



STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

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**STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
January 31st, 2017 (2017-2018)**

Presiding: Maryam Sarhan

Members present: Victoria Dambroski **

Brian Moore Jr.
Leighanna Ritter
Raniel Gernale
Chavonne Berry
Christina Fischer
Patton Solowey
Chris Dietrich
Nhi Tram
Ryan Greene
Matthew Mamounis
Stephanie Hanvey
Syeda Sanjidha
Maharshi Patel
Jahmir Ellis
Jaci Vece
Viona Richardson
Deon Davis
Monica O'Kane
Anna Toscano
Thomas Lloyd
Katie Coburn
Camillo Guilietti
Jeremy Macwan
Rawan Marouf
Qudratullah Qadiri

Members late:

Members Absent:

Agenda/Business: Stockton Student Senate met on January 31st, 2017 to vote on supplementals requested from multiple clubs, and to update the student body.

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Approval of Minutes

President Sarhan called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm and motioned to approve the minutes of December 6th, 2016: Which was seconded by Chair Richardson.

Motion Approved: 24-0-1*

* Senators Abstained: President Sarhan

** Senators Left Early

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

**** 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.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Dambroski first began by updating the student body on the finalizations of the "Borrow A Bike Initiative". She announced that the bikes, locks, and chains have arrived. Vice President Dambroski then stated that she is meeting with Brian Pluchino, and she thanked Residential Life for their help. She explained that bikes will be signed out through student ID cards and not through a physical key system as was originally planned. Bikes will be signed out at A100, 82-4, and the Information Desk. Vice President Dambroski then explained that she has also been working on a "Day of Wellness" to help maintain students' mental health. She then announced that the Inter-Club Council Meeting will be Thursday, February 2nd in the Event Room from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, where budget information will be distributed.

Vice President Dambroski yielded the floor back to President Sarhan.

President's Report

President Sarhan began by thanking and acknowledging Vice President Dambroski for her work on the "Borrow A Bike Initiative". She then welcomed everyone back, and then spoke about the importance of unity and exclusivity at this time in our nation, and announced that, in light of the importance of these sentiments, there will be a rally in the Campus Center Grand Hall on Monday, February 6th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. President Sarhan then spoke about the Bias Free Campaign, and thanked President Kesselman and Dr. Valerie Hayes for inviting her to the Senior Leadership Council on Thursday, January 26th to present about the campaign and its importance. She then thanked everyone who attended the Women's March, and thanked the editors of The Argo for their comprehensive coverage of the event.

President Sarhan then announced the storytelling portion of the Dear World Me event that will be held in the Campus Center Event Room from 8:00pm to 9:00pm on January 31st. She then thanked Dr. Pedro Santana, Amy Jones, and the entire planning

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team for organizing the event. The third annual World Hijab Day will be held on February 1st at 6:00pm in the Event Room to educate and foster the awareness of negative stereotypes. President Sarhan thanked everyone who participated in the MLK Day of Service projects, which earned over one thousand attendees. She specifically thanked the participants of the service project titled Bringing Joy and Toys to Syria, which blossomed into a larger, ongoing donation project. President Sarhan then explained that Winter Training occurred this past weekend, and that the Student Senate is always open to feedback regarding improvement. She then thanked all of the Senators for their work, and opened the floor to questions.

President Sarhan concluded her report.

Finance

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

Chair Solowey stated he will do annual budget updates at the Interclub Council (ICC) meeting on Thursday, February 2nd in the Event Room at 4:30. He invited club representatives and anyone wanting to learn how to do the process. He stated the information is lengthy so he did not want to take up time during this meeting. Chair Solowey reported that the current supplemental fund is roughly at \$32,000 before the supplemental requests of this meeting will be voted on. If all supplementals go through, the account will be at \$23,000. This also includes other supplementals already approved by the Finance Committee and the Vice President.

Chair Solowey reported and moved the following supplemental requests on the Senate Floor:

Stockton University Criminal Justice Society request for \$3,100.00 for the Annual Criminal Justice Conference in Kansas City, Missouri from March 22nd to March 25th.

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by Stockton University Criminal Justice Society in the amount of \$3,100.00. The request is for the Annual Criminal Justice Conference.

The Criminal Justice Society club president Vincent said that the executive board members of the club have attended this conference for the last several years. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences will host the conference. He said the purpose of the conference is to educate the board members about recently completed research studies. In addition, he wishes club members will be able to go to support Stockton Professor Janice Joseph and Stockton graduate student Casey, who will be presenting at the conference. He also hopes one of the members going on the trip will replace him as president of the club, as he is graduating this semester.

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Professor Joseph then stated she has taken students for the last 20 or so years to conferences. She stated it is a wonderful opportunity for the students because they can network and engage with faculty and practitioners. Five students will be attending the conference. One thing that the club tries to do after each conference is present to the Senate what they learned and how the conference went.

President Sarhan then swore in two new senators: Jaci Vece and Sayeda Sanjidha.

Senator Second: Chair Moore Jr.
Motion Passed: 25-0-1

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by the Asian Student Alliance (ASA) in the amount of \$5,000.00. The request is for the ECAASU Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina from February 17th to the 19th.

Christina Lau, the president of ASA., the ECAASU stands for East Coast Asian American Student Union, and stated the club always goes to this conference. She noted the increase of hate against different races and a lot of members have been posting on Facebook upset about divisions that this hate has caused. The president feels this conference will help teach about unity and the bonding of club members. There is interdependence based workshops and keynote speakers at the event. It will take place in the month of April, and it will be one of the first events of this type at Stockton. Members that go on the conference that come back and present to other club members about the event. The conference helps retain membership in the club.

Senator Second: Chair Richardson
Motion Passed: 24-0-2

Chair Solowey said to disregard the amendment on the meeting minutes, as it will be handled at the next committee and full meeting. He encouraged people to attend the ICC meeting.

Chair Solowey then yielded the floor back to President Sarhan.

Academic Affairs

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

Chair Moore began by explaining that Senator Ritter has set another meeting with Jason Babbin regarding a Stockton University ropes course. They discussed the location of the course, and the possible activities that it may encompass. He then stated that Senator Berry has been in contact with the Stockton University Library to request the results from last semester's Leisure Reading Survey, and to begin a Library Advisory Board that will hopefully give commuters more a voice, as they seem to spend a majority of their time in

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the library. Chair Moore then explained that Senator Gernale will be in contact with library representatives to promote resources offered to students through the library, and that the Academic Affairs Committee will be working with the Public Relations Committee to disseminate information about such resources. Senator Fisher will be working on the possibility of attaching syllabi to the course descriptions in the official course catalog, to allow students to gain more insight about class expectations before enrolling. Chairman Moore and Senator Ritter have drafted a mock survey regarding the disenrollment process, and they will hopefully be finalizing it before the end of the semester.

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

Government Affairs

President Sarhan yielded the floor to Chairwomen Hanvey for the Government Affairs report.

Chair Hanvey first announced that the Governmental Affairs Committee has been working closely with SSTV and has finished the Student Senate video. She then stated that Pizza and Politics, which is to be held on March 21st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Campus Center Coffee House, will be focused on local government this semester.

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

Public Relations

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

Chair Richardson first welcomed back all students, faculty, and staff for the Spring semester. Chair Richardson reported that the Public Relations is working diligently with the winter informer and is hoping to have it done by the Student Senate interest meetings. She stated that the elections are fast approaching and that there are 22 seats open. Everyone including senators planning to return must attend one interest meeting on one of the following days: February 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, and 14th, 8:00-10:00pm in L115. There will be a flyer circulating with the election timeline. Senate is also holding a wing night on February 16th at 8:00 pm in the coffee house. She then advertised the Student Senate's social media outlets. She stated that any organization needing help to make a flyer or host an event to email Senatepublicrelations@gmail.com.

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

Student Affairs

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

Chair Coburn first announced that she is very excited to be working with this new committee and that they have plans for many important projects. She explained that herself and Senator Macwan met with Mike Sullivan to discuss possible changes to Laurel Lane considering safety concerns. Senator Macwan is also working very closely with shuttle services, and was added to the ITAB Committee. Chairwoman Coburn stated that the Student Affairs Committee will be working on moving the Questions and Concerns Form to a more relevant place for student access and feedback. She then explained that Senator Qadiri will be working with the GoPortal, and that Senator Guilietti is working on creating a survey for the online tutoring center which will be released soon. The Student Affairs Committee will be working on implementing a School Spirit Day this semester.

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

Announcements/Comments from the Senators:

President Sarhan opened the floor to the Senators.

Senator Davis explained that there will be a Unity March on February 9th and that Student Senate involvement is welcomed and encouraged.

Senator Macwan then encouraged all of the Senators to promote and advocate for the RideSystems shuttle app.

Senator Moore Jr. explained that each school within the university has begun to remodel its website, and he encouraged all to visit the sites.

There is a motion on the floor to nominate three candidates for the role of Vice President for the Spring 2017 semester.

There is a motion on the floor to postpone the vote until the next full Senate meeting.

Motion received no second.

The three candidates chosen for the ballot for the Vice Presidency are:

Brian Moore Jr.
Viona Richardson
Stephanie Hanvey

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

President Sarhan opened the floor to the public.

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Steve Radwanski, the interim director of Residential Housing, introduced himself and encouraged the Senators to come talk to him about any ideas and problems. He said that the “Borrow a Bike” initiative will be using a bluetooth key system which will be less cost-prohibitive.

Tom Roth, the interim Assistant Vice President of finance, reminded everyone of the deadline to file applications for graduation, and the new deadline to file the FAFSA, which is April 15th. He also stated that refund checks will be issued on or before Friday, February 10th.

Dean Santana then stated that there seemed to be a lack of light and spirit among the faculty and the student body last semester. He reminded that leadership is important and that it can make a difference in the community. Dean Santana noted the accomplishments and the success of the Dear World Me program. He said that he is also working on a task force to improve the access and affordability of the university.

Jim Rottler, the interim director of SASI, then introduced himself and said that he will be available after the meeting to answer questions. He looks forward to his work at Stockton.

Chairman Solowey announced that SASI has created a student retention fund of \$50,000.00 that will become effective this semester.

Jeff Wakemen then announced that Osprey Hub has 1,132 approved involved users, 169 active organizations, 70 events that are pending approval, and 30 upcoming events that have already been approved.

Adjournment

President Sarhan stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.



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**President's Report to the Stockton Community:
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Good afternoon! Thank you to everyone who attended the Student Senate Emergency meeting on February 14th. Your voice is important, and we heard you. In an effort to continue creating forums to engage your comments, questions and concerns about how Stockton is doing, we invite you to attend the annual State of the University Address with President Kesselman on Wednesday March 1st at 5:30 pm in Meeting Room 5. Light refreshments will also be served! The Bias Free Campaign that I have been working on with other campus partners has now been officially launched! Check it out here: <https://stockton.edu/bias-free/>. I would again like to remind all Senators, and fellow classmates, to please report any incidents of bias, hate, harassment or intimidation you witness or are subjected to.

At this website you will also find the newly launched "Stockton Safe" agreement which was a product of the agreed upon commitments by both students and Stockton administrators that occurred on Friday February 17, 2017. This meeting as many of you already know was to discuss the petition and Student Senate resolution calling for Stockton to become a sanctuary campus. Thank you to Dr. Kesselman and his cabinet for investing their time to address student concerns in a timely manner and meet with numerous student leaders. I would like to personally thank Kaltoum Alibrahimi for bringing this issue to the Student Senate's attention at the Unity Rallies held on February 6th and 9th. It is my sincerest hope that our fellow students continue to share with us issues of importance to them and their peers. The Unity Rallies had significant participation among 30 student clubs and organizations which were co-sponsored events with the Student Senate and the Zulu Chapter, led by Jayson Cabrera. I would like to thank the several hundred students that attended these forums to share their voices. I look forward to keeping you abreast of any developments in this area as well as other concerns, if and when they continue they arise.

- *Maryam Sarhan*
President of Stockton University Student Senate



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**Vice President's Report to the Stockton Community:
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Vice President Dambroski has been trying to contact the proper source to create a "Green Initiative" starting small, she plans to challenge our school to use three different trash bins; compost, recycle and landfill. She looks forward to reporting this initiative be prepared to begin in the Fall 2018. In addition to this, the bikes are in the locks are in and the chains are in, the soft launch of the short term Stockton Ride bike program will hopefully be geared up within the next couple of weeks.

As a reminder Vice President Dambroski would like to remind you that the final extended deadline was February 26th for submission of budget requests, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to our Finance Committee as soon as possible. She would also like set an early reminder for all student organizations to mark your calendars for April 6th at 4:30pm, this will serve as our last Inter Club Council Meeting for the 2016-17 school year!

-Victoria Dambroski
Vice President of Stockton University Student Senate



**Stockton University Student Senate
Resolution Sp17-001:
Call for Support from Community to Make Stockton University a Sanctuary
Campus**

- Whereas,** The Student Senate is the elected voice of the approximately 8,500 students who attend Stockton University; and
- Whereas,** Recently the student voice has presented a significant request that Stockton University clarify its stance in protecting its undocumented students and employees; and
- Whereas,** Many members of the community are calling for Stockton to become a ‘Sanctuary Campus’; and
- Whereas,** We have been charged with defining sanctuary campus, as we understand this has different meanings across campuses; and
- Whereas,** We recognize the University’s obligation to protect federal funding as a state institution; and
- However,** We stand with those calling for greater protections for all undocumented students including those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status; therefore
- Be it Resolved,** We believe, the University should adopt clear language and take action directly addressing all the concerns in the attached document;
- Be it Further Resolved,** We believe, if the University enacts the described commitments it shall declare itself a ‘Sanctuary Campus’;

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Be it Further

Resolved, The Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to

President Kesselman, All Cabinet Members, the Faculty Senate, and the
Board of Trustees.

President Maryam Sarhan
Student Senate President

Vice President Victoria Dambroski
Student Senate Vice President

Call for Support to Stockton Administration, February 2017

1. Make Stockton University a Sanctuary Campus that protects undocumented students, staff and faculty from deportation, profiling, or detention based on immigration status. As per the administration's statement, the exception shall be that of a court order or subpoena.
2. Ensure that the identities of undocumented members of our community continue to be protected.
3. Assign an administrative office the responsibility for counseling DACA students on their educational situations. Advertise that DACA student counseling services are available on a strictly confidential basis.
4. Continue to allow qualifying DACA students to pay in-state resident tuition.
5. Invest in faculty and staff training to support undocumented students.
6. Refuse all voluntary information sharing with ICE (U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) regarding immigration status of Stockton community members to the fullest extent possible under the law.
7. Maintain firm limitations on ICE and CBP access to campus as specified in their "sensitive locations" policies (<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>).
8. Prohibit campus security or local law enforcement, representatives, faculty, and staff from inquiring about or recording an individual's immigration status, or participating with ICE and CBP in enforcement of civil immigration laws.
9. Stop the use of the USCIS E-Verify system through the university to confirm photo identification and eligibility for employment.

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10. Prohibit housing discrimination based on immigration status.

11. Take these measures during the current academic year (in other words, immediately) so that DACA students can be assured of uninterrupted institutional support.

12. Assist in developing options for legal support and services to Stockton students based on their immigration status.

13. Commit to creating and collaborating on legislation to protect undocumented students, faculty and staff.

This motion was presented at a full Student Senate meeting on February 14th. After many public comments and a short discussion it was passed 19-0-5.

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Committee Reports:

Date: February 14th, 2017 & February 21st, 2017

Committee: Finance Committee

Presiding: Patton Solowey

Members Present: Chris Dietrich

Matthew Mamounis

Nhi Tram

Ryan Greene

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

*Late/absent on February 14

**Late/absent on February 21

Agenda:

The Supplemental Requests below were brought to the Student Senate Vice President, Victoria Dambroski, for approval under the powers of the Student Senate Constitution.

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from Stockton Vegan & Vegetarian Group in the amount of **\$130.00** for a documentary and posters.

TC: \$130 CC: None PC: None Original Amount Requested: \$130

Motion Approved 4-0-0

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from Stockton University Comedy Club in the amount of **\$730.00** for a special showing of Napoleon Dynamite on March 9th.

TC: \$730.00 CC: None PC: None Original Amount Requested: \$730.00

Motion Approved 4-0-0

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The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from Stockton Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) in the amount of **\$1,290** for a conference in Philadelphia on March 30th - April 2nd.

TC: \$1,290 CC: None PC: None Original Amount Requested: \$1,290

Motion Approved 4-0-0

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from All Star Dance Team in the amount of **\$1,404.5** for their 76ers Performance fundraiser on April 10th.

TC: \$3,504.50 CC: \$2,100 PC: None Original Amount Requested: \$1,404.5

Motion Approved 4-0-0

The following supplementals require full senate approval.

The Committee approved the Stockton Global Health Team in the amount of **\$5,500** for their International Service Learning Trip in the Dominican Republic.

TC: \$29,160 CC: \$6,000 PC: \$23,160 Original Amount Requested: \$7,500

Motion Approved 3-0-0

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from Inclusive Experience in the amount of **\$1,700** for their First Annual Service Ball on March 22nd.

TC: \$3098 CC: None PC: None Original Amount Requested: \$3098

Motion Approved 4-0-0

Constitutional Amendment Suggestions

Article V, Section 4, B2. The original reads as:

This is the Original:

The President must be:

either of the following

- i. a senator who has previous executive board experience or
- ii. A senator who has served at least one full semester on Student Senate and attended all trainings during his or her current term.

This is as amended:

- i. a senator who has previous executive board experience or
- ii. A senator who has served at least one full semester **at the time of nomination** and attended all trainings during his or her current term.

Example: A senator elected in the spring election, would be eligible after serving a full fall semester.

This is the Original:

Article V, Section 4, Section B2

The Vice President must be:

- i. a senator who has previous executive board experience or

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ii. a senator who has had two full semesters on Senate, and attended all trainings during his or her term.

This is as amended:
either of the following:

i. a senator who has previous executive board experience or
ii. a senator who **is in process of completing their second semester on Senate** and attended all trainings during his or her term.

Example: A senator elected during the fall elections would be eligible for nomination in the spring elections.

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Committee: Academic Affairs Committee

Presiding: Brian Moore, Jr.

Members Present: Leighanna Ritter

Raniel Gernale

Christina Fischer

Chavonne Berry

Members Absent: Chavonne Berry**

Members Late: None

Late/absent on February 14*

Late/Absent on February 21**

Agenda:

Senator Gernale and Senator Fischer met with Gus Stamatopoulos, Associate Director for Public Services, on February 15 regarding new library resources, including the 130,000 free e-books that are available to download for all students, and how to best inform the student body about these resources. Senator Moore and Senator Ritter met with Craig Stambaugh, Associate Dean of Students to decide the best format and language for the sample disenrollment survey and discuss the next steps for the ropes course goal. We will be working with the Information Technology department to determine the logistics needed for administering the disenrollment survey. A proposal will be developed for the ropes course before meeting with other administration. Senator Berry met with Gus Stamatopoulos and Eric Jeitner to discuss the creation of a library advisory board with more information coming about this at our next meeting.

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Date: February 7th, February 14th, February 21st

Committee: Government Affairs Committee

Presiding: Jaci Vece

Members Present: Maharshi Patel
Syeda Sanjidha
Jahmir Ellis**

Members Absent: Jahmir Ellis

Members Late: None

Late/absent February 14**

Agenda:

The Government Affairs committee has been working very hard on the Pizza and Politics event. As of right now we have secured Kaleem Shabazz, Councilman of Atlantic City and Alexander C. Marino Assistant to the Provost for Atlantic City. The topic will be on the importance of Local Government, and how it affects college students today. Pizza and Politics will be March 21st in the coffeehouse from 6pm-8pm. Syeda, Maharshi, Jaci, and myself had the honor to join [John Wisniewski](#) the Democratic candidate that is running for NJ Governor, to a luncheon on campus. He explained in current stance of ideas for New Jersey. We will be partnering with Democratic and Republican club in April to hold an event, that illustrates “freedom of your voice on Campus.” As the Governmental chairperson I would like to provide a safe space for students to feel okay with demonstrating their political stance.

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Committee: Public Relations Committee

Presiding:

Members Present

Members Absent:

Members Late:

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Committee: Student Affairs Committee

Presiding: Katie Coburn

Members Present Camillo Giuletti
Rawan Maarouf
Jeremy Macwan
Quadratullah Qadiri

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Student Affairs Committee has been doing a lot of work with transportation this month. Jeremy and Katie met with Jim Rottler, Mike Sullivan, and Joan Fortune to discuss the upcoming Transportation Town Hall. At this event, students will be able to come speak directly to administrators about parking, shuttles, or any other transportation questions and concerns. This event is set to take place on March 30th at 4:30 in L112. Also, Rawan and Katie, as well as Thomas Lloyd from the PR committee, were added to the Atlantic City Campus Transportation Committee.

An issue we plan on working with this month is dining and meal plans. Quad is starting to work with the results of the Weekend Dining Survey we put out last semester to see what issues students are having and bring them to the attention of the administration. We are setting up a meeting to discuss these issues which will hopefully take place sometime before spring break. Rawan has been doing research on what other universities are doing with leftover meals students have at the end of the semester so we can look into options we can bring to Stockton. Also, the Student Affairs Committee along with Brian and any other senators who want to work with us are working with the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Center to plan and promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month.