**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**January 29, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

January 29, 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

December 4, 2012

Presiding: AJ Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

 Michelle Batista

 Ellis Bonds

 Peter Bruno

 Maribeth Capelli

 Jessica Carey

 Kaitlin Cibenko

 Justin Frankel

 Tyler Gelsleichter

 Edward Horan

 Manar Hussein

 William Inacio

 Austin Jefferson

 Reese Kielty

 David Lamando

 Melissa Lyon

 Kyle Miceli

 Matthew Monte

 Al Nagbe

 Chukwuemeka Nnadi

 Ben Peoples

 Michelle Puerta

 Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Melissa Harabedian\*

 Dave Mooring\*

 Al Nagbe

Members Late: None

 \*Notified Chair

Agenda/Business: AJ called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Ellis moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2012, seconded by Jessica.

 Motioned Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

**President’s Report: A.J. Vervoort**

 AJ announced that he and David were returning from a conference call meeting in the President’s Office with the Chief Executive Officer of Chick-fil-a to discuss how to proceed with the issue. AJ then thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication; they helped take Senate to a new level and are making it a better institution.

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

 David reminded senators to continue the good work with office hours next semester.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

 Becky reported the following:

 A student suggested that every academic school have a bulletin board with information about the perspective majors and the clubs associated with them. The committee will be reaching out to our assigned schools and speak to the person in charge of those bulletin board. This will help bring more awareness to the different majors we have and what clubs students can get involved in.

 For students who are interesting in adding a major, minor or concentration to an academic school, please have them contact the committee.

 The committee is also working on adding a writing curriculum for Biology and Chemistry majors, in order to prepare them for lab reports and the MCAT. They will also be looking at other grad school exams to make sure students are being properly prepared for them as well.

 The committee is also going to look into the IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction course surveys and the details behind the rating on these professors, such as what is done with the data that is collection, repercussion or rewards based on the results and so on.

 In addition, the committee wanted to follow up regarding the impeachment process. We took a look at the Constitution and in Article 6, Section 4: Recall of a Senator says:

 “The recall of an elected senator shall be initiated by a 2/3 vote of the Senate or by petition of the student body containing not less than twenty percent of the eligible voting population. In either case, just cause must be shown for removal, i.e. malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance.”

 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:

 Nate wrote an ARGO article on the results of the Chick-fil-A vote, and spoke to the welfare committee about updating the “Accomplishments” on the senate board in G-Wing.

 More information on the CARE Program is forthcoming.

 Stephanie contacted the Yearbook staff and asked to reschedule the senate photo.

 Stephanie then wished everyone a great break.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

 Justin began by thanking his committee for a productive season.

 He then reported the following:

 Jessica will be emailing Dan Douglas, Director of the Hughes Center, to see if they can request tickets for the senators. She will also reach out to her contacts and see if she can find anyone else.

After a successful semester of dealing with the presidential election, the committee was focused on planning for the spring to ensure an even more productive and meaningful semester. Committee members will be focusing on a variety of projects:

1) Tyler will help Jessica with patterns in tuition and fee increases and legislation that affects higher education.

2) Kaitlin will work on planning an event with the board of trustees and students in order to close the gap between administration and the students. She will be speaking to Student Development in order to get an email out to the collective student body about the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on December 13.

3) Dave and Manar will be researching funding of EOF; the history of the program and what the future holds for EOF students here at Stockton. They also do research on legislation supporting, impacting, and threatening the Equal Opportunity Fund. It was discussed about having an event where Stockton shows support of its EOF program, writing letters to our legislators telling them that the EOF program is imperative to the education of people who may not have gone to college otherwise and to show that this is an issue important to students.

 **Student Welfare**

 Maribeth reported the following:

 The blood drive that Senate sponsored was a huge success. They collected more than thirty units of blood. The blood center called to ask if we could have them back again.

 Since our last full senate meeting, two laundry carts have been put in a closet at Lakeside Lodge for students to use to transport their laundry to and from the laundry room. Denise O'Neill, Director of Residential Life, sent out an e-mail to all Housing I students to inform them that they can now begin signing out carts.

 Ben is keeping in contact with Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, regarding the benches at Lakeside and the do-it-yourself car wash. A student asked when the new parking is being built and who will be able to park in it. We are working on finding out the details of the new parking lot.

 Gender-neutral bathrooms was a project that was started last semester. As of this semester, we have 10 gender-neutral bathrooms on campus and a list of locations. Gender-neutral bathrooms are being considered for addition in future residential halls.

 Students asked about the possibility of being able to use meal plan meals to buy frozen food from the Lakeside convince store. Maribeth is talking to Trish Krevetski, Assistant VP for Auxiliary Services, about it and she will let her know if there is an option to use meal plan meals for food not bought in the campus center food court or N-wing.

 **Finance**

 UBSS submitted a request to use their annual budget to fund their trip to the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference in College Station, Texas. Matthew moved to approve the request, seconded by Peter.

 Motion Passed: 23-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: AJ Vervoort

 Campus Religious Council submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,075.85 to fund their trip to the Passion 2013 Leadership Conference. Matthew moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Chuk.

 Motion Passed: 19-3-2\*

\*Senators Opposed: Peter Bruno, David Lamando and Matthew Monte

 Senators Abstained: Austin Jefferson and AJ Vervoort

 Stockton All Starz Dance team submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,185.00 to fund their trip to Philadelphia so they can perform at the halftime of the 76ers game on March 18th. $2,250.00 of the money will be a loaned out to the dance team and the organization will repay the Senate. This event is open to all Stockton students.

 Motion Passed: 22-0-2\*

\*Senators Abstained: Reese Keilty and AJ Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Announcements were given by Senators and the Public.

**Adjournment:**  AJ adjourned the meeting at 5:36pm.