



STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

Notice of Meeting
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STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
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Presiding: Carl Archut Jr.

Members present: Nick Persia
Emily Zeck
Brian Moore Jr.
Toyo Aboderin
Mackenzie Porch
Haley Matsinger
Richard Jeffries
Patton Solowey
Nhi tram
Maryam Sarhan
Maurice Brandon
Tyler Graff
Ike Ejikeme
Victoria Dambroski
Mahalia Bazile
Jessica Cathcart
Viona Richardson
Dominick Martino
Victoria Muraoka
Carly Bulgia
Ryan Greene
Noya Ilan

Members late:

Members Absent:

Agenda/Business:

Approval of Minutes

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes from April 28th 2015, seconded by Brian.

Motion Approved: 18-0-1

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President's Report

President Archut Jr., yields the floor to Interim President Dr. Kesselman to speak. Dr. Kesselman stated that he looks forward to working with the Student Senate. He assures that the Chairs of the various committees will be able to work and interact with President's Cabinets of the University. Dr. Kesselman yields the floor back to President Archut Jr.

President Archut Jr. stated that the Student Senate had their training in May that involved many presenters from the division of Student Affairs, which was led by Jeff Wakeman, Director of Student Development, and Craig Stambaugh, Associate Dean of Students. The food assistance program is up and running and currently helping twelve students. President Archut is also working with other Student Government Associations in the State of New Jersey, to create a foundation for a statewide Students Helping Students Program. President Archut has established monthly meetings with Dr. Kesselman and with the Faculty Senate President. President Archut Jr. also gave thanks to Trish Krevestki for assisting with the pricing issue with Primos Pizza. President Archut Jr. also mentioned the Contractual Agreement with Dr. Kesselman as the President of University, established by the Board of Trustees, to be voted on December's Meeting and encouraged Senators to be in attendance for the vote. President Archut Jr. mentioned that he is working with the Office of Residential Life to create a Careers in Student Affairs Conference, which will occur this semester, and the date will be announced in the coming weeks. President Archut Jr. also announced that he will be serving with Louis Chevere on the AC Task Force, as well as the Task Force on Search for the Vice President of Academic Affairs. He is also serving on the Diversity Committee with Senators: Maurice Brandon, Carly Bulgia, and Toyo Aboderin. Lastly, President Archut announced the Senate's recommendation of student appointments to the three standing committees on the Faculty Senate: Theresa McMackin, Student Affairs, Tim Schmit, Academic Policies and Mike Tuozzolo, Academic Programs & Planning.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Persia mentioned the Students Helping Students mentorship program will be reestablish this year. He will confirm that he will hold the Student Senators accountable.

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Academic Affairs

This week Carl and Emily had a meeting with Tom Grites. Tom was able to answer concerns of transfer student policies as well as answer concerns about the preceptor program. Tom Grites stressed the importance of transfer student orientation. As an incoming transfer Stockton accepts up to 64 credits half of the amount that is needed to graduate. Those credits are then applied to the student's major. Tom also informed that the faculty does undergo some training for preceptor advising. If any student feels that their preceptor is not adequate they are able to change.

A survey was sent out asking the student body their opinion on the diploma research the Academic Affairs committee has been working on. Brian had compiled the research together and presented the findings. Motion was passed to further research.

Motion Approved: 0-0-0

Emily and Mackenzie worked with Victoria to create a survey question students about their library usage.

Over the summer the Academic Affairs Committee has been working on the constitution. Emily yields the floor to Vice President Persia to move to approve the consent agenda for the following changes; Noya Seconds:

- -Changing all references from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to Stockton University
- The Student senate shall consist of one branch composed of twenty-seven students, dually elected in the spring and the fall. Twenty-three students will be elected in the spring, and the remaining four will be selected from first year and transfer students in a separate fall election.
- Article II Section 1 A
 - Academic Affairs: one chair and four members
- Article II Section 1 B
 - Student Affairs: one chair and four members
- Article II Section 1 B
 - The term of the outgoing Student Senate President shall expire upon the inauguration of the incoming Student Senate President.
- Article II Section 3 A
 - The term of office for all members shall commence immediately following their induction and shall expire immediately following the induction of their respective successor, notification of resignation in writing to the President, or through the conclusion of impeachment and recall process.
- Article II Section 3 B
 - Word change of “pamphlet” to “meeting minutes”

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- Article III Section 1 E
 - All votes on supplemental requests, consent agendas, minutes, and any and all other minor issues taken at full Senate meetings will be decided by a simple majority of members present. All votes on impeachment or removal of a member of the Student Senate: executive committee appeals: petitions submitted to the Student Senate;
- Article III Section 1 G
 - Consent agenda should only include: trivial matters that do not affect the student body at large or any matter that is not passed by 2/3 majority at intercommittee meetings.
- Article III Section 1 H
 - The President will preside over the collective section of committee meetings to address any full-senate business.
- Article III Section 2 A
 - There are typically two committee meetings per month with a minimum of six total meetings per academic semester. Meetings should be held on Tuesday, unless changes at 24 hours in advance in the event of special circumstance. The meeting shall be divided into two parts, an intercommittee meeting comprised of all committees and their members, at which role will be called immediately following the call to order. When this meeting has concluded, Senators will immediately report to their respective committee meetings.
- Article III Section 2 C
 - Section D of Article III is to be removed.
 - Quorum shall be fifty percent plus one of the total members of Senate the committee.
- Article III Section 2 G
 - The Executive Cabinet shall meet a minimum of once every month during the academic year.
- Article III Section 3 A
 - Suspend the activities and functions of the student-funded organizations, who fail to meet mandatory requirements as set out by the Finance Committee or Office of Student Development.
- Article III Section 1 G
 - The Vice President may not replace regularly scheduled office hours.
 - Consider matters placed before the Student Senate for action

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- Article III Section 2 E
 - Official activities that are external to the University shall be approved by the executive cabinet and reported to the Student Senate.
- Article IV Section 3 E
 - Must keep records of all documentation that demonstrates how they and their committee fulfill their duties.
- Article IV Section 3 F
 - Consider all matters placed before the executive cabinet
- Article IV Section 3 M
 - Remove Article IV Section 3 P
 - In the event the President is the Senator being impeached, the Vice President will preside over the Impeachment hearing. Refer to presiding order in case of conflict.
- Article IV Section 4 C1
 - Manage all special projects as necessary, such as Students Helping Student, The Food Assistance Program, and the emergent needs.
- Article IV Section 4 S
 - Enforce the attendance policy by notifying violators of their violations.
 - Senate Vice President.
 - Remove Article IV Section 5 F
 - Senate Vice President shall preside over the election of the incoming Student Senate President.
 - Shall be responsible for approving, at his or her discretion, and accommodating student senator request to attend via telecommunications utility.
- Article IV Section 5 I
 - The Vice President will chair the appellate committee.
- Article IV Section A 7
 - Present all approved supplemental requests, budgets allocations, and other financial matters as appropriate to the full senate.
- Article IV Section A2I
 - When possible and appropriate attend regional or state wide organization meetings and events.
- Article IV Section A1
 - The Government Affairs committee shall oversee an annual review of the Student Senate Constitution and Statutes of the Student Senate and recommend modifications.

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- Article V Section 2C
 - The position of Student Senator must be occupied by a member of the Student Senate with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. First-semester freshmen and transfer are exempt from this requirement.
- Article V Section A4
 - A public forum shall be held between all the candidates
- ~~Article V Section 3 Letter B2ii~~
 - ~~A senator who has served at least two full semesters on Student Senate or in the process of completing their second semester and attended all trainings during his or her current term. (Example: a senator who was elected in the normal spring election, but a new student who was elected in the fall election would not be eligible)~~
- Article V Section A 2ii
 - A senator who has served at least one full semester on Student Senate and attended all trainings during his or her current term.

Motion Approved: 18-0-1

- Noya move to remove Article V Section 3 Letter B2ii from the Consent Agenda: Maurice Second.

Motion Approved: 18-0-1

- Maurice move to table Article back to committee: Rich seconds

Motion Approved: 16-1-2

Government Affairs

Ike and Maryam met with Nicole Leppert, President of SET on Monday September 7th to complete all stages of planning for our collaborative event entitled “Debt Jeopardy”, which will be on October 12 at 7:30 pm in the Event Room. As a part of our Higher Education Awareness Week, this jeopardy night will highlight the burdens of student debt and other pressing issues in the world of higher education from a student perspective. Maurice Brandon is looking to host a Family Feud style event that discusses higher education from a social aspect during that week as well. On October 14th the Government Affairs committee is also going to be tabling about relevant issues as a part of HEAW’s activities. Tyler Graff has been doing research on the student activity fee bill, known as S703 also popularly dubbed the Snooki Bill. This bill was passed in the NJ Senate and as we finalize our gathered information, we will disseminate this important information to the student body. Maryam Sarhan also met with first Lady Lynne Kesselman to gather a historical perspective of Stockton’s student activity fee during its original days and how it has evolved over the years. Potential implications of this bill, both positive and negative were also discussed.

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The Government Affairs committee is partners with PEP and ACE for the voter registration drive that is taking place over the next few weeks. Thank you to the senators who have donated their time so far to promote civic engagement and voter registration.

Public Relations

The Public Relations committee hosted three interest meetings on September 8th-10th at 10pm in L115 for the freshmen/transfer elections, a total of 35 candidates came out. At 8pm-9pm tonight the Public Relation's committee will host a Campaign Procedures meeting in L112. Meet the Candidates is scheduled for October 8th in the Campus Center Coffee House and elections will take place October 13th-15th via the Stockton GoPortal email. Senators will be tabling October 13th, 2015 from 12 pm - 4 pm and October 14th, 2015 from 10 am - 5 pm with iPads to encourage students to vote in the Fall 2015 election.

The fundraisers at Moe's on September 16th from 5-8pm and Five Guys Burgers and Fries on September 24th from 5-8pm were successes, all proceeds will go to the Foundation Scholarship.

The referendum regarding Student Senate compensation will be going out, with voting taking place on October 5th-7th from 12 noon to 12 noon via the Stockton GoPortal email. Information sessions about the referendum will be hosted on September 28th, 2015 at 8 pm in C-135, September 29th, 2015 at 7 pm in H-113, and September 30th, 2015 at 5 pm in H-113. Senators will also be tabling on October 5th, 2015 from 12 pm - 5 pm and October 6th, 2015 from 10 am - 4 pm with iPads to encourage students to vote in the referendum.

The Public Relations Committee met with Lonnie Folks, director of athletics to discuss how to increase school spirit at athletic events. The Public Relations Committee is looking forward to a great academic year and encourages all clubs and organizations to utilize the Public Relations Committee, with combined efforts publicize all club events and activities. In the next month, Jessica will be working on special events to raise awareness for specific causes of the month, Dominic will be attending clubs and organization meetings in efforts for inter club collaborations.

Student Affairs

Victoria started the meeting by assigning Carly to take meeting minutes. Victoria delegated positions to the committee. Victoria assigned Carly and Ryan to work on the goal of updating the LAP manual with Bob Ross. Victoria assigned Noya to get answers for the status of Stockton's name as a green university. Noya suggested we have a table for the next Tuesday called "wear Stockton." Carly and Ryan volunteered to help Noya. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Ryan reported to Victoria about what Bob Heinrich and his team wanted to do about the color printer project. Ryan also spoke about the meeting he had with Bob Heinrich about working with senate to decrease the amount of emails students receive a day. Victoria updated Ryan about the library survey to get students more hours in the library. She has been working with Eric Jeitner a librarian about this project. Ryan also reported how he is going to survey his club about what the student body thinks about the color printer project because of the healthy amount of members he has in the club organization. Victoria said

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there would now be two “wear Stockton” tabling a month. Victoria also discussed the LAP manual being worked on by Bob Ross, his team, and Carly and Ryan from now on. Victoria adjourned the meeting at 6:04pm.

Finance

1. Supplemental for Stockton University Model United Nations in the amount of \$2000 for National Model UN Conference in Washington DC from October 30 – November 1, 2015 for 11 students: Victoria second.

Approved: 16-4-3

2. Supplemental for Active Minds in the amount of \$1477.28 for Suicide Prevention Week, which is from October 5 -8

Approved: 20-2-1

3. Supplemental for STAND in the amount of \$1495 for the 9/11 Museum Trip to NYC on November 15th for 54 students

Approved: 20-0-1

4. Supplemental for Stockton Speech and Hearing Club in the amount of \$3,076.85 for the 2015 ASHA Convention from November 12th-14th, 2015 for 5 students.

Approved: 19-0-2

5. Supplemental for Social Work Club in the amount of \$450 for an annual budget adjustment.

Approved: 18-1-1

6. Supplemental for Active Minds in the amount of \$567.81 for Mental Health First Aid Training from October 16th – 20th, 2015

Approved: 19-0-2

7. Supplemental for Physics club in the amount of \$1250 for the annual budget request.

Approved: 20-0-1

8. Supplemental for Stockpot Literary Magazine in the amount of \$500 for Additional Budget Request

Tabled by request of club

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

Floor was open to 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
Emily Zeck
Brian Moore Jr.
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Mackenzie Porch
Haley Matsinger
Richard Jeffries
Patton Solowey
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Maryam Sarhan
Maurice Brandon
Tyler Graff
Ike Ejikeme
Victoria Dambroski
Mahalia Bazile**
Jessica Cathcart
Viona Richardson
Dominick Martino
Victoria Muraoka
Carly Bulgia
Ryan Greene**
Noya Ilan

Members late:

Members Absent:

Agenda/Business:

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

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Committee: **Finance Committee**

Presiding: Haley Matsinger

Members Present: Richard Jeffries

Patton Solowey

Nhi Tram

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

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.
 - 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: 4-0-0

2. Supplemental for Greek Council in the amount of \$2500 for Greek Council for the Blackballed: Campus Racism on February 18, 2016.

Approved: 4-0-0

3. Supplemental for the Stockton Mathematics Club in the amount of \$605 for the MoMath Museum Trip in NYC from on November 21, 2015 for 25-28 students.

Approved: 4-0-0

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.

Approved: 4-0-0

5. Supplemental for the Active Minds in the amount of \$4876.96 for the Active Minds National Conference on November 13-15, 2015 for 8 students.

Approved: 4-0-0

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Committee: **Academic Affairs**

Presiding: Emily Zeck

Members Present: Toyo Aboderin.

Brian Moore Jr.

Mackenzie Porch

Members Absent:

Members Late:

Agenda:

Emily has created a resolution for the attendance policy at Stockton. To add to the excusable absences the concern of student safety. Brian has been working on the diploma research and a resolution has been created for the addition of majors for the diplomas. 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.

Here is the procedure that the Provost's Council has already approved and will in operation for the Spring 2016 early registration

1. Student-Athletes must be eligible for competition
2. Student-Athletes must have no "Holds" on their registration

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3. Student-Athletes will register early only for the season(s) in which they compete
4. 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.

*** See resolutions on the next page***

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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

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 public, private and research 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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RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE CURRENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Whereas, The Student Senate is recommending a change 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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Committee: **Government Affairs**

Presiding: Maryam Sarhan

Members Present: Ike Ijikeme

Tyler Graff

Maurice Brandon

Members Absent: Maurice Brandon*

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Government Affairs committee would like to thank SET for the successful partnership on October 12th for the event we co-hosted entitled “Debt Jeopardy” which highlighted the burdens of student debt and other pressing issues in the world of higher education from a student perspective. Many thanks to Ike Ijekeme and Nicole Leppert (President of SET) for their hard work and dedication to this program. The Government Affairs committee is looking forward to creating more informative programs to educate our constituents about important higher education topics. We will continue Higher Education Awareness Week this Spring and continue to focus on topics within higher education and civic engagement. As always, we welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Maurice Brandon has been diligently working on revising the constitution as per the changes that have been voted on thus far. We deeply appreciate his dedication to maintaining the Constitution as needed. Tyler Graff has successfully gathered all research pertinent to the student activity fee bill, known as S703 also popularly dubbed the Snooki Bill. This information will soon be disseminated to the student body for their consideration and input. Lastly, the Government Affairs committee would like to encourage everyone to go out and vote on November 3rd for New Jersey’s General Assembly elections!

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Committee: **Public Relations**

Presiding: Victoria Dambroski

Members Present: Dominic Martino

Jessica Cathcart

Mahalia Bazile

Viona Richardson

Members Absent: *Mahalia Bazile

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Public Relations committee had a record number of participants (914) for the fall freshmen/transfer elections! The Public Relations committee would like to congratulate the incoming senators; Alex Dannecker, Stephanie Hanvey, Chris Dietrich, and Deon Davis. In the next couple of weeks the Public Relations committee will be reaching out to other clubs and organizations offering addition public relations!

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Committee: **Student Affairs**

Presiding: Victoria Muraoka

Members Present: Carly Bulgia

Noya Ilan

*Ryan Greene

Members Late: None

Members Absent: **Ryan Greene

Agenda:

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 lakeside 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 Brianne Finley at both committee meetings to address the concern Big Blue not accommodating all students. Student Affairs worked with Brianne 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 4-0-0.

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