**THE RICHARD STOCKTON**

**COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**September 28, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

September 28, 2010

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

1. President’s Report

IV. Committee Reports

 A. Public Relations

 B. Academic Policies

 C. School Spirit

 D. Student Welfare

 E. Finance

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2010-2011 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

September 14, 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

 Matthew Patterson

 Xochil Ramirez

 Brittany Revicki

 Cristabelith Rosario

 Johana Rosas Delgado

 John Szczuplak

 Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

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

 Motion Passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the semester. He then gave updates on the NACA convention that he and Sammy attended over the summer. Kenan also reported that they purchased water bottles for SOAR.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

 Paulo began by thanking Darryl for the flyers he made to promote the Labor Day Fest that occurred on Saturday September 4, 2010. The flyers were hung in Housing 2 and 3 on the bulletin boards on each floor and in the TRLC.

 Paulo then announced that Steve Amato will be the liaison with the Argo in advertising upcoming events and meetings.

 He also reported that they will be taking individual pictures for the senate bulletin board and the Student Senate face book page. They will also be uploading the new Student Senate logo to the page.

 Steve added that the Senate bulletin board will continue to have pictures and titles of the senators but the committee wants the board to have a more lively and friendly look.

 **Academic Policies**

 Nazire reported that the committee discussed preparation for the Undecided Fair which will be held Tuesday October 12th, 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm and Wednesday October 13th, 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. They have contacted the Deans of each school regarding faculty tabling for the fair and will be sending out a mass e-mail to all freshmen and transfer students about the fair a week before it occurs.

 She then reported that Sualeh expressed his concerns about the limited courses offered under the CSIS program being that some classes are only offered every two years. They plan on attending faculty meetings at least twice a month to express their concerns. They are also looking into finding a way to have more summer courses.

 Nazire continued by stated that they discussed replacing the suggestion box idea. It would be better going class to class and having students fill out surveys.

 Nazire concluded by stating that the committee would like to continue the tradition of having supporting philanthropy in the spring and target it towards domestic violence.

 Kenan informed the committee that they should contact Fran Bottone, Director of the Wellness Center, for all issues involving domestic violence. He added that the college has started the Green Dot Program to address this issue.

**School Spirit**

John report that the committee discussed plans on finishing the memory boxes in the O-nest left behind by last year’s committee. They will meet with Joe Lizza, Assistant Director of the College Center, to organize further plans.

 With alcohol awareness month coming around the corner, John reported that they are planning on hosting a night of alcohol free drinking games to show you don’t need alcohol to have fun.

 John then announced that the committee will be focusing on attendance at sporting events, with the hopes to increase the percentage of students attending the games and also promoting college events to our commuter population.

 He concluded by stating that they also discussed other ideas that include spirit week both in the fall and spring semesters, and orchestrating the use of Stockton’s radio and television stations.

**Student Welfare**

 Johana reported that the committee plans to work with Public Relations for better advertisement of the events provided by the college during the weekends.  They would also like to work with Academic Policies to have tutoring not only for the math and English departments, but also for the other subjects studied such as science, psychology, business, etc.

 Johana then discussed the following dining issues: On Fridays and Saturdays, the main-campus dining facilities are closed after 7pm. They would like for the Lakeside Center food service to deliver to the residence halls for those without a car.  They will talk to Chartwells to improve the quality and variety of the food. In addition, they will try to work with Jiang’s Chinese restaurant for a student discount or make use of unrestricted money available. They also discussed having vending machines that accept our Stockton ID cards and use the unrestricted cash or Flex cash from meal plans.

 Kenan informed the committee that they should contact Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, for all issues involving Chartwells.

 Johana then reported that they would like to extend the time the shuttles run until 11:00 pm because some classes end at 10:00 pm and students may need to stay after the class to talk to their professor.  The committee will be working with Public Relations to advertise the use of the shuttles that can transport students to off-campus stores, stations, etc and also bring them back to campus because many students are unaware of this great opportunity.

 Lastly she announced that they would like to hold Town Hall meetings at least once a month for the public to attend and approach them with their worries or concerns about the school. The first Town Hall meeting is set for October 19.

**Finance**

Brittany reported that the committee discussed the new budget cuts which affects the total supplemental funds mentioned in the Student Senate financial plans for this year. The original funds available as of last week were $135,000 and now because of the recent cuts we have $60,000 available. Out of that $60,000, $15,000 has already been allotted to Homecoming and $8,000 to the First-Year Experience programs.

Looking briefly over the budget reports for the past couple of years, the committee has seen that there are some clubs that haven’t spent their allocated funds. Brittany Revicki will submit a report regarding those funds.

 Although traditionally clubs and organizations can’t use their annual budgets for taking trips to conferences, the committee talked about changing those rules to try and save money by letting them use their annual budgets first for such things instead of having to seek supplemental funds.

 Brittany moved to approve letting clubs and organizations use allocated budget funds for things normally given through supplementals, seconded by Je’Meda.

 Motion Passed: 24-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

 Brittany then announced that each committee member was given a number of clubs to which he/she will be the liaison. The committee members will assist their clubs with all budget requests.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

 Craig Stambaugh, Associate Dean of Students, welcomed everyone back. He then announced that the new Campus Center construction is on schedule and after January 1st they will be scheduling tours. Craig then added comments regarding the budget. He stated that he is working with Administration and Finance in an attempt to restore some of the funds.

 Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, welcomed students back. She then announced that the rescheduled Day of Service will be October 23rd. She then announced upcoming commuter events.

 Len Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked everyone who attended the joint leadership training. Len then gave updates on the Get Involved Fair and Homecoming events and encouraged everyone to attend.

 Luanne Anton, Health Educator, announced upcoming events from the Wellness Center.

 Fran Bottone, Director of Counseling and Health Services, welcomed students back. She then introduced Green Dot, a new campus-wide program that was initiated during the Spring. It is a violence prevention program that encourages bystanders to do something when they see things going on as opposed to doing nothing. She encouraged students to step forward to change the culture of the campus.

 Joe Lizza, Assistant Director of the College Center, announced the upcoming dates for yearbook photos. He then encouraged students to come out to Stockton After Hours, which is sponsored by the College Center in collaboration with SET and Student Development.

 Tom O’Donnell, Assistant Dean of Students, welcomed students back. He then announced his new location in the Veterans Affairs office in G-wing. Tom informed students that there are over 200 veterans on campus and they will be holding several programs. He encouraged students to come out and support.

 Robert Chitren, Environmental Compliance Manager, distributed information on the Tobacco Madness Campaign, which is a program to prevent cigarette litter. He stated that cigarette litter goes against our eco system and people are repulsed by it. He said that the college has set up smoking gazebos to promote smoking in designated areas. There is a website devoted to this program and they will also be tabling two to three times a week. They are working toward a more beautiful and healthy campus and encouraged everyone to spread the word.

**Adjournment**: Kenan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.