each of the committee members was appointed deans to contact regarding having faculty set up tables for the fair. We are all still waiting to hear back from the deans. Sualeh has made flyers to promote the event. Right now we are still working on the final details for the fair. The committee will also support a housing program that will also assist students in choosing a major.

Nazire then reported that she discussed with Johana from Student Welfare about the tutoring at Stockton that is offered 40 hours a week. Almost every major on campus has a tutoring program. We are working with Public Relations to get the word out to students because not many students are aware of this assistance.

Samuel Wakawa arrived at this time.

**School Spirit**

John reported that the committee will focus on two main goals. One is the memory boxes in the O-Nest, while the other is Spirit Week, which is tentatively for October 4th to the 8th, the week leading into homecoming weekend.

John stated that the committee plans to create a collage of pictures and t-shirts from various organizations for the memory boxes. We intend to email each club president asking for their donations to the project.

He then stated that the committee made Spirit Week flyers and Paulo, Public Relations Chair, agreed to place them on facebook. Kaitlin made hard copies of the flyers and begun distributing them.

He then informed everyone that Nick was contacting the athletic department to get TALON, our school mascot, to help us distribute the Spirit Week flyers. In addition, Nick is providing an opportunity for students to take a picture with TALON.

Kenan asked the committee to complete the memory box project within next month.

**Student Welfare**

Johana updated everyone on the following topics: Tutoring: In our last minutes, we suggested working with Academic Policies to try to extend the hours of tutoring and adding weekends, as well as adding a variety of tutoring subjects aside form Math and English. However, when we spoke to the Supervisor of the Tutoring Center, Mr. Luis Pena, he walked us through their website and explained that their tutoring hours run from Monday to Thursday from 9am- 6pm, Fridays 9am- 2pm and they have evening tutoring hours at the TRLC from Sunday to Thursday 7pm-9pm. They do not have tutoring on Friday and Saturday nights because there have never been enough students requesting tutoring. Also, he showed us that there are plenty of tutors that specialize in the various subjects being taught at Stockton. Based on this information, we will be working with the Public Relations Committee to advertise the tutoring services throughout the campus so students can take advantage of this great opportunity.

Lakeside oven: We had a lot of complaints about the oven in Lakeside being broken for quite a long time. Therefore, we contacted Peter Vernon, Chartwells, and he confirmed with us that he had already contacted someone to either come fix the oven or replace it. The oven will be fixed very soon.

Food: We have also had many complaints about the lack of open food facilities on the freshmen side of campus during the weekend evenings. We approached Peter Vernon for this topic as well. We asked if it was possible to provide delivery from Lakeside to the dorms area or if it was possible to keep the Osprey’s Nest open in the evenings during the weekends. Peter said that both options were possible but the costs would be too high to justify the change. He added that the new Campus Center is opening in the spring would have additional hours for food service. We also appointed Christopher as our Chartwells’ liaison.

Kenan mentioned that the oven has been fixed.

Tobacco Madness: Once again, during last week’s meeting Mr. Robert Chitren spoke to us about the gazebos for smokers throughout campus. We addressed all of the complaints and recommendations we had from our students about the gazebos. During the week, I spoke to Mr. Chitren, and he helped come up with a solution to the student’s concerns. He and his company are in the process of reviewing their budgets and calculating the time frame needed in order for these changes to take place. As of right not, the Tobacco Madness program has managed to install a door in front of the H-wing gallery for easier access to the gazebo behind Dina’s Cart. He mentioned the next few changes that he’s working on are: the addition of lighting in the gazebos for security purposes at night, installing bigger gazebos throughout the main campus and moving some of the small gazebos so that they are safe to access and easy to clean during the winter, and lastly he mentioned working with his company to have someone keep maintenance of the gazebos so they are presentable to the public.

Town Hall Meetings: As a reminder, our first Town Hall Meeting will be held on October 19 at the Alton Auditorium. This meeting will be open to the public so they can approach us with their complaints and recommendations about Stockton.

**Finance**

The Stockton Theatre Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $1,300 to fund a production of *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Elizabeth.

Motion Passed: 23-0-1

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, congratulated the senate and student clubs/organizations for their work in the Get Involved Fair. He is looking for support for the 39th Homecoming! He hopes that everyone will contact alumni and encourage them to come back and celebrate with the college.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, handed out the Homecoming schedule. She then talked about how to apply for Homecoming King and Queen (with a deadline on Thursday) and how to participate in the Homecoming Carnival.

Jason Fitch, Resident Chartwells Manager, should contact Anthony Monaco, Chartwells Catering, when submitting a request for club/event food orders. He also suggested that students look on the Dine on Campus webpage, under food services. There are a few student worker openings posted there, as well as online surveys.

William Elmore, Wellness Center student worker, announced that the National Day without Stigma is set for Monday, October 4th 10am – 3pm in the E-wing gallery At 4:30pm in room F-111, the center will be hosting a panel discussion and light refreshments will be served.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.