**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**February 12, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

February 12, 2013

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Committee Reports

A. Academic Policies

B. Public Relations

C. Legislative Policies and Government Affairs

D. Student Welfare

E. Finance

V. Announcements/Comments from the Public

VI. Adjournment

2012-13 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

January 29, 2013

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Michelle Batista

Ellis Bonds

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Tyler Gelsleichter

Melissa Harabedian

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

William Inacio

Austin Jefferson

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Kyle Miceli

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Michelle Puerta

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: None

Members Late: Peter Bruno

Ben Peoples

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Jessica moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012 and January 15, 2013 meetings, seconded by Reese.

Motioned Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

Thanked everyone for attended training and participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Special thanks to the Executive Cabinet who provided AJ with ideas and suggestions to integrate into the training session.

Ben and Peter arrived at this point.

At the start of the semester, 3 more clubs were recognized by the Office of Student Development and the Student Senate they include: **Masters American Student Society, Holistic Health Club, and SIESA Stockton International Education Student Association CLUB.**

Since the Resolution to Remove Chick-fil-A was sent to President Saatkamp, AJ and David and have had a series of meetings and conference calls with President Saatkamp, the leadership of Chick-fil-A, and Shane Windmeyer who is the Executive Director of Campus Pride - the national organization who first revealed Chick-fil-A’s donation practices to the world.

**President Saatkamp**

At this time AJ asked President Saatkamp to come forward to announce the decision that was agreed upon regarding Chick-fil-A.

President Saatkamp welcomed back Student Senate and thanked them for participating in MLK Day of Service.

President Saatkamp reported that he spoke with AJ, David, Michael Frank, Dan Cathy of Chick-fil-A, and Shane Windmeyer of Campus Pride in order to reach determination of Chick-fil-A’s place on campus. It was reported that the five organizations of concern to Campus Pride were no longer part of Chick-fil-A’s FY11 1099 forms. It was decided that Chick-fil-A had changed their minds, and that it would be permitted to remain on campus.

President Saatkamp noted that as a campus with an emphasis on diversity the Stockton community will be encouraged in emphasizing attributes of inclusiveness as well.

**Vice President’s Report: David Lamando**

David reminded senators to sign in for their office hours and to keep up the good work.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

Becky reported the following:

The committee is working on adding a “scientific” writing curriculum for Biology and Chemistry majors, in order to prepare them for lab reports and the MCAT. Chuck will have an update for our next meeting.

Our committee is also going to look into the IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction course surveys. Becky emailed Heather McGovern, who is the contact person for the Institute for Faculty Development and should have all questions associated with the survey answered.

Our committee received complaints regarding the bookstore, such as customer service, expensive books, and not having all books available for a course. Becky emailed Trish Krevetski to meet with her to address these issues. Becky will have an update for our next meeting.

Becky yielded the floor to Chuck at this point and he reported the following:

Just a reminder of the Add/Drop Deadlines:

January 29th: Last day to withdraw with 100% refund

February 13: Last day to withdraw with 50% refund

April 10: Last day to withdraw with a “W” grade

For graduating seniors, if you have not done so already, the deadline to apply for graduation is February 1st. Prices do go up if you do not apply by this time.

If anyone has any academic issues or concerns please continue to bring them to our attention and we will address the issue accordingly.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie reported the following:

The committee updated the G-Wing board. The “Monthly

Accomplishments” section will be updated once the Student Welfare Committee supplies the information.

A table for the Get Involved Fair, on Monday January 28th, has been reserved for Student Senate. All tabling materials are available in the senate office. Billy has organized a sign-up sheet on the Senate Facebook Group for senators to table.

She spoke to Harry Maurice in regards to the senator business cards. Harry put a print shop request for them on January 23rd and they are expected to arrive in a couple of days.

The committee is working on various projects for the future. It includes: more PR for the town hall and senate meetings, a “Coffee with the Senators” event, and a “Meet the Candidates” event during the time of elections.

Maribeth Capelli asked the committee to look into Doorstops as a form of PR. Unfortunately, doorstops are a breach in residential life and plant management regulations. However, the committee is open to any and all PR ideas.

Anything the Senate would wish to include in the ARGO’s publications should be addressed to Nate a week prior to the submission deadline to help ensure its publication.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin reported the following:

He opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back from break and expressed hopeful sentiments about the upcoming semester after the rather successful training the week before. The committee went on to discuss which direction each committee member will be going now that the bond efforts have been concluded. The tasks were assigned as follows:

Kaitlin volunteered to reestablish a relationship with NJUS and continue to inform the senators about any events the organization may be having.

Jessica and Tyler decided to continue to work on researching tuition increase rates at Stockton as well as other public institutions.

Dave and Manar were unsure about which direction they wished to take for the upcoming semester and ultimately decided to work with Justin on any additional tasks he may face in the upcoming semester.

Justin ended by once again thanking everyone for a productive semester last year and wished everyone luck with the upcoming one.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

Students approached the senate at the end of last semester with issues of inequality and unfair treatment from various departments of the college. A meeting was held with Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, various administrators, Maribeth Capelli, Student Welfare Committee Chair, and A.J. Vervoort, Student Senate President. Other students and student senators also were in attendance to become aware of the issues presented and create actionable items that could be performed this semester. The list of issues starts with racial profiling by campus police. There have been no reports of racial profiling and no substantial evidence to prove it has occurred. A specific issue was that it is believed by students that there is a larger police presence at some specific student events than others. The police perform a Risk Assessment for every student event on campus and provide police supervision accordingly. A description of this assessment can be found in the Chief’s Corner section of the ARGO from last semester and any questions can be directed to Glenn Miller, Chief of Police.

A specific student event issue concerned dances. A mobilized task force has been appointed by Pedro Santana to review the current social event policies and determine risk for specific events. The committee is called Task force on Policy for Student Sponsored Social Events and will meet on February 15th. Committee members include, but are not limited to Pedro Santana, Craig Stambaugh, Asst. Dean of Students, Stephen Davis, Assoc. Dean of Students, two senators, fraternity and sorority presidents, Kristy Costa, Campus Center Operations Facility Coordinator, Colleen Britton, Campus Police Lieutenant, and Haley Baum, Asst. Director of Student Development.

Some students feel that the Office of Student Development has been treating clubs differently than others. Some specific instances of unequal treatment were brought up in the meeting and Len Farber, Director of Student Development, is now aware of all the issues that occurred. In March, the office will undergo a complete review by national experts to enhance the experience it brings to all students by critiquing and improving its operation and organization.

The senate had a formal training over winter break in which Pedro Santana discussed the process of advancing issues while keeping the best interests of all students involved.

It was suggested that there be a mandatory program created to educate student leaders and workers on race and culture. It is being discussed by the College Committee for Diversity Equity and Affirmative Action which was assigned by President Saatkamp. Committee member include Pedro Santana and Dave Mooring. The first meeting will be held on February 14th. There is a sub-committee working on this agenda also which includes Len Farber and Daniel Tome, Coordinator of Service Learning.

Students requested that they have the opportunity to work more closely with administration and be taken seriously. Pedro Santana always has an open door policy where he lets any student with an issue walk in for a discussion. He is there to help any student with a problem and will address personally any situation where a student is not being respected or taken seriously.

Eddie reported that he has been keeping in contact with Joe Loefflad regarding the new wifi routers. Since the beginning of the new fiscal year $50,000 worth of new routers has been purchased. 70% of these routers have been installed and are currently working to provide more wifi signal within the academic buildings.

Ben reported that he has been discussing various issues with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management. Students requested for a car washing station to be set up for students to use for free. It is actually prohibited under storm water regulations to wash cars on public property. Our campus is already situated in the Pinelands and the runoff from washing cars is a pollutant discharge into streams and waterways. Michelle has collected price information from local carwashes and is looking into getting deals for Stockton students instead. Don Woolslayer has found a bench to place at lakeside by Papa John's for students to sit on while waiting for their order to be called and it has been installed. He is also looking into finding more inside benches or seating for students to sit on while waiting for the shuttle at A&S circle.

Maribeth then reported that the cheerleading team had various complaints that were addressed over the break. There was a meeting with the three head cheerleaders, their two coaches, and Lonnie Folks, Director of Athletics. Most of the complaints were results of miscommunication. Their practice time was entered into the calendar incorrectly but has now been adjusted. Their mats were being damaged by the track team using them and they are now restricted to cheerleader use only. Other issues were also addressed and the cheerleaders and their coaches left the meeting very pleased.

Kaitlin asked if cornbread from the old G-Wing Cafeteria could be brought back into N- Wing.

Manar asked if parking violations be recognized for those who are residents taking commuter parking spots.

Ben reported that 150 new parking spots will be added.

**Finance**

EDIBL submitted a supplemental in the amount of $314 to fund a trip to a museum in New Jersey to learn more about insects. The trip is open to all Stockton students.

Reese moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Peter.

Motion Passed 26-0-1\*

\*Senators Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, welcomed back the Student Senate and discussed need of four volunteers from senate with the NCBI.

Leonard Farber, Director of Student Development, noted that additional programming and an inclusive calendar would begin. Reminded senators that Inter Club Council’s meeting would take place following week. Thanked clubs and Senate for participating in a successful Get Involved Fair. Encouraged senators to get involved with Recyclemania campaign.

Denise O’Neil, Director of Residential Life, reminded senators and students to participate in housing renewal process if re-applying for housing in the Fall 2013 semester.

President Saatkamp commended the senators for their process during the Chick-fil-A issue and for their leadership.

Members of the Stockton Gaming Club thanked the Senate for helping send members to their conference in the Fall 2012 semester.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm.