**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**January 24, 2012**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

January 24, 2012

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

December 6, 2011

Presiding: Samuel Wakawa

Members Present: Destiny Bush

Kaitlin Cibenko

Osagie Ekenezar

Justin Frankel

Brittany Grapstul

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriques

Michael Hering

William Inacio

David Jonas

David Kang

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Matthew Monte

Benjamin Peoples

Crystal Rosario

Kate Sparacio

John Szczuplak

Edward Slothus

Jamie Sofia

Julio Torres

AJ Vervoort

Members Absent: Rosalia Caceres\*

Elizabeth Corey\*

Sualeh Hafeez\*

Charlie Nusbaum\* \*Notified Chair

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: Samuel called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Sammy moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011, seconded by Matthew.

Motioned Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**President’s Report: Samuel Wakawa**

Samuel first welcomed the new Senate member, Kate Sparacio. He then thanked the administration for all of their help during the semester.

**Vice President’s Report: Kaitlin Cibenko**

Kaitlin urged the Senators to put their new business cards to use. She then wished everyone a great winter break.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

David reported that tabling to promote the Student Senate and the basketball game was a success. He also reported that accomplishments are continuing to be published in the ARGO, Twitter and Facebook accounts. David then wished everyone a safe winter break.

**Academic Policies**

Paulo began by announcing that Dr. Jung Lee e-mailed the faculty and staff suggesting that the college establish a Digital Literacy and Multimedia Design Minor program. The committee will be reaching out to Dr. Lee to see how they can further assist.

Paulo then reported that several people have expressed concern in extending the withdrawal deadline to the week of final exams. Currently, the deadline is designated for two weeks before the semester is over. The committee is going to look into this issue.

Paulo then stated that anyone having any academic issues or concerns should please continue to bring them to the committee’s attention and they will address the issue accordingly.

Paulo concluded by wishing a farewell to Edward Slothus, who will be interning in Washington, D.C. next semester and Brittany Grapstul, who will be graduating.

**School Spirit**

Jamie first announced that the first home men’s basketball game of next semester will be held on Friday, January 17th and encouraged all Senators to come out and support. The senate will be giving away daily planners to the first 50 students who attend with Stockton IDs. In addition, give away gift cards.

Jamie then reported that Melissa will be contacting the president of SET to discuss collaboration for our Spring Fling. This will be a free dance meant to bring the Stockton community together to promote a safe spring break.

Justin reported that he spoke with the superintendent from the Galloway school district about doing an outreach program in the high schools. This is meant to promote Stockton as a college and to encourage students to stay on the right track to graduate and be successful.

Jamie encouraged students to attend the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event to be held on January 17, 2012. She concluded by wishing everyone luck with finals.

**Student Welfare**

Julio reported that he spoke to Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, about the excessive number of pot holes in front of the Arts and Science Center’s parking lot. Don said that they're going to work on filling the pot holes during the winter break. Julio also reported that he spoke with Len Farber, Director of Student Development, about placing a cork bulletin board in the upper campus center. Some clubs want this to post their events and flyers on. Len informed him that there is a plan to put artwork up in that area, but they will meet again next semester to see what can be done.

A.J. then reported that he met with Water Watch to follow up on the banning of water bottles. Instead of banning water bottles, he told them to promote the hydration stations by putting identification signs above them and educating students on how to use them. In addition, the signs would note facts about the decomposition of plastic. A.J. also told the club to use funds from their annual budget to purchase stainless steel water bottles and sell them to students. This will encourage students to refill their bottles at the hydration station instead of purchasing water in plastic bottles. A.J. added that Julio will be contacting Don Woolslayer for a follow up meeting regarding the signs at the hydration stations, and he will be asking Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, about the possibility of Dasani sending us the water bottles that use 74% less plastic. Melissa will also be contacting Jennifer Radwanski, Associate Director of Student Development, about handing out water bottles at freshman orientation instead of coffee mugs.

Mike reported that he also spoke with Don Woolslayer about complaints from students regarding the lighting fixtures not working in the female restroom outside of the Board of Trustees’ room in the Campus Center. Don informed him that he will fix this issue immediately.

Ben reported that he met with David Pinto, Director of Library Services, regarding extending library hours. David informed Ben that Stockton has library hours comparable to those of other state colleges, but also has a significantly smaller staff. However, library hours will be extended to 2 A.M. during the week of finals. David will also be looking into the possibility of extending hours to 8 P.M. on Friday nights. He will contact Ben if the change is made.

Ben also met with David about expanding the group study space. David informed him that there will be at least three group study rooms next semester, an increase from the two available this semester. There is a possibility that more spaces will open up if offices are moved into the L-wing expansion. If these spaces open up, the plan is for them to be turned into additional group study rooms.

Finally, A.J. reported that the committee met with two students who want to have more native vegetation on campus. Their aim is to save water and prevent pesticides used on grass from seeping into Lake Fred. Mike will be contacting Don Woolslayer with ideas of some areas, i.e., Free to Be, where this may be implemented.

Trish Krevetski, Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services, added that there will be a trial run for the shuttle app to see how it goes. If all goes well, it may be implemented next semester. She also stated that she spoke to President Saatkamp regarding the app and he thinks it’s a good idea.

**Finance**

The Theater Club submitted a supplemental in the amount $5,350.00 to attend the Kennedy Center Theater Festival at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. David moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by A.J.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Samuel Wakawa

The Unified Black Students Society submitted a request to use $5,709.42 of their club’s funds to attend to Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference. David moved to approve the request, seconded by Paulo.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senator abstained: Samuel Wakawa

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Luanne Anton, Health Educator, announced upcoming events sponsored by Health Services. She then wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

Lauren Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced that the Spring Get Involved Fair would be held on January 30th. She then wished students good luck with finals.

Glenn Miller, Chief of Police, wished everyone a safe holiday season. He then thanked everyone for their support with the trip to Washington, DC that was sponsored Stockton Neighborhood Watch and the Criminal Justice Society. Chief Miller then encouraged everyone to support Toys for Tots.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, announced that the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is set for January 16th. Dianne then wished the students good luck with finals.

Pedro Santana, Dean of Student, wished everyone a happy holiday and good luck with finals. He then stated that if there was help needed, his office is always open.

**Adjournment:**  Samuel adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.