**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**October 26, 2010**

**4:30 p.m.**

**G-wing Lounge**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

October 26, 2010

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Committee Reports

A. Public Relations

B. Academic Policies

C. School Spirit

D. Student Welfare

E. Finance

1. Announcements/Comments from the Public
2. Adjournment

2010-2011 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

October 12, 2010

Presiding: Kenan Kurt

Members Present: Jazmin Alayon

Steve Amato

Samantha Brodsky

Caitlin Cibenko

Brittany Grapstul

Christine Greve

Sualeh Hafeez

Melissa Harabedian

Paulo Henriquez

Je’Meda Johnson

David Jonas

Chris Jones

Darryl Lewis

Matthew Patterson

Xochil Ramirez

Brittany Revicki

Cristabelith Rosario

Johana Rosas Delgado

John Szczuplak

AJ Vervoort

Samuel Wakawa

Members Absent: Nick Courtney

Nazire Divanovic

Osagie Ekenezar

Nicole Kim

Members Late: Elizabeth Corey

\*Notified the President

Agenda/Business: Kenan called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. Xochil moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 meeting, seconded by Jazmin.

Motion Passed: 21-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: Kenan Kurt

**President’s Report: Kenan Kurt**

Kenan thanked everyone for their hard work on a successful Homecoming. He then welcomed the two new Senators, Samantha Brodsky and AJ Vervoort.

Kenan concluded by reminding everyone of the Town Hall meeting.

Elizabeth arrived at this time.

**Committee Reports: Public Relations**

Paulo reported that as requested by the Student Welfare Committee, they submitted their minutes to the Argo for publication to inform Stockton students of what the committee is doing to address and resolve their concerns.

Paulo then stated that he spoke with the editor of the Argo and she informed him that she will try to send a reporter to the senate meeting on October 12.

Paulo concluded by announcing that a record number of students voted in the Freshman/Transfer Student Senate elections on October 6 and 7 that elected Samantha and AJ.

**Academic Policies**

Sualeh reported that the committee discussed the concerns that more summer classes are needed. Sualeh is the senate liaison to the Faculty Senate. He will be attending the faculty meetings, which will be held every third Thursday of the month.

Sualeh then reported that they discussed adding a suggestion box to the Student Senate Facebook page so students can express their concerns and make suggestions on what they would like to see happen at Stockton. Nazire spoke with Paulo from Public Relations about adding the suggestion box and Paulo stated that it should be up within the week.

Sualeh then stated that Osagie talked about creating a forum where students can discuss new majors they would like to see at Stockton. That will also be added to the Senate Facebook page.

**School Spirit**

John reported that the committee turned its focus to the memory boxes in the O-Nest. They each individually visited and gave different ideas of what could be done about the empty space on the walls. They would like to add pictures of events.

John then reported that Kaitlin put slips in each organization’s mailbox asking each president to send pictures of events or t-shirts that could be hung to fill up the walls. They plan on completing the boxes no later than October 17th.

John concluded by reporting that the committee is planning an all-day event of tabling and picture taking with the college mascot, TALON, to promote Stockton pride.

**Student Welfare**

Je’Meda reported that the committee wrote a summary for the Argo so that students can see what the Senate is about and how they work to make Stockton a better community for everyone. Je’Meda has been appointed as the committee’s Argo liaison. She mentioned the activities set up by the different departments throughout Stockton. She advertised the shuttle services offered to off campus locations. She mentioned the updates and changes that will take place with the gazebos throughout campus. Je’Meda reported that she publicized the hours of availability for the tutoring centers as well as the different subjects offered for tutoring.

Christopher then reported that he spoke to Trish Krevetski, Director of Auxiliary Services, about the possibility for students to use their Osprey cash at Jiang’s Chinese Restaurant.  Ms. Krevetski informed him that she has reached out to the restaurant but hasn’t been able to get any contact. She also reached out to Wawa.

Johana announced that she met with Robert Chitren, Environmental Compliance Manager, to follow up with any recent updates on the gazebos. He mentioned that the college is still in the process of evaluating their budgets and personnel.

  Johana then reported that she spoke to Trish Krevetski to see if it was possible to install vending machines that take the Stockton ID cards as Osprey cash. She mentioned that it would be costly and that currently they do not have the technology required for that use, but she would be talking to the IT directors and will keep working on the possibilities.

Johana concluded by reporting that they are also discussing with Ms. Krevetski, the potentiality of having the shuttles run until 10:30 pm rather than 10:10 pm to give students a few extra minutes to do their work and still have a ride back to their apartments.  Ms. Krevetski informed Johana that they are discussing it with management but they currently don’t see a high demand for later shuttles.

**Finance**

The Stockton Entertainment Team submitted a request to use $2,706.40 of their annual funds to attend their regional conference. Brittany moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Christine.

Motion Passed: 22-0-1\*

\*Senators Abstained: Kenan Kurt and Brittany Revicki

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, first congratulated the two new senators. He then thanked the senators for their contributions to Homecoming; it was a great turn out. Len asked students to volunteer to help out with the upcoming Open House.

Steve Hereema, student liaison to the Faculty Senate, gave the following report on the meeting he attended:

The academic policies committee met on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. The main topic discussed was the withdraw deadline date. For the past 18 months the committee researched the history and best course of action to be proposed to the Faculty Senate. Tuesday October 19th, 2010 the recommendation of the committee will be given to the senate. The recommendation is to move the withdraw deadline from the 13th week of the semester to the 11th week. This would not have an effect on the nine-week financial aid deadline.

Some additional items of interest that the committee is going to be looking into over the next year is the 64 transfer credit limit policy, as well as the distance education and online classes cap policy. All of the recommendations of the committee are not final, and are not necessarily adopted by the faculty senate.

Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, congratulated everyone on a wonderful Homecoming which produced record attendance. He asked senators to help encourage students to use the resources in the library and the tutoring services in the TRLC sponsored by Housing and Residential Life.

Tom O’Donnell, Assistant Dean of Students, congratulated Len Farber on a successful homecoming. He then told everyone how honored he was to be the Master of Ceremonies for the pep rally and bonfire. Tom then thanked everyone for supporting the Veteran Aid event.

Dianne Stalling, Assistant Director of Student Development, encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for the Day of Service, which is set for October 23rd.

**Adjournment:** Kenan adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.