



STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

Notice of Meeting
November 24th, 2015
4:30 pm
Board of Trustees Room

Galloway, New Jersey 08205
609-652-4845

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**Student Senate Meeting Agenda
November 23rd 2015**

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**STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
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Presiding: Carl Archut Jr.

Members present: Emily Zeck
Brian Moore Jr.
Toyo Aboderin
Mackenzie Porch
Stephanie Hanvey
Haley Matsinger
Richard Jeffries
Patton Solowey
Nhi Tram
Chris Dietrich
Maryam Sarhan
Maurice Brandon
Tyler Graff
Ike Ejikeme
Deon Davis
Mahalia Bazile
Jessica Cathcart
Dominick Martino
Victoria Muraoka
Carly Bulgia
Ryan Greene
Alex Dannecker

Members late: Viona Richardson
Victoria Dambroski *
Noya Ilan *

Members Absent: Nick Persia

Agenda/Business:

Approval of Minutes

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes from September 29th 2015, seconded by Noya.

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Motion Approved: 18-1-0

* Left after roll call on October 27th, 2015

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President's Report

President Archut Jr. mentioned that after the President and Vice President reports the Committee reports will begin with Finance Committee because of student needs. Lets Talk about Stockton was on October 1st, 2015 and there were 200 students in attendance. It was a great event with lots of questions and concerns brought up by students. Currently, all concerns from the students are being discussed within the Academic and Student Affairs committees. Carl went on to report that due to the shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon that he has been working with a team to rebrand Stockton's emergency preparedness campaign. Updates will be sent out soon. He also reported that the search for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Committee Meeting went well. Updates can be seen on the Stockton's Website if you search Provost Search Committee. Carl also said that he met with Brian Tyrrell, Faculty Senate President, with Vice President Nick Persia in talks about Academics Affairs issues. Carl went on to say that had lunch with State Senator Krylos, with a few other senators, and there was great conversation including talks about the Snookie Bill. Carl also reported that he and Carly are working on developing a campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness' in April. He encouraged senators to get involved. He also said that he met with the diversity committee on October 20th; and talked about the diversity issues and how Stockton is planning on taking better strides to address issues of diversity and inclusion. Carl met with President Kesselman on October 22nd; and discussed parking issues. He also said that the first Careers in Student Affairs Conference went really well. The sessions were great and really helped better inform attendees about potential careers in Student Affairs. Carl also met with Bob Heinrich on the 29th about the creation of a food finder app for Stockton, more updates are to come. On the 29th he will be attending a Parking committee meeting and he'll also be meeting with the Task Force for AC Initiatives on October 30th.

Vice President's Report

Nick was absent so Carl gave his report on Students Helping Students program is making great progress. If you have any questions on Students Helping Students program please reach out to Nick. Chair Emily swore in the New Senators in place for Nick.

Academic Affairs

Emily yield the floor to Brian. Brian has been working on the diploma research and a resolution has been created for the addition of majors for the diplomas. After he presents the information, he makes a moves to approve the resolution that will have Stockton University diplomas include the students' major of study, which was seconded by Victoria. Maryam moved to table it back to committee, which was seconded by Haley. The motion failed: 1-19-2. The senate voted on the original motion to approve the resolution that would have Stockton University include students' major course of study on their diplomas. Motion passed: 19-0-3. Emily moved to approve a resolution that would recommend a change to the current attendance policy at Stockton, which would add to the excusable absences for the concern of student safety. This motion was seconded by Patton. Motion passed: 17-3-1

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Emily had a meeting with the registrar is scheduled to address and final concerns before we bring it to the full senate floor. Mackenzie and Emily had met with the tutoring center. They were informed of the services provided by the tutoring center. To better inform the students of the resources available for student's academia and for any other concerns students may have Toyo has been reaching out to other club and organizations to discuss a possible collaboration program. Emily has also been in contact with a student who had a concern about the course competitiveness at Stockton. The academic affairs committee is looking to create a list of future courses and programs that will be offered, as well as take suggests for new programs and courses. Emily has been in contact with Tom Grites address a concern about the IDEA evaluations. A student felt uncomfortable when they were asked to fill out their IDEA evaluation while their professor was still in the classroom. Tom Grites is looking to propose this concern to the provost senior staff. Tom also provided information about when student athletes are able to register for class.

The Provost's Council has already approved and will in operation for the Spring 2016 early registration. All Student-Athletes must be eligible for competition. These Student-Athletes must have no "Holds" on their registration. The Student-Athletes will register early only for the season(s) in which they compete. The Student-Athletes would be eligible to register during the first time slot on the day which they would normally register within their Class Status, that is, first of the Seniors, first of the Juniors, etc.

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FA15-001

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE MAJORS ON STOCKTON UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS

- Whereas, The Stockton University Student Senate is the elected voice of the 8,700 students who attend Stockton University, and
- Whereas, The Stockton student senate held an informal poll resulting in 1,473 students responded; out of those students 1,451 votes “yes” and 22 voted no, and
- Whereas, the students of Stockton University have displayed a desire for including majors on future Stockton University diplomas, and
- Whereas, research shows that 14 out of the 21 state colleges and universities include students’ majors on their diplomas, and
- Whereas, changing the Stockton University diplomas would not adversely affect the students and staff of Stockton University, therefore be it
- Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate, endorses the initiative for the implementation of printing students’ respective majors on their rightfully earned diplomas, and
- Further
- Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to the Faculty Senate for further action.

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FA15-002

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE TO THE
CURRENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Whereas, The Stockton University Student Senate is to make an amendment to the Stockton University attendance policy, and
- Whereas, under the attendance policy section Excused Absences an additional excuse with supporting documentation will be added, and
- Whereas, the seventh addition shall state: a threat to student safety, and
- Whereas, if a student does not feel safe in attending classes on campus they would be allowed to be excused with the discretion from their professor, and
- Whereas, changing the Stockton University attendance policy would not adversely affect the students and staff of Stockton University, therefore be it
- Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate, endorses the amendment to the Stockton University attendance policy, and
- Further
- Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to the Faculty Senate for further action.

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Governmental Affairs

Public Relations

The Public Relations committee had a record number of votes for the fall freshmen/transfer elections, with a total of 914 ballots cast! The Public Relations committee would like to congratulate the newest senators; Alex, Stephanie, Chris, and Deon. In the next couple of weeks the Public Relations committee will be reaching out to other clubs and organizations offering addition public relations!

Student Affairs

Victoria started the meeting by assigning Noya to writing minutes. Victoria delegated Ryan and Carly to share the responsibility of carrying out one of the team's of getting special food services to cater to special holidays. The three of them will also be creating a survey to determine students' need for accommodations on the weekends on campus. Victoria assigned Noya addressing the concern for students' wants and needs of the convenient store and lake lodge on the residence halls on the upper classmen side on campus. She will be working with Trish Krevetski to create a survey to determine what students want. Student Affairs also met with Brienne Finley at both committee meetings to address the concern Big Blue not accommodating all students. Student Affairs worked with Brienne to make an appropriate survey for students to determine whether or not the student body would be willing to pay for the service that they already pay for only the athletic students to have. This extra funding would have to occur because there are not enough trainers to accommodate all students as is. Student Affairs also discussed having a clothing sect for the winter, somewhat like the Jeans for teens, except with worn coats on campus. These details conclude Student Affairs minutes. Student Affairs all agree that the strategies for improving electronic student communication developed by Computer services are exceptional, and voted yes 4-0.

Finance

1. Supplemental for United Black Students Society in the amount of \$4000 for a trip to New York, NY to see Lion King on March 25, 2015 for 25 students. Seconded by Victoria
 - i. Fundraised \$1,000 and plans to fundraise more money.
 - ii. Finance approved for full amount because the club is passionate about the trip and wants as many Stockton students as possible to come.
Approved: 19-3-0

2. Supplemental for Greek Council in the amount of \$2500 for Greek Council for the Blackballed: Campus Racism on February 18, 2016. Second by Emily
Approved: 20-2-0

3. Supplemental for the Stockton Mathematics Club in the amount of \$200 for the MoMath Museum Trip in NYC from on November 21, 2015 for 25-28 students. Second by Ryan
Approved: 21-1-0

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4. Supplemental for the United Black Student Society in the amount of \$1968 for the Closing Ceremony Student Multicultural Month on November 2, 2015 for 150-175 students. Second by Maurice

Approved: 21-1-0

5. Supplemental for Active Minds in the amount of \$4879.96. Second by Voctoria.

Approved: 21-1-0

Announcements/Comments from the Public

Adjournment

President Archut Jr. adjourns the meeting at 06:29 pm.

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**STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE MEETING
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Members present: Nick Persia
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Brian Moore Jr.
Toyo Aboderin**
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Ryan Greene
Noya Ilan

Members late: Maurice Brandon*

Members Absent: Maryam Sarhan*
Alex Dannecker*

Agenda/Business:

Approval of Minutes

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

* Late/Absent on November 03, 2015

** Late/Absent on November 10, 2015

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Committee: **Finance Committee**

Presiding: Haley Matsinger

Members Present: Richard Jeffries

Patton Solowey

Nhi Tram

Chris Dietrich

Members Absent: none

Members Late: Rich Jeffries **

Agenda:

The club Budget Requests are due **January 26th at 5pm**. The last information session is tonight at 7pm in meeting room 3.

Old Business:

1. Supplemental for Gymnastics Club in the amount of \$1225 for their rent of their gymnasium and t-shirts for the club.

Approved: 5-0-0

2. Supplemental Hospitality Society of \$430 for a convention in New York. The convention is on November 8th, 2015 for 24 students.

Approved: 5-0-0

3. Supplemental for the Philippino American Students Association of Stockton in the amount of \$940 for a conference in CT. The conference is from on November 20- 22, 2015 for 10-12 students.

Approved: 5-0-0

4. Supplemental for the Active Minds in the amount of \$471.70 for Active Minds National Conference in California. The conference is from November 13-15, 2015 for 8 students.

Approved: 5-0-0

5. Supplemental for the NeuroScience Club in the amount of \$945 for a trip to the Franklin Institute on November 21st, 2015. This trip is for 20-35 students

Approved 5-0-0

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6. Supplemental for CLAWS in the amount of \$249.60 for a thanksgiving dinner and peer education on eating disorders as well as nutrition.

Approved 5-0-0

New Business:

1. Supplemental for the Campus Religious Council for \$3889.80 for the Interfaith Youth Core – Interfaith Leadership Institute conference in Atlanta. The conference is from January 22-24, 2016. This conference is for 9 students.

Approved 5-0-0

2. Supplemental for the Marine Science Club for \$7339.26 for the Society for Marine Mammalogy Biennial Conference in San Francisco, CA. The conference is from December 13-19th, 2015 for 4 students.

Approved 5-0-0

3. Supplemental for the Stockton Theatre Club for \$4750.04 for the Kennedy American College Theatre Festival in West Chester. The festival is from January 12th-16th, 2016 for 38 people.

Approved 5-0-0

4. Supplemental for the Stockton Dance Club for \$7448.10 for the American College Dance Association. The Association is from March 9th-13th, 2016 for 19 students.

Approved 5-0-0

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Committee: **Academic Affairs**

Presiding: Emily Zeck

Members Present: Toyo Aboderin.

Brian Moore Jr.

Mackenzie Porch

Stephanie Hanvey

Agenda:

Emily had a meeting with Tom Grites to discuss the idea of creating a blackboard courses for majors. With the creation of blackboard courses for majors students would be able to access academic information from other student, professors, as well as looking at the resources provided on the course page. The blackboard page would be able to connect the confusion of course selection, academic difficulties, career paths, and networking opportunities in one place. The academic affairs committee believes that there is a lack of knowledge and communication between students and their academic course path and career paths. By implementing this solution the committee hopes to eliminate these problems. Emily was refereed to Linda Feeney the director of E-Learning. Linda and Emily discussed concerns and possibilities of creating blackboard courses for majors as well as discussed the benefits of online classes. Further communication with the committee and the academic affairs committee will be held to create a pilot blackboard course program for specific majors.

The committee is also doing research to promote the minors that are available to Stockton students. The committee has noticed there are a number of minors that are unpopular with the student body. To encourage the addition of minors the committee is working on creating a list of minors to prompt with specific correlating majors. The committee believes by the creation of this list we would be able to increase the interest in minors. By publicizing the benefits adding a minor to incoming freshmen they will be able to consider the option of a minor early on in their education. Further meetings will be held with academic advising to research the minors available to students.

The academic affairs committee also hopes to promote the use of the student senate office for homework and study sessions to all students. The committee plans to work with the public relations committee to promote the use of the office as an area to study in hopes that the students will take advantage of the space as an invitation to get to know their senators in a studious environment.

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To create a greater transparency with the graduate students at Stockton Stephanie made a suggestion box for the graduate student's lounge. From this gesture the committee hopes to gain feedback, and concerns from the graduates students.

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Committee: **Government Affairs**

Presiding: Maryam Sarhan

Members Present: Ike Ejikeme

Tyler Graff

Maurice Brandon

Deon Davis

Members Absent: Maryam Sarhan *

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Government Affairs committee is excited to welcome our newest member Deon Davis and we are looking forward to having him on our team! We are currently in the process of planning events for the Higher Education Awareness Week this Spring and will continue to focus on topics within higher education and civic engagement. As always, we welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Maurice Brandon continues to work on the bylaws of the constitution. Tyler Graff is monitoring the status of the student activity fee bill, known as S703 also popularly dubbed the Snooki Bill. The new constitutional amendments will be voted on at the next full meeting.

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Committee: **Public Relations**

Presiding: Victoria Dambroski

Members Present: Dominic Martino

Jessica Cathcart

Mahalia Bazile

Viona Richardson

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Public Relations committee has been working on ways to bring together the student leaders of Stockton University, thus came the idea of a multi-organization holiday potluck! This event will be hosted on December 9th at 8pm in the Board of Trustees room, looking forward to a great night! In addition, the Public relations committee has published its first, Senate In a Minute, designed to be a monthly recap of what the Student Senate has accomplished. With the spring semester soon approaching, the election time line has been published for next semester, with an additional two interest meetings, in hopes of better availability for possible candidates! Also a huge thank you to Jessica for tabling for a few hours in D-wing last week and promoting our social media! Thank you to Viona for being the official flyer creator! Thank you, Dom and Mahalia for being fantastic and creative. The Public Relations committee would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving and a strong finish to the end of this fall semester!

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Committee: **Student Affairs**

Presiding: Victoria Muraoka

Members Present: Carly Bulgia

Noya Ilan

Ryan Greene

Members Late: None

Members Absent: Alex Dannecker*

Agenda:

Victoria started the meeting by assigning Carly to writing minutes. Victoria checked in with how Ryan and Carly's progress with special food accommodations was going with Chartwells. Chartwells has decided that they just need dates in which the special accommodations will be needed. The only two that seemed to need special accommodations were Passover in April and Hanukah in December. Alex informed the team about the survey he created to determine the need for another route for the campus center shuttle as well as, the new Facebook Forum to get more insight from students about Stockton. Victoria and the team advised him to have Public Relations advertise for the shuttle app. Victoria assigned them all one person to meet with that has to do with their obligations. The library resurvey and the extended services during the weekend are complete and will be administered after the holidays. The team discussed Wear Stockton that is falling to the wayside due to the lack of money to provide food for the tabling and hopes to have more senators participate. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. These details conclude Student Affairs meeting minutes.

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