



Stockton University
Student Senate

Notice of Meeting:
September 25th, 2017
4:30 pm
Board of Trustees Room

Galloway, New Jersey 08205
609-652-4845

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**Student Senate Meeting Agenda
September 27th 2016**

I. Full Meeting: September 26th, 2017

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. President's Report
- D. Vice President Report
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. Finance
 - 2. Academic Affairs
 - 3. Government Affairs
 - 4. Public Relations
 - 5. Student Affairs
- F. Announcements/Comments from the Public
- G. Adjournment
- H. Seating of the new Incoming 2017-2018 Student Senate
- I. Announcements/Comments from the Public
- J. Adjournment

II. Committee Meeting: September 12th and September 19th 2017

- A. Committee Reports
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STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING

April 25, 2017 (2017-2018)

Presiding: Maryam Sarhan

Members present: Victoria Dambroski **
Brian Moore Jr.
Raniel Gernale
Christina Fischer
Patton Solowey
Ryan Greene
Matthew Mamounis
Stephanie Hanvey
Syeda Sanjidha
Maharshi Patel
Jaci Vece
Viona Richardson
Deon Davis
Monica O’Kane
Anna Toscano
Thomas Lloyd
Katie Coburn
Jeremy Macwan
Rawan Maarouf
Camillo Giulietti
Leighanna Ritter

Members Late: None

Members Absent: Chavonne Berry
Christopher Dietrich
Nhi Tram
Jahmir Ellis
Qudratullah Qadiri

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Agenda/Business: Stockton Student Senate met on April 25th, 2017 to vote on supplemental requested from multiple clubs, and to update the student body.

Approval of Minutes President Sarhan called the meeting to order and motioned to approve the minutes of April 4th's emergency meeting, which was seconded by Chair Hanvey.

Motion Approved: 20-0-1*

* Senators Abstained: President Sarhan

** Senators Left Early

*** Article VII, Sec. 2, Clause C - Class Excuse: Senators Left after 05:55 pm

**** There were 26 Senators present for this 'Full Senate Meeting.'

***** There are now 27 Senators seated in Stockton Student Senate.

***** New Student Senators were sworn in, and accepted the oath of office.

President's Report

President Sarhan began by including the Pan African flag and increasing internships for students. President Sarhan stated that the Student Senate unanimously endorses the creation of a new position of a full-time Internship Coordinator tasked with obtaining and centralizing internships for Stockton students. President Sarhan prefer that internships assigned to students are paid so that students can balance their class schedules and personal responsibilities. President Sarhan stated that the Student Senate is grateful to have had a busy and productive year. President Sarhan said the accomplishments we achieved were a product of our team work, dedication, and guidance from numerous mentors. On a personal note, President Sarhan thanked everyone for making this year truly remarkable. She wished luck to all those who have been re-elected!

Vice President's Report

Vice President Dambroski began by wishing all students luck with finals and a happy summer break! To those graduating she wishes the best for your future endeavors. Vice President Dambroski also stated that she is extremely delighted to announce that sign-ups for the borrow a bike- Stockton Ride program have been sent out and that spots are filling up quickly. She thanked to everyone who voted in this spring's election, she is looking forward to next year as her final year as a Student Senator. She then thanked all of the Student Senators this year and advisors Jeff Wakeman and Craig Stambaugh for tirelessly answering emails and texts and emergency meetings. In the coming academic year, Vice President Dambroski hopes to accomplish green initiatives on our campus, like composting, as well as working on the Students Helping Students Mentor Program as its self-sufficient club for community outreach.

Vice President Dambroski yielded the floor back to President Sarhan.

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Finance

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chair Solowey for the Finance Committee report.

Chair Solowey stated that him and his committee worked tirelessly and efficiently all year long. Chair Solowey thanked Nhi, Chris, Ryan, and Matt for working hard this year and that without them four, this committee would not have been successful. Chair Solowey thanked everyone for working hard on annual budgets, on the supplemental, and for meeting late at night and even on the weekends. Chair Solowey said that they all had a special role on this committee, and that he will always remember how much fun we had working on something we were all so passionate about. Chair Solowey again thanked everyone for an amazing year.

Academic Affairs

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chair Moore for the Academic Affairs report.

Chair Moore opened by saying that Senator Fischer, Gernale, & Berry are working on library outreach and making helpful library resources more accessible to students. Chair Moore said that Gus and the library staff are really excited to collaborate with us and would like to see the library resources added to blackboard. Chair Moore said that actions to be taken next year would be to take initiative to meet with blackboard project leaders and the library staff together, and see what we can do to associate the library resources with classes. Chair Moore said another option would be to have professors more directly use the library databases for coursework that directly affect their classes. Finally, Chair Moore stated that a change the committee would like to see is having an updated library website that more explicitly stated purposes of certain programs and how to use them.

Chair Moore Jr. concluded his report and yielded the floor back to President Sarhan.

Public Relations

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chair Richardson for the Public Relations report.

Chair Richardson said the elections have wrapped up and we had a great turnout voter wise. Chair Richardson congratulated all the new senators and executive board, and stated that she knows great work will be done. Chair Richardson then said that Public Relations would like to say good luck to all students on their finals.

Chair Richardson concluded her report and yielded the floor to President Sarhan.

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Governmental Affairs

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chair Hanvey for the Governmental Affairs report.

Chair Hanvey opened by saying the Governmental Affairs Committee has been in contact with Service Learning on voter registration on campus. Chair Hanvey said that the committee has been in collective contact with Cristian Moreno (Stockton University Democrats) Town Hall Forum discussion with five New Jersey Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates. Chair Hanvey congratulated Maharshi for doing so much for this committee and being an amazing leader on senate! Chair Hanvey said he will be missed truly and then congratulated all the new senators and looks forward to great work next year!

Chair Hanvey concluded her report and yielded the floor back to President Sarhan.

Student Affairs

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chair Coburn for the Student Affairs committee report.

Chair Coburn stated that the Student Affairs Committee hosted its final event, The End of the Semester Town Hall in F-111 at 4pm and that it went well. The event was for students to come and pose their questions and discuss their concerns directly with administrators. Jim Rottler, Joan Fortune, Barbara Foder, and Mike Sullivan from SASI came as well as Stephanie Moye and Liz Masterson from Chartwells. We would like to thank SASI and Chartwells for working with us on this event and we look forward to working with them in the future. Chair Coburn said that the Weekend Dining Trail run was a success. Chair Coburn also said that they will continue these changes for the rest of the semester and then get together to talk about what will be happening next year for weekend dining hours. Chair Coburn stated that this was an initiative started by the previous chairperson Carly Bulgia and something we were able to complete this semester, so overall it was a big success. Throughout the year, Chair Coburn said that Senator Giulietti has been working with the tutoring center to create a survey for an online tutoring survey. The survey is completed, and we are going to send it out next semester so that we can get a real feel about what the students want and then we can over the data. Chairperson Coburn said that Senator Macwan has been working on getting the Student Senate Questions and Concerns Form on the Go-Portal, and he set up a meeting to try and bring about this change. Chair Coburn said that this whole year, the Student Affairs Committee has worked hard to make a difference at Stockton, and I am so happy that I got the chance to be a part of it. Chair Coburn said every single member of this committee stepped up and worked to do important tasks. Chair Coburn I am also so proud of the senate as a whole, because we have made done substantial work to make a difference at Stockton.

Chair Coburn concluded her report and yielded the floor to President Sarhan.

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Announcements/Comments from the Senators:

President Sarhan opened the floor to the Senators.

Chair Moore stated that Hospitality Society is hosting their 2nd annual networking and alumni panel on Monday April 3 from 6 to 8 in meeting room 5.

Senator Greene stated that the Stockton Quidditch Club is having an in-house tournament on Saturday.

Senator Sanjidha announced that April 6th to the 9th will be Stockton's production of Into the Woods. The show starts at 7:30.

Senator Davis announced that on April 3rd, HOPE and Alpha Phi Alpha are partnering to have a talent show from 6 to 8 at the Campus Center Theatre.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

President Sarhan opened the floor to the public.

Steve Radwanski spoke about housing and said that there are plenty of spots at Chris Gaupp and Seaview. He said that rising sophomores have trouble getting housing because juniors and seniors like to stay on campus. RAs will be working in the summer to accommodate for people living in summer.

Tom Roth announced that about 353 students have not satisfied their bill and have outstanding payments. He also talked about paying for summer classes.

Stephen Davis announced an extension for the HERO of the year contest. He encouraged everyone to nominate people who have done heroic things, and made sure someone got home safely. Senators O'Kane and Lloyd are on the council and they offered their help for anyone who had questions.

Liz Masterson, the marketing director for Chartwells, reiterated what Chair Coburn said about weekend options.

Lauren Wilson wanted to let everyone know that nominations are open for student awards until April 9th and that the Involvement Awards banquet is Thursday April 20.

Nate, the advisor for the club Active Minds, thanked the senate for their support. With senate funding, they were able to train thirty-five people in CPR for the brain. He then encouraged people to attend another training on April 19th.

Craig Stambaugh addressed the parking issue at AC that Chair Harvey mentioned. A transportation committee is working on parking in AC including student senators. There will be space designated for students. There are working on a survey about parking and transportation.

Dean Santana acknowledged that he has had several Drop-In-With-The-Dean sessions and talked to students about their experience at Stockton. He also announced that another

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microwave was placed in the Campus Center food court. Also, he wanted to celebrate a milestone for Dr. Joe Liza as he has worked at Stockton for ten years.

Dr. Jonathan Johnson spoke about the summit on how to better serve college men of color. He said that retention rates have been declining, and the summit is a conference designed for collaboration to better serve men of color in college and helping to raise graduation rates.

Adjournment

President Sarhan stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

***** New Student Senators were sworn in, and accepted the oath of office.

President

Victoria Dambroski

Vice President

Stephanie Hanvey

Academic Affairs Committee

Brian Moore Jr., Chair

Jaci Veci

Ted Onuwa

Bryan Gonzalez

Finance Committee

Ryan Greene, Chair

Thomas Lloyd

Askhia Khawaja

Anna Toscano

Samuel Connery

Governmental Affairs Committee

Billy Watt, Chair

Rawan Maarouf

Syeda Sanjidha

Ariyanna Santiago

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Public Relations Committee

Monica O’Kane, Chair

Erin Scott

Janiece Calderon

Adjoa Cofie

Student Affairs Committee

Leighanna Ritter, Chair

Katie Coburn

Alex Dannecker

Viona Richardson

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President's Report

President Victoria Dambroski looks forward to the Open Forum scheduled directly after the conclusion of the meeting. President Dambroski would like to welcome as well as thank those community members who attended the Unite Against Hate Rally, hosted last Thursday, September 21st. On Monday September the 18th, a white supremacist group improperly posted recruitment flyers for their organization, Identity Evropa. This matter remains under investigation. All signage was promptly removed. The views and ideals that comprise that organization are not supported or condoned by the Student Senate. The Student Senate is devoted to continuing this conversation through student centered forums. President Dambroski does not believe that this topic of conversation is something that will quickly be forgotten. Instead, a topic that must be discussed and continually acted upon, until isolated incidents like the postings do not occur. She encourages any and all people of the Stockton Community to get involved in this process, and help the Student Senate develop a call to action, so that no voice goes unheard.

She has been working closely with the administration and the Student Trustee on the Exhibit Steering Committee, which focuses largely on the effects and future impacts of Richard Stockton and his legacy on the University. President Dambroski has reported she met with registrar to discuss the possibility of crisis hotlines and University services contact information to be placed on the backs of student identification cards, at the request of the student organization "Active Minds." She looks forward to continuing collaboration with this organization in events specifically such as, Suicide Prevention Month, which Senator Katie Coburn has presided as the Student Senate representative on the planning committees. In the upcoming month, President Dambroski hopes to receive confirmation of the addition of a legal adviser on campus for students receiving their education under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

Vice President's Report

On Monday September 18th, Vice President Stephanie Hanvey felt very strongly about addressing the hostile climate of our campus right away. The Vice President will never accept hate speech or allow hate to affect our students, without addressing the topic and diminishing it with love. At 5:35pm September 18th on Monday the Vice President stated on her behalf that she will not condone hate speech on campus and continued to find a resolution to make students feel safe. The Unity rally was created by everyone of our senators and Student Senate invited organizations such as UBSS, LASA, and the entire Stockton Community to address White Supremacists and condemn their actions. The Vice President looks forward to continuing the movement to express love and diversity on campus, and to make every student feel safe.

The Vice President has been working hard with the academic affairs committee to write a resolution to make change for the "retaking a course" policy. She met with Peter Hagan to help write the verbiage of the resolution to approach at the next full student senate meeting. The

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Vice President looks forward to hearing the opinions and concerns of the students' about the Richard Stockton bust.

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Date: September 5th, September 12th, & September 19th, 2017

Committee: **Finance Committee**

Presiding: Ryan Greene

Members Present: Anna Toscano

Askhia Awab

Sam Connery

Tom Lloyd

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

*Late/absent on September 5th

**Late/absent on September 12th

***Late/absent on September 19th

Agenda:

The following supplemental requests have been approved by the Finance Committee and will be voted on by the Student Senate for our consideration. They are as follows—

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for Active Mind's in the amount of \$6,131.40 for their Suicide Prevention Month, for events held on September 9th, and events that will be held from October 1st through November 17th.

Total Cost (TC): \$12,231.40 Club Contribution (CC): \$3,300

Personal Contribution (PC): \$2,600 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$6,331.40

Motion Approved: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Dance Club's American College Dance Association Northeast Conference at Montclair State University in the amount of \$6,900, for the conference to be attended from March 15th to March 18th, 2018.

TC: \$13,575.92 CC: \$0 PC: \$6,159.92 OAR: \$7,416

Motion Approved: 3-0-0

Finance Committee has been at work studying the guidelines of what and how to find organizations, clubs, budgets, and supplemental requests and developing our own special rules

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for our committee. On September 19th, Finance Committee approved the following special rules, 3-0-0.

- 1) Only one multi day overnight conference per club per semester, unless different members are attending.
- 2) Priority will be given to conferences and travel that benefit the club or organizations function on campus as compared to professional development or individual post-graduate benefits.
- 3) Please bring detailed price quotes, complete travel packet, and all other pertinent information to the supplemental meeting.

There were additional special rules that were debated, which we will pass once we've met as a whole committee to review and discuss. Afterwards, we will establish a standardized set of questions for those seeking supplemental for our meetings, to ask everyone.

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Committee: **Academic Affairs Committee**

Presiding: Brian Moore, Jr.

Members Present: Jaclyn Vece

Ted Onuwa

Bryan Gonzalez-Mejia

Members Absent: Ted Onuwa*

Members Late: Ted Onuwa**

Agenda:

The Academic Affairs Committee is excited to welcome back all students for the academic year and hope everyone is ready to have a productive year of learning inside and outside of the classroom at Stockton University! The Academic Affairs committee will be working closely with Student Senate Vice President, Stephanie Hanvey, on changing academic policies regarding grade replacement when retaking courses. Senator Vece will be continuing the collaborative efforts made with the Stockton University Library last semester with former Senator Chavonne Berry by creating the Library Advisory Board – a small committee of librarians and students that will work to enhance and promote library services that are available for student use. Senator Gonzalez-Mejia has begun to work on his goal of adding a civic engagement course(s) as a required or encouraged course for students. He has already met with the First Year Experience (FYE) committee on his goal and hopes to meet with Service Learning about his goal after further research into the possibility of a civic engagement course.

* Absent on September 5, 2017

** Late on September 12, 2017

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Committee: **Governmental Affairs**

Presiding: Bill Watt

Members Present: Rawan Maarouf

Syeda Sanjdha

Ariyanna Santiago

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

Governmental Affairs has been preparing to host a Stockton Democrats vs Stockton Republicans Debate on October 19 at 6 pm in the Campus Theatre. The committee has been in communication with the Stockton Democrats club and the Stockton Republicans club. They will have their rosters submitted by the end of September. A Governmental Affairs committee member, the President of Model Congress, and Chairperson Bill Watt will moderate the debate. The debate will have a focus on state issues and preparation will begin with participants soon to ensure we are well-versed in the debate topics. Chairperson Watt and a committee member will work with the Model Congress President to develop a proper debate format and rules. Chairperson Watt will also communicate with the participants on how they would like the debate run. Chairperson Watt will be submitting a catering order to the event to get pizza and cookies. Also, I have been in touch with Geoff Pettifer to discuss broadcasting the event on Stockton media channels, particularly Facebook Live and Snapchat. Governmental Affairs is also working to create a partnership with Hi From the Other Side (HFTOS). The organization has a program that brings people from opposite sides of the political spectrum together to sit down together and have a cup of coffee. Governmental Affairs has been in contact with Henry Tsui, president and founder of HFTOS in order to create a program here at Stockton that would do the same thing exclusively within the Stockton Community. Chairperson Watt has been in contact with Stephanie Moyer from Chartwells about a potential partnership. Committee member Rawan Maarouf has begun exploring ways to protect students affected by the repeal of the DACA program. She has tried getting in touch with the Stockton Faculty Senate to create a resolution of some sort in order to protect student's educational pursuits in a bad case scenario. Governmental Affairs will continue to explore the effort.

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Committee: **Public Relations**

Presiding: Monica O’Kane

Members Present: Erin Scott

Janiece Calderon

Adjoa Cofie

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

Public Relations has been preparing the Freshman and Transfer student election for this current school year. Public Relations was present at Ospreyfest on September 3rd to recruit and get new students excited about the upcoming school year and potentially running for student senate. The committee hosted interest meetings on September 12th and 13th at 10PM and September 14th at 4:30PM. Out of the three interest meetings that were held Senate had 55 potential new senators. The next event that is going to be held for these students is the Campaign Rules Meeting on September 28th from 8-9 PM in L115. There they will be hearing all the rules and regulations there are to be running in the Student Senate Election and will also be getting their headshots done for the voting polls that will be on OspreyHub. Meet the candidates will be held on October 3rd at 8PM in the campus center coffee house and elections will take place October 10th-12th.

Student Senate also had a table at the get involved fair on September 19th and 20th. Through the two days Senate was present there, the senate recruited more potential members for the election. Public Relations worked on a poster that was at this tabling event and will be at future events to show who the senators are on a personal level.

If not already a follower, be sure to follow the Senate social media accounts to stay updated with what the Student Senate is hosting.

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Committee: **Student Affairs Committee**

Presiding: Leighanna Ritter

Members Present: Alex Dannecker
Viona Richardson
Katie Coburn

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Student Affairs Committee is excited to see the new updates that Chartwells has established in the Campus Center Cafeteria. Alex has started off the year by having multiple meetings with Chartwells to get healthier food options and pricing on food on campus. To ensure that students have the kind of food they want in the Lakeside Lodge, they are thinking about possibly putting out a survey. We have got a lot of positive feedback on the new salad outlet and are looking into getting longer hours there as well. We also have been looking into establishing a reusable mug program in the Campus Center cafeteria. There would be an initial purchase of the mug and then discounted hot or cold drinks when bringing the mug back to help continue to keep Stockton an environmentally friendly campus. Alex and I have been finalizing the design and we hope to have the mug out shortly. Katie is continuing her work on the parking committee and also has been active on the Suicide Prevention Month Planning committee. We are looking into tabling and engaging ourselves in events during the suicide prevention month. We are all eager to be back at school and impact change on campus during this upcoming year.