



Stockton University
Student Senate

Notice of Meeting:
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4:30 pm
Board of Trustees

Galloway, New Jersey 08205
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**Student Senate Meeting Agenda
January 30th 2016**

- I. Full Meeting: December 5th, 2017**
 - A. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - B. Approval of Minutes
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 - 3. Government Affairs
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STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
December 5th (2017-2018)

Presiding: Victoria Dambroski

Members present: Stephanie Harvey
Brian Moore Jr.
Jaci Veci
Ted Onuwa
Bryan Gonzalez-Mejia
Kirstie Vasquez
Thomas Lloyd
Anna Toscano
Samuel Connery
Bill Watt
Rawan Maarouf
Syeda Sanjidha
Ariyanna Santiago
Monica O’Kane
Erin Scott
Janiece Calderon
Adjoa Cofie
Matthew Titus
Leighanna Ritter
Katie Coburn
Alex Dannecker
Jelani Gandy
Alexis Franklin

Members Late: Askhia Khawaja

Members Absent: Ryan Greene
Nadira Anderson

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Call to Order: President Dambroski called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Roll Call: Chief of Staff Cathcart called the roll.

Approval of Minutes: President Dambroski motioned to approve the minutes of December 5th, 2017 and is seconded by Senator Dannecker.

Motion Passes: 23 - 0 - 1.

President's Report

President Dambroski read her report. Not much has changed since the last meeting. She has been working with the Teal Blue Ribbon project to make the resources and the information dealing with sexual assault on our campus, more accessible for victims. In result of a recent Student led petition, asking students for support in calling to action Stockton University to reaffirm our commitment to the Dear Colleague letter of 2011 and establish a hotline for people that have witnessed or are victims of sexual assault.

President Dambroski expressed hops to organize more mentorships through the Students Helping Students, Student Senate initiative. Students helping Students initiative is a program that takes Stockton students out of the main campus in Galloway to build relationships and provide mentorship to students of the Atlantic City Community. President Dambroski would like to host a project during the Spring Semester Day of Service, re-introducing this program.

President Dambroski reminded everyone of the campus walk with President Harvey Kesselman on December 8th from 11am to 12pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Finally, President Dambroski thanked the Student Senators for their hardwork. She gave a special thanks to Senator Vece who would be moving on to continue her work as an ER technician, and Senator Khawaja who would be graduating.

President Dambroski yielded the floor to Vice President Harvey.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Harvey announced the results of the retaking a course survey. The survey was taken by 623 students, all of them in favor of the policy. Vice President Harvey presented a powerpoint presentation of the policy. She explained that when she first started the research on the practice, it was the end of last semester and it was a big deal for students. She met with administrators, staff members, and senators about how to go about changing the practice. Vice President Harvey met with the Assistant Provost, Associate Dean of students, Faculty Senate members, Academic Advising Director, Financial Aid assistant director, and the Student Development Director to discuss this practice and gained essential details on how this change could be enacted.

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The Stockton University Student Senate conducted a survey from Thursday November 30th starting at 4:30pm until Tuesday December 5th at 1:30pm. 623 students filled out this survey and it concluded that 94.7% of students were in agreeance to changing the Practice.

Vice President Harvey motioned to approve the Resolution for Retaking a course.

President Dambroski announced the motion to approve the resolution. Senator Santiago seconded the motion. President Dambroski asked if there was any need for discussion, to which there was. President Dambroski yielded the floor to Senator Cofie.

Senator Cofie thanked the Vice President for her work on the resolution. She asked if the resolution would apply to past courses or only courses in the future. Vice President Harvey replied that students would not likely be able to change past grades, but could possibly pursue the practice in the next academic calendar.

Senator Gonzalez-Mejia asked about how “bad” grades had to be for a student to invoke the policy. For example, if a student received a “B” in the class, would they still be able to retake the course? Vice President Harvey replied that the policy varies by school, but this resolution states that students could retake the course no matter what.

Following no further discussion, the resolution was voted on. 23 - 0 - 1. The motion passed.

Vice President Harvey once again thanked everyone who worked on the resolution, and yielded the floor back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski yielded the floor for Senator Lloyd to give the Finance Committee report in the absence of Chairperson Greene.

Finance

Senator Lloyd stated that the Finance Committee held two-emergency meetings (the 28th, the 30th) in order to handle supplemental requests that had been received by the Senate after the last full meeting, having no committee meetings to meet over formally.

The following supplemental requests were approved by the Finance Committee and were be voted on by the Student Senate for consideration. They were as follows—

The Finance Committee approved a Supplemental Request for Stockton Christian Fellowship in the amount of \$2,450 for the Cru Winter Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on December 28th, 2017 until January 1st, 2018. There will be fourteen people in attendance.

Total Cost (TC): \$3,136 Club Contribution (CC): \$0

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Personal Contribution (PC): \$290 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$2,846

Motion Passed: 5-0-0, Seconded by Senator Khawaja.

Senator Lloyd asked for a representative from the Stockton Christian Fellowship. The representatives were present. They explained that it was their fourth year going on the conference, where they complete service projects and bond with their organization.

Senator Lloyd made a motion to pass the supplemental in the amount of \$2,450. President Dambroski acknowledged the motion and asked for a second. Senator Vece seconded. President Dambroski asked if there was any need for discussion and saw that there was.

Senator Cofie commended the organization for doing a lot to build faith on campus and connect with other Christians around the country. Vice President Hanvey noted that she had seen a presentation from their previous trip and it looked like an amazing experience where they learned a lot. Senator Cobourn noted that she was also a part of this organization and had gone on the trip last year, and that there was a lot they could bring back to Stockton.

Senator Khawaja arrived at 4:55 pm.

Seeing no need for further discussion. President Dambroski called for a vote on the supplemental. 24 - 0 - 1. Motion passed.

The next supplemental was for Student Veterans Organization in the amount of \$4,048 for the Student Veterans of America Conference in San Antonio, Texas on January 3rd until January 7th, 2018. There is an estimated attendance of six persons.

Total Cost (TC): \$7,898 Club Contribution (CC): \$3,500

Personal Contribution (PC): \$Meals Original Amount Request (OAR): \$5,000

Motion Passed: 3-0-0, Seconded by Senator Toscano.

Senator Llyod asked for representatives from SVO. Their President and Vice President were present. They explained that the purpose of the conference was to build leadership and connect with other veterans.

Senator Lloyd motioned to approve the supplemental in the amount of \$4,048. President Dambroski acknowledged the motion and called for seconded. The motion was seconded by Senator Gonzalez Mejia. President Dambroski asked if there was need for discussion, which there was.

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Senator Maarouf asked about the leadership techniques that would be taught at the conference. The representatives explained that they learned non-conventional types of fundraisers, as well as how to be leaders and branch out with other veterans in schools around the U.S. and how they run their veteran organizations.

Senator Santiago asked about the club's history with the conference and what it has brought back to the Stockton community. The representative explained that it was their seventh year going on the conference. He mentioned that the last conference was in California but the executive board members of SVO at the time did not conduct themselves properly and did not learn enough to bring back to Stockton. He added that the current e-board members were ready to learn about leadership this year and improve their organization's constitution.

President Dambroski noted how important the Student Veterans Organization is to the Stockton community. She explained how the organization is a support outlet for veterans, as it is oftentimes difficult for them to adjust to everyday life after being in the military.

President Dambroski proceeded to call for a vote on the supplemental. 21 - 0 - 4. Motion passed.

Senator Lloyd moved onto the next supplemental request, which was for the Society of Physics Students in the amount of \$5,000 for their CERN Super Collider trip in Geneva, Switzerland, from May 16th until May 21st, 2018. There is an estimated attendance of seven to twelve people.

Total Cost (TC): \$11,287.54 Club Contribution (CC): \$0

Personal Contribution (PC): \$2,000 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$9,500.

Senator Lloyd asks for representative from the Society of Physics students. The representatives are present and explain that the trip will be good for the organization and the physics program as a whole.

Senator Lloyd motioned to approve the supplemental in the amount of \$5,000. President Dambroski acknowledged the motion and asked for a second. Chairperson Moore seconded. President Dambroski asked if there was any need for discussion, which there was.

Senator Gonzalez Mejia had two questions. The first was about the application process and how it worked. The second was about how the trip was going to benefit the Stockton community. The representatives explained that there was no application process. The students would be bringing back research methods and information that they learn from studying the glider. The information learned could even help add new classes to the physics department.

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Senator Cofie asked how many students and faculty members would be attending the trip and if personal contributions were being made. The representatives explained that there would likely be six students and one faculty member, and that personal contributions would cover lodging, food, and part of airfare.

Senator Franklin asked who can join the club and if all members were science majors. The representatives explained that there was a good assortment of students, majoring in math, science, history, etc.

President Dambroski moved on to a vote on the supplemental. Motion passed, 23 - 0 - 2.

Senator Lloyd explained that the Finance Committee had one last emergency meeting directly after this meeting. He thank his committee for his efforts and said he looked forward to continuing their work into the Spring with the budget process.

Senator Lloyd yielded his time back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski yielded the floor to Chairperson Moore Jr. for the Academic Affairs committee report.

Academic Affairs

Chairperson Moore Jr. explained the progress that was made on several goals by the Academic Affairs Committee. He regrettably announced Senator Vece's resignation upon the end of the semester and thanked her for all her service on the Student Senate. He thanked Vice President Harvey and Senator Vasquez for all their hard work on the Retaking a Course Policy Resolution. Next semester, they will be holding Senator Onuwa's 30/30 Common Hour event, drafting a proposal for civic engagement curriculum based off of Senator Gonzalez-Mejia's research, and continue to develop the online tutoring program in collaboration with the Student Affairs Committee. Chairperson Moore wished the entire Stockton University community the best of luck on final exams and a wonderful winter break.

Chairperson Moore yielded his time back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski yielded the floor to Chairperson Watt to give the Governmental Affairs Committee report.

Governmental Affairs

Chairperson Watt explained how the Governmental Affairs Committee has been continuing to engage the Stockton community with a political talk show on Lake Fred Radio. Senator Maarouf was recently a guest on the show and discussed the recent terrorist attack in Egypt. The show continues to host various students each week, engaging the community

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civically. This opportunity has enabled students to gain radio experience in some capacity. Senator Santiago reached out to Phil Murphy's team. The senator is looking to schedule a Sheila Oliver campus appearance next semester. The Governmental Affairs Committee has communication with the Political Engagement Project to host a Hi From The Other Side event early next semester. Chartwells has already offered to provide coffee for the event. Over winter break, the Governmental Affairs Committee planned to revise the constitution to fix formatting and make changes seen fit by the Student Senate. Chairperson Watt also explained the potential partnership with the United States Student Association, The largest student organization in the country that is dedicated to developing leaders and lobbying important issues that affect students.

Chairperson Watt yielded his time back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski yielded the floor to Chairperson O'Kane to give the Public Relations Committee report.

Public Relations

Chairperson O'Kane explained how the Public Relations Committee had been working on putting together a wing night open to all of the Stockton community. Wing night was held Wednesday, November 29th . She thanked all of the senators that came out to help serve and socialize and everyone else who had attended the event. She mentioned that if any clubs or organizations ever have anything they would like help advertising, they could reach out to the Public Relations Committee. Also, if any faculty, staff or students see a particular senator going above and beyond working in their position as a senator, they should be sure to reach out to Chairperson O'Kane or any committee members. Furthermore, she encouraged everyone to follow the Student Senate social media accounts.

Chairperson O'Kane yielded her time back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski yielded the floor to Chairperson Ritter to give the Student Affairs Committee report.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Ritter stated that as the semester was coming to a close, the Student Affairs Committee was finishing up some goals and starting some new ones. Unfortunately. the Late Night at the Lodge didn't get as many people as they had hoped so they no longer see it as a valuable program. Chairperson Ritter and Senator Franklin had been talking to Jim Rotler and transportation staff about improving the feedback system for the shuttles. Currently, there is a way on the Ride Systems app to give feedback, but they were thinking about changing it to a text message or email system so people without the app can still give their opinions. Senators Cobourn and Gandy were planning to meet with Facilities to talk about wheelchair accessibility

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on campus and more emergency blue lights. The two areas where they wanted to add blue lights were Louisville Ave and Dark Path. Chairperson Ritter also went to a meeting about the online tutoring system along with Chairperson Moore and promised an updated report when there was more information.

Chairperson Ritter yielded her time back to President Dambroski.

President Dambroski asked for additional announcements/comments from the senators.

Announcements/Comments from the Senators:

Chairperson Watt explained the recently passed federal tax bill and how it would impact NJ.

Seeing no further comments, President Dambroski opened the floor for announcements/comments from the public.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

Jamie Duque, a student representing her Perspectives on Women class, went to the microphone to explain the petition that she and her classmates created for Stockton to commit to the “Dear Colleague” letter. The petition asks Stockton to create a non-tolerance atmosphere for sexual assault. As of 2017, the “Dear Colleague” letter has been abandoned, so they strongly recommended that Stockton steps up. They’ve worked with WGSS center and Laurie Dutton to get more improvement at Stockton.

President Dambroski thanked them for their remarks.

Tom Roth from the Bursar’s Office stepped up to ask how many senators had filled out their FAFSA forms. We asked the Senators to reach out to the student body and encourage them to fill out their FAFSA. Senator Cofie explained that she and Senator Calderon had been working with the Financial Aid Office to get a flyer out promoting the FAFSA form, and they had been promoting it on social media. Senator Gonzalez asked Mr. Roth about incentives for filling out the FAFSA form before the year starts. Mr. Roth replied that it would allow students to budget their money.

President Dambroski thanked him for his remarks.

Senator Toscano asked if anyone could give an update on the progress made in the change of code of conduct. Craig Stambaugh said that changes had been made on the website, but some additional language changes were being considered for judicial processes on campus.

Chairperson Watt announced that on December 14th, the FCC would be voting to change net neutrality laws. There would be a protest held on Thursday in favor of keeping net neutrality. They would be organizing and helping people draft e-mails at the event.

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Senator Franklin announced that there would be late night breakfast in the campus center at 9 pm that night.

Adjournment

President Dambroski stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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President's Report

President Victoria Dambroski would like to welcome back the Stockton community for a great spring semester. President Dambroski would like to give an update on her ongoing research with the Stockton Exhibition Committee. The committee has recently found existing archives about how the name "Richard Stockton College" came to fruition during President Bjork's time as President of Stockton University and Vice President of the Board of Higher Education - a board which no longer exists. At the time, the original board of trustees had voted for the name "South Jersey State College" which was denied, due to it being too geographic and suggesting that our institution would be the only college in South Jersey. At that point, the Board of Trustees went back and appeared to cross out, or vote down all geographic names of the list of 11 names they had created, and Richard Stockton was in the top 6 names remaining. It appears that little research was completed about Richard Stockton at the time, and the name was sent to be approved by the Board of Higher Ed, wherein it was accepted.

In regards to Resolution FA17-01, To Address Richard Stockton Legacy and The Denouncement of White Supremacy Within Stockton University, the administration has sent an update of action. A report will be sent out via the Student Senate email, in depth of all action by the requests of Resolution FA17-01.

President Dambroski would like to encourage everyone to get involved with the Unite Against Hate Day that is scheduled for February 6th, and will have presentations and mini conferences throughout the course of the day.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President met with Deeanna Button (Academic Policy's Chair) on faculty senate. This meeting was conducted on Friday January 26th.

Retaking a course practice update: On December 5th, 2017 the Student Senate passed Resolution FA17-02. Briefly the resolution addresses the current retaking a course practice, and puts forth a new recommendation to only have the second grade recalculated into the student's GPA. It was unanimously voted upon and sent to the Faculty Senate.

Faculty senate update:

The resolution was denied 10 no- 1 yes by the academic policy committee and wasn't put forth on the table to a vote. This means it has not been sent to Stockton University administrators to act on our resolution. Right now the Student Senate is negotiating ways to get this resolution passed by trying to create limitations on how many times a student can retake a course, and introducing certain requirements students have to have before being eligible to retake a course for grade recalculation.

The Vice President has recreated "Parking ticket forgiveness days" that allows students to reimburse one parking ticket, if the student donates two non perishable canned goods to the

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food assistance program and a food drive on campus. Details will be distributed through email and social media. Thank you to Craig Stambaugh, Jeff Wakeman, the Community Engagement Center, and Student Senate for helping to recreate this program. Flyers and the date of the event will be sent out in February.

The Vice President would like to announce the club of the month being the Teal Ribbon Project. From partnering with various Greek organizations by presenting "Hunting Ground", a movie on sexual assault, also holding a Q&A after. To raising awareness of Sexual assault by tabling and creating handprints during sexual awareness month. This is all being a new club as well. We thank you for all our your hard work!

The Student senate will be organizing a luncheon with Arno Michaelis (speaker for Unite Against Hate Day). This will help the student senate learn ways to deconstruct hate.

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Finance Committee

Date: January 9th, 2018, January 16th, 2018, and January 23rd, 2018

Committee: Finance Committee

Presiding: Ryan Greene***

Members Present: Anna Toscano

Damian Majewski

Sam Connery

Tom Lloyd

* Late/absent on January 23rd

The following supplemental requests have been approved by the Finance Committee under \$1500 and signed off by the Vice President. They are as follows—

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for Stockton Gaming Club for their Chess Tournament for local High Schools, held on January 20th in the Campus Center Event Room, in the amount of \$313.60.

Total Cost (TC): \$845.45 Club Contribution (CC): \$455.95

Personal Contribution (PC): \$0 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$353.60

Motion Approved: 3-0- 0, Seconded by Damian Majewski.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Stockton Coalition for Women's Rights Sex Mythbusters, to be held on February 6th , 2018 in the amount of \$480.20.

Total Cost (TC): \$667.04 Club Contribution (CC): \$167.00

Personal Contribution (PC): \$0 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$500.04

Motion approved: 4-0- 0, Seconded by Sam Connery.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Stockton Alliance

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of EoF Students of New Jersey & HOPE's Black Solidarity Conference at Yale University, to be held from February 8th to February 11th for six students, one professor, in the amount of \$1,093.65.

Total Cost (TC): \$2362.53 Club Contribution (CC): \$539.26

Personal Contribution (PC): \$729.62 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$1093.65

Motion Approved: 4-0- 0, Seconded by Damian Majewski.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Circle K International for their District Convention in Freehold, NJ, to be held from February 23rd - 25th for twelve students and one advisor, in the amount of \$1,480.

Total Cost (TC): \$2,700 Club Contribution (CC): \$500

Personal Contribution (PC): \$650 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$2,000

(There were some errors in the original amounts on the supplemental).

Motion Approved, 5-0- 0, Seconded by Sam Connery.

The following supplemental requests are over \$1,500 dollars and will be voted on for the consideration of the Student Senate.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the African Student Organization for their Multicultural Fashion Show, to be held on April 11th, in the amount of \$3,000.

Total Cost (TC): \$4,900 Club Contribution (CC): \$2,500

Personal Contribution (PC): \$500 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$3,000

(There were some errors in the original amounts on the supplemental.)

Motion Approved: 5-0- 0, Seconded by Anna Toscano.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Asian Student Alliance, to be held on March 2nd through March 4th, in the amount of \$3,300

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Total Cost (TC): \$6,620 Club Contribution (CC): \$3,320

Personal Contribution (PC): \$0 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$3,300

Motion Approved: 3-0- 0, Seconded by Damian Majewski.

(There were some errors in the original amounts on the supplemental.)

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Greek Council for their Northeast Greek Leader Association Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia from February 22nd through February 25th, in the amount of \$3,500.

Total Cost (TC): \$3,714.31 Club Contribution (CC): \$0

Personal Contribution (PC): \$Meals Original Amount Request (OAR): \$3,714.31

Motion Approved: 4-0- 0, Seconded by Tom Lloyd.

The Finance Committee has approved a Supplemental Request for the Active Minds for their Disordered Eating Awareness and Prevention Month, with an event from January 15th, and events to be held through February 26th through April 11th, in the amount of \$6,911.06

Total Cost (TC): \$9,705.73 Club Contribution (CC): \$2,794.67

Personal Contribution (PC): \$0 Original Amount Request (OAR): \$6,911.06

Motion Approved: 5-0- 0, Seconded by Tom Lloyd.

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Academic Affairs

Date: January 16, 2018; January 23, 2018

Committee: Academic Affairs Committee

Presiding: Brian Moore, Jr.

Members Present: Ted Onuwa
Bryan Gonzalez-Mejia
Kirstie Vasquez

Members Absent: Bryan Gonzalez-Mejia*

Agenda:

The Academic Affairs Committee would like to wish a successful and productive semester to the entire Stockton University community as we begin a new year. Senator Onuwa will be planning three events throughout the semester on behalf of Student Senate, including the 30/30 Common Hour, Cookies & Credit, a workshop about advancing your personal credit, and a professional networking session, Speed Netting. Senator Vasquez will be supervising the Library Advisory Board this semester and has already met with Librarian Eric Jeitner this past Friday to discuss improvements and planning of a librarian and senator caucus. The committee will be collaborating with the Public Relations Committee and Information Technology to publicize the new online printing options for students across our campus as Information Technology continues to implement this new resource.

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Public Relations

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Committee: Public Relations

Presiding: Monica O’Kane

Members Present: Senator Scott
Senator Calderon
Senator Cofie
Senator Titus

Agenda:

Public Relations wants to welcome everyone to the new semester and thank those of you that attended the Get Involved Fair this past Tuesday and Wednesday. We worked hard this week at tabling to get people interested in running in our upcoming election. Thank you to all the spent time showing their passion and love for Senate and passing it on to potential running senators. In regards to elections for Fall of 2018, interest meetings will be held February 13th at 4:30 PM and 14th, 15th and 16th at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in running, it is mandatory to attend one of the interest meetings. More information for the dates following will be given at those meetings.

Public Relations committee has been working to put together community service projects to give help to the people around us that are in need. Our first service project is working for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission February 10th from 10-1. Look out on our social media accounts for updates from this event.

As promised to continue, I would like to next bring attention to our nominated Student Senator of the Month. Senator of the Month for January 2018 is _____. If you are not already, be sure to follow our social media accounts for updates on assorted activities throughout our campus and Senate.

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Governmental Affairs

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Committee: Governmental Affairs

Presiding: Bill Watt

Members Present: Rawan Maarouf

Syeda Sanjidha

Ariyanna Santiago

Nadira Anderson

Agenda:

The Governmental Affairs Committee is hosting a “Hi From The Other Side event” on Monday February 12 in the campus center coffee house at 4pm. Chartwells has offered to provide coffee for the event. We are also hoping to host “Hot Topic” political debates throughout the semester. We are planning to have students Anthony Farfalla and Thomas Urbanik debate the 2nd amendment and gun control policy.

The Governmental Affairs Committee is undergoing constitutional revisions. We presented the changes to the governing body last Tuesday. The Governmental Affairs Committee, along with Chief of Staff Anthony Farfalla, are happy that the formatting of the constitution will be fixed and more professional. The next step is to make the constitution much shorter and put certain things in the bylaws. Shrinking our constitution will make it much easier for all senators to follow and understand.

The committee is also in the early process of planning a trip to the state capitol to meet with legislators. We are hoping to reach out to other student leaders in clubs to lobby on issues relevant to their field.

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Committee: Student Affairs Committee

Presiding: Leighanna Ritter

Members Present: Alex Dannecker

Katie Coburn

Alexis Franklin

Jelani Gandy

Agenda:

Welcome back and the Student Affairs Committee is ready to get started on all our work this semester. To start off, downstairs in the Campus Center Cafeteria, you can now see there are posters for combo meals for each outlet. Combo meals mean that students have the ability to mix items together to be equivalent to one meal swipe.

We are going to be getting updates on the possibility of getting more blue emergency lights on campus, specifically on Louisville Ave and dark path.

Senator Coburn will be attending the planning meeting for Eating Disorder Awareness month and will come back with updates on events to get involved with over the period of time.

Senator Franklin will be attending the planning meeting for Sexual Assault Awareness month and will also come back with updates on events to get involved with during that month. Both of these awareness months are extremely important to get involved in and we urge the public and senators to attend events.

I have met with a student raising concerns about things to do on the weekends and we have come up with different ideas to market to students about things to do around campus. We were thinking of creating a bike and trail map to show students what trails are around Stockton. We have also thought about other programs that can help students

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get involved in recreational activities on Lake Fred. We look forward to following up with those ideas and getting more students engaged in weekend life on campus.

Following up with the requests that the Fall 2017 Perspectives on Women class has brought to the Senate, we have created a resolution that has outlined those requests. We hope to implement these requests and come back with an update if the resolution gets passed.



**Stockton University Student Senate
Resolution SP18-003:
Recommendation to Change Sexual Assault Policy and Promote
Students' Victim Support and Resiliency Services**

- Whereas,** the Student Senate is the elected voice of the approximately 9,000 students who attend Stockton University; and,
- Citing,** a petition that was created and published by Stockton's Fall 2017 Perspectives on Women class, GAH 2358-001, asking the University to take action to support sexual assault victims and has more than 7,300 signatures; and,
- Recognizing,** the Student Senate has been called on by the petition's organizers to convey the concerns addressed in the petition to the administration; and,
- Emphasizing,** that sexual assault and gender-based violence is one of the most common, yet underreported crimes on college campuses, creating a need for confidential and safe resources for victims of sexual assault; and,
- Recalling,** the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter issued by the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, which outlined a clear framework and policy for publicly-funded institutions to follow when handling reports of sexual assault and gender-based crimes, has been withdrawn; and,
- Acknowledging,** that the University must continue to follow current Title IX guidelines, including the interim measures issued by the Department of Education in September 2017 as well as future Title IX guidance documents; and,
- Concerned,** that the University has not properly promoted and maintained victim support and resiliency services on campus, such as the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center, which provides essential resources to victims of sexual assault; and,
- Confident,** that making the changes recommended on the following pages will not have an adverse effect on, nor ignore or violate the due

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process rights of the students, faculty, and staff of Stockton University;

- Be it Resolved,** the Senate supports the proposals drafted by the Fall 2017 Perspectives on Women class which are outlined and clarified in the pages below, including asking the University to recommit to the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter and promoting and maintaining victim support and resiliency services;
- Be it Further Resolved,** the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to President Kesselman, Cabinet Members, and the Board of Trustees.
- Calling Upon,** the administration to address these points by February 16, 2018.

President Victoria Dambroski

Vice President Stephanie Hanvey

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Recommendation to Recommit to the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter

1. Stockton University policy should distinctly state that the University will continue to abide by the guidelines set forth in the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter¹ issued by the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (“OCR”) when handling allegations of sexual assault where possible under the current law and under the interim guidelines issued by the OCR in September 2017² or any other follow-up document that outlines new Title IX guidelines. A link to all necessary documents should also be clearly provided. Specific guidelines that should be followed include:
 - a. A 60-day timeframe for good-faith investigations of sexual assault by the University unless asked to discontinue further investigation by a police department or other authoritative body investigating the allegations.
 - b. Mediation and/or other forms of informal resolution will not be used for cases of sexual assault, hostile environment, and/or other violent crimes.
2. The following changes and/or additions to Stockton University’s *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct*³ should be made:

¹ Archived PDF link to the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter:

https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/dear_colleague_sexual_violence.pdf

² Interim Measures issued in September 2017:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-title-ix-201709.pdf>

³ The “Stockton’s Commitment” section can be found on page 2 of Stockton’s Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct: https://stockton.edu/diversity/title-ix/documents/title_ix.pdf

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- a. A bullet point defining Stockton’s commitment to following the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter should be added to the “Stockton’s Commitment” section
 - b. Appropriate changes should be made to “Part IV: Administrative Response Protocol to Reports of Sexual Misconduct”⁴ and “Part V: Title IX Investigations and Criminal Investigations in Sexual Violence Cases”⁵ so that administrative response and investigation protocol is in compliance with the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter, including the 60 day timeframe for investigations.
3. The Stockton University *Sexual Assault Policy*⁶ should be altered to clearly state the University will follow the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter where possible under the current law and under the interim guidelines.
 4. Stockton University should take any other steps and/or necessary procedural and policy changes to make the recommendations stated in #1 official Stockton University policy. These changes must also be clearly and distinctly stated in all related and supporting documents, similarly to the changes advised in #2 and #3.
 5. A public statement should be released from the Office of the President affirming that Stockton University remains committed to the safety and wellbeing of its students and will continue to handle allegations of sexual assault and gender-based violence in accordance to the withdrawn 2011 Dear Colleague Letter in addition to Title IX, the Clery Act, and other legal documents that outline Title IX requirements and procedures, such as the interim Title IX guidelines released in September 2017.

Maintaining and Promoting Accessible, Safe Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault

1. Stockton’s Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center, all of its programs, activities, and other resources, is currently being staffed and ran by a single employee housed in Counseling Services’ office. In addition to creating a new space for the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center (“WGS Center”), which is currently being planned, increased resources must be allocated to the WGS Center to properly meet the needs of Stockton students. This should include a full-time staff member who would aid the current WGS Center Director in supporting and running the WGS Center, such as staffing the 24/7 crisis hotline for victims of sexual assault that is currently operating through Stockton’s WGS Center. This staff member should not be shared amongst various Stockton University departments and, if they are an internal hire, their old position is to be filled in a timely manner.

⁴ “Part IV: Administrative Response Protocol to Reports of Sexual Misconduct” can be found on pages 12-15 of the University’s *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct*

⁵ “Part V: Title IX Investigations and Criminal Investigations in Sexual Violence Cases” can be found on pages 15 and 16 of the University’s *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct*

⁶ The Stockton University Sexual Assault Policy:

<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/signals/content/docs/Sexual%20Assault%20Policy.pdf>

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2. The number for Stockton University's Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center's 24/7 crisis hotline for sexual assault⁷ should be promoted to students in the following ways:
 - a. Added to the SIGNALS Sexual Assault Safe Reporting Places webpage⁸
 - b. Added to the Sexual Assault Policy under "Safe Places to Report Allegations of Sexual Assault"
 - c. Added to the "To Report Sexual Misconduct" section of the University's *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct* as one of the "On-Campus Confidential Safe Places"⁹
 - d. Added to the Stockton University Office for Institutional Diversity and Equity's On-Campus Confidential Places to Report Sexual Misconduct document¹⁰
 - e. Added to the back of Stockton Osprey (ID) cards
 - f. This number should be promoted in any additional, appropriate ways so that Stockton students have access to the resources available to them
 - g. It should be specified in all changes that Stockton residential students are encouraged to utilize Stockton's crisis line number, while the Atlantic County Women's Center's crisis line number is a more effective resource for non-residential students and for incidents that occur off-campus.

These changes/additions should explicitly state that the number is for Stockton University's Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center's 24/7 sexual assault crisis hotline.

3. The "Women's Center | 24 Hour Crisis Hotline" number listed as a Local Resource under the "To Report Sexual Misconduct" section of the University's *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct* should be updated to read "**Atlantic County** Women's Center | 24 Hour Crisis Hotline" so that there is no confusion between Stockton's Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center's crisis hotline and the Atlantic County Women's Center's crisis hotline.

⁷ The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center's 24/7 Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline: (609) 849-8473, as found on <https://stockton.edu/wellness-center/wgsc/>

⁸ SIGNALS Reporting Resources: <http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=276&pageID=22>

⁹ The "On-Campus Confidential Safe Places" section can be found on page 8 of the University's *Resource Guide on Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct*

¹⁰ Stockton University Office for Institutional Diversity and Equity's On-Campus Confidential Places to Report Sexual Misconduct document:

<https://stockton.edu/diversity/title-ix/documents/revvohsexualassaultvictimrightsconfidentialplaces.pdf>