**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**October 25, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

October 25, 2011

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/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2011-2012 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

October 11, 2011

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Destiny Bush

Rosalia Caceres

 Kaitlin Cibenko

Darryl Dabney-Carter

 Osagie Ekenezar

Justin Frankel

 Brittany Grapstul

 Sualeh Hafeez

 Melissa Harabedian

 Paulo Henriques

 Michael Hering

 David Jonas

 David Kang

 David Lamando

 Melissa Lyon

 Matthew Monte

 Charlie Nusbaum

 Benjamin Peoples

 Crystal Rosario

 Edward Slothus

 Jamie Sofia

 Julio Torres

 AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: Elizabeth Corey

William Inacio

John Szczuplak

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Samuel moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting, seconded by Paulo.

 Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

 Samuel first had a moment of silence for Joseph Miller, a Stockton student who recently passed away. He then thanked the senators that came out to help with the bulletin board. Samuel concluded by stating that the Senate office hours schedule would be posted and that he wanted to meet with the new senators to discuss their availability.

**Committee Reports: Finance**

 Active Minds submitted a request to use their annual budget funds to attend the 8th Annual National Mental Health on Campus Conference. David moved to approve the request, seconded by AJ.

Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

 All-Starz Dance Team submitted a supplemental in the amount of $5,635.00 to purchase tickets as part of their obligation to perform during the half time show at the Philadelphia 76ers basketball game. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Kaitlin.

 Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

 Caribbean Student Association submitted a supplemental in the amount of $700 to fund the Museum trip around New York City. Crystal moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by AJ.

 Motion Failed: 6-11-7\*

\*Senators Opposed: Rosalia Caceres, Justin Frankel, Brittany Grapstul, Melissa Herabedian, Paulo Henriques, Michael Hering, David Kang, Matthew Monte, Charlie Nusbaum, Julio Torres, and AJ Vervoort.

 Senators Abstained: Darryl Dabney-Carter, Davis Jonas, David Lomando, Benjamin Peoples, Crystal Rosario, Edward Slothus, and Samuel Wakawa

 The senators did not pass the motion because the club representative was not in attendance.

 Just prior to the announcements/comments from the public section of the meeting, the club representative arrived.

 At that time, Paulo moved to approve a motion to reconsider a hasty decision for the Caribbean Students Association’s supplemental in the amount of $700, seconded by AJ.

 Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

 Crystal then moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Matthew.

 Motion Passed: 17-3-3\*

\*Senators Opposed: Brittany Grapstul, Charlie Nusbaum and Edward Slothus

 Senators Abstained: Justin Frankel, Benjamin Peoples and Samuel Wakawa

**Public Relations**

Rosalia left at this time.

Sualeh began by reporting that the committee is continuing to contact the clubs and organizations on campus to inform them of the Club of the Year and Community Service awards given out at the end of the spring semester. Charlie has also been working diligently in organizing meeting times for clubs.

 Sualeh then reported that in conjunction with the School Spirit committee, Student Senate planners have been designed and ordered. The planners will be made available by November and either distributed during basketball games or other events and will be used to promote the senate.

 Sualeh went on to state that John has gotten in contact with the Argo and will be working with them to have the Student Senate accomplishments and meeting agendas published. Also, the committee has been working with School Spirit to renovate the G-wing bulletin board. Suggestion boxes will also be made with newly designed complaint sheets.

 Sualeh concluded by stating that Meet the Candidates proved to be a successful event. Students who ran for election effectively promoted themselves to the audience and current Student Senate members.

**Academic Policies**

 Edward reported that he had a meeting with the School of Natural Science and Mathematics to discuss the proposal for a Computational Science Minor. He was informed that to do so would require more resources and there was not enough interest to pursue the request any further at this time.

 Brittany reported that she met with representatives from the School of General Studies about separating the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies program. They informed her that the program was established last year and there is no need or demand to make separate programs.

 Paulo then reported that Darrell met with Assistant Dean of Students, Tom O’Donnell, in regards to proposing a Leadership Studies program. He was told to establish a proposal and submit it to the Faculty Senate’s Academic Policies Committee. The committee will also need to research other New Jersey college and universities to see who has a similar program. Academic Advising representatives suggested that they propose the Leadership Studies program as a minor instead of a concentration.

 Paulo concluded by encouraging students to bring any academic issues or concerns to the committee and they will address them accordingly.

 Justin added that the committee should look into adding a ROTC program.

**School Spirit**

Jamie reported that the daily planners have been ordered and will be given out in November during OFan games. Jamie also reported that the committee will be taking pictures during homecoming and giving them out in frames.

Destiny reported that she met with Cheryl Robinson from Athletics to discuss Senate hosting half-time shows during the basketball games. She was informed that Senate has permission to utilize three to four minutes during halftime. Cheryl encouraged Senate to come out and support other athletic events as well.

 Jamie concluded by thanking Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, for her assistance with acquiring the back-drop for the Senate homecoming pictures.

 **Student Welfare**

AJ reported that students have been complaining that the shuttles were not running between the hours of 9:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Julio met with Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, to discuss the issue. Trish informed him that there are shuttles running at that time, and she has addressed complaints about this in the past. Trish is going to speak with the shuttle supervisor again about this matter.

 AJ then reported that Mellissa is in charge of the complaints on the senate Facebook page. She will be answering students on the page daily and making a list of issues posted by students.

 AJ also reported that the committee received a complaint from a few students that there was nowhere to put their belongings in the new Campus Center bathrooms. Melissa talked to Donald Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management and Housing Maintenance, about the problem. He informed her that he will look into installing hooks and stoppers on the stall doors by next semester.

 Ben then reported on the following issues:

Routers: Stockton's wireless in Housing 1 uses routers installed on the inside faces of the courts. Routers will be installed on the backsides of the courts soon, providing wireless internet in the bedrooms as well as the common area. The routers have been purchased. Computer Services is waiting for the contract to be finalized to have them installed. Also, a routine inspection last year from an outside security agency determined that Stockton's internet security to be less than favorable. It was determined that Stockton needed to install a device which would disable outside wireless routers. This device is now in effect, and students are no longer able to connect their own routers.

MTV: Due to the Student Senate bringing the absence of MTV to telecommunications' attention, MTV was restored.

Gaming: The current network is not setup in a way that is conducive to connecting gaming systems to the internet. While there is no ban on gaming as a rule, computer services does not see pursuing ways to enable gaming as a priority.

 AJ concluded by stating that Luann Anton, Health Educator, expressed concerns about the sale of cigar products and energy drinks on campus. The committee will look into the matter.

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

 Haley Baum, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced upcoming Stockton Entertainment Team events.

 Len Farber, Director of Student Development, commended the Senate on the wonderful job they have done this semester. He then thanked them for all of their help with homecoming and encouraged them to get the word out about homecoming events.

 Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, thanked senators for taking a moment of silence for the student that passed away. He informed everyone that he was able to attend the funeral services and speak with the family. He was also able to leave a small token from the Stockton community that was greatly appreciated.

 Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced that M.A.L.E.S. Basketball Tournament was a great success. She thanked the Stockton community for their support.

**Adjournment:** Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.