**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE**

**OF NEW JERSEY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Notice of Meeting**

**April 23, 2013**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Campus Center Board of Trustees’ Room**

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

STUDENT SENATE MEETING

AGENDA

April 23, 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 of the 2012-13 Student Senate

VII. Call to Order/Roll Call of the 2013-14 Student Senate

VIII. Election of President and Vice President

IX. Adjournment of the 2013-14 Student Senate

2012-2013 Student Senate Meeting

Minutes from

April 16, 2013

Presiding: A.J. Vervoort

Members Present: Stephanie Barreto

Becky Batista

Ben Peoples

Ellis Bonds

Peter Bruno

Maribeth Capelli

Jessica Carey

Kaitlin Cibenko

Justin Frankel

Edward Horan

Manar Hussein

Reese Kielty

David Lamando

Melissa Lyon

Kyle Miceli

Matthew Monte

Dave Mooring

Al Nagbe

Chukwuemeka Nnadi

Nathan Taylor

Members Absent: Michelle Batista\* \*Notified Chair

Melissa Harabedian\*

Tyler Gelsleichter\*

William Inacio

Michelle Puerta

Members Late: None

Agenda/Business: A.J. called the meeting to order. Senators who were absent or late were noted. AJ moved to approve the minutes from April 2, 2013 meeting, seconded by Kyle.

Motion Passed: 20-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: A.J. Vervoort**

A.J. reported the following:

A.J. reported that he had a long budget meeting with Matt Monte, Finance Chair, to go over budgets for next year.

A.J. reported that Maribeth Capelli, Student Welfare Chair, attended his weekly meeting with Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, to discuss a relaxation lounge, center for LGBTQ and Women’s Studies Center, and a prayer lounge.

A.J. said that he attended the last first year experience meeting on Friday, April 12th.

A.J. reported that Maribeth will be cutting the ribbon on his behalf on Monday, April 29th at the opening of the Anne Azeez Hall.

A.J. said that next week is the last full senate meeting for the year; the new senate will come on board.

A.J. reported that April 18th at 4:30PM is the Student Involvement Awards Ceremony.

A.J. reported that Computer Services came to fix the Senate computer and it was too old to fix, so they have replaced it with a new one.

A.J. also reminded senators about the end of the year dinner at Sakura on April 30, at 4:30. He reminded Senators to RSVP to Victor, Student Senate Office Manager, if they want to attend.

A.J. said that graduating seniors who wanted to be featured on Stockton’s social media sites can still do so by sending him their bios and contacting Susan Allen.

**Vice Presidents Report: David Lamando**

David reported the following:

David reported that he was meeting event services to continue the discussion about adding more bulletin boards and keeping up with the organization of those boards in the Campus Center.

David said that he is going to be meeting with the advisor of S.S.T.V.

**Committee Reports: Academic Policies**

Becky reported the following:

Becky reported that the committee spoke to some senators who suggested the NJUS be open to not only senators but to the student body. With that in mind, the Legislative Policies and Government Affairs committee would be responsible for compiling an application process, similar to the Senate and Board of Trustees, reviewing the application and electing two students (not limited to student senate) to sit on the NJUS Board. Those two students will then be responsible for reporting to the Legislative Policies and Government Affairs and providing a committee report.

Becky moved to approve the following amendment, seconded by Jessica.

Article III, Section 7C: Legislative Policies and Government Affairs

“The committee is responsible for compiling the application and the election for the students’ interest in being a member of New Jersey United Students Board. The committee will also be responsible in reviewing and appointing two students to serve on the NJUS Board. These students will be responsible for reporting to the committee with a report regarding what took place at the NJUS meeting.

Motion Passed: 19-1-1\*

\*Senators Opposed: Ben Peoples

Senators Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

A.J. announced the Professors of the Year after Becky’s report: Yitzhak Sharon, Pamela Cross, Beverly Vaughn, Audrey Latourette, Darrell Cleveland, Melaku Lakew, and Laurie Shanderson.

**Public Relations**

Stephanie reported the following:

Stephanie thanked the senators, UBSS, and LSU for their participation in the Spring Carnival. She reported that it was a great turn out.

Stephanie also thanked those who assisted and participated in the Senate elections.

Stephanie reminded everyone that the Student Involvement Awards Ceremony is on Thursday, April 18 at 4PM in the Campus Center event room; it is business casual attire. Be sure to pick up your tickets under your corresponding club or organization at the front desk of Student development. Each club/organization is extended four tickets.

**Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee**

Justin reported the following:

Justin invited Daniel Tome to speak to the senate about gaining support for the constitution day speaker.

Justin motioned to support the constitution day speaker, seconded by Peter Bruno.

Motion Passed: 18-1-2\*

\*Senators Opposed: Matt Monte

Senators Abstained: Ben Peoples, A.J. Vervoort

Justin reminded everyone of the lunch in which legislator in residence David Wolfe is the guest at on April 17 at 12 in the upper campus center meeting room.

Justin concluded by thanking everyone for the hard work, dedication and commitment.  He then wished everyone good luck on finals.

**Student Welfare**

Maribeth reported the following:

Maribeth reported that she met with Trish Krevetski, Assistant VP for Auxiliary Services & COO of SASI, to discuss concerns students had with meal plans. Maribeth reported that the meal plan swipes were meant to be used in a cafeteria setting such as N-wing. It was not created to be used in what is called a ‘retail restaurant’ such as Chick-Fil-A or any of the other restaurants in the Campus Center food court. Although Chartwells tries to accommodate students by making value meals that equal to a meal swipe, they cannot do it for all items. Students can use their flex money to buy meals in the Campus Center that are over $6.15.

Maribeth said that they have determined that the best meal plan choice for commuters is to buy a declining balance. There are promotional pamphlets being made for commuters to explain meal plan choices efficiently.

Maribeth said that complaints about N-wing that will be looked into. She also reviewed what renovations were made to improve N-wing and if they are effective. More suggestions were made on what they can do to improve the use of N-wing by students through renovation and promotion. Maribeth reported that N-wing is healthiest option and where students can the most value for their money and that the committee would like to see it be used more by students.

Maribeth also reported that Trish is also looking into making sure the girl who bought the uncooked chicken nugget from Lakeside is getting her money back.

Maribeth reported that Steve Radwanski, Assistant Director of Residential Life, came to the committee meeting to discuss some updates. They have had many complaints about the laundry room in E-court and he has a few ideas to improve it. They will be putting more chairs inside, placing down mats, installing new window screens, and possibly looking into putting a television. He also told them that over the summer Housing 1 will be getting painted, having a sewer upgrade, plugging up holes, and doing other renovations. Housing 1 will be completely closed for the summer so that these changes can be made.

Maribeth said that Steve also replaced the broken basketball net, and he is looking into getting some more picnic tables and benches outside by Housing IV.

Maribeth reported that the new room selection process is doing well. Any student that did not receive the housing they wanted is being place on a room switch list that has already started being addressed.

Maribeth reported that a complaint was made about grass being thrown in through windows at the freshmen dorms when the lawn is mowed. Denise O’Neill, Director of Residential Life, will be talking to plant management about this issue.

Maribeth reported that a complaint was made about the hockey rink being locked on weekends when it shouldn’t be. Maribeth contacted Jon Heck, Associate Director of Athletics & Recreation, who has already talked to the facility staff about the issue. He stated that the problem will be corrected going forward.

Maribeth said the committee will also be contacting Don Woolslayer, Director of Plant Management, about a few small issues such as a broken coin return on a vending machine near D-wing and a filter that needs to be changed in a hydration station by Dunkin’ Donuts.

Maribeth said the committee hopes that they have been able to successfully address all issues brought to them this year. They would like to be just as productive next year and encourage students to bring to them any issues or concerns they have that they can address for next year.

**Finance**

Becky left at this time.

Psychology Club submitted a supplemental in the amount of $3,634.75 to fund their trip to the Association for Psychological Science Convention. At this convention some members will be presenting research in the area of their expertise. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Al Nagbe.

Motion Passed: 19-0-1\*

\*Senators Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

Becky returned at this time

Geology club submitted supplemental in the amount $7,559.94 of in order to fund their trip to Arizona. In Arizona the club will be studying the native and unique geography. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Melissa.

Motion Passed: 20-0-1\*

\*Senators Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

Gospel Choir submitted a supplemental in the amount of $4,100 to purchase equipment. The supplemental failed because the club failed to present a true receipt of the supplies. Matt moved to approve the supplemental, seconded by Kaitlin.

Motion Passed: 20-0-1\*

\*Senator Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

Peter Bruno Left at this time

Matt moved to approve the budgets for 2013-14 in the amount of $600,000 it was seconded by Jessica Carey.

Motion Passed: 15-4-1\*

\* Senators Opposed: Manar Hussein, David Lamando, David Mooring and Ben Peoples

Senator Abstained: A.J. Vervoort

**Announcements/Comments from the Public:**

Ellis congratulated Justin for winning Mr. Ivy and David Mooring for winning an award.

Justin asked everyone to offer a moment of silence for the tragedy in Boston.

Manar thanked Melissa Lyon for purchasing a get-well card for officer Juana.

Len Farber, Director of Student Development, thanked the senate for its open talks about the budget.

Mico Lucie thanked the senate for approving their (Pride Alliance) trip and reported that the trip went well. He also asked how many students who voted in the elections for the new senators where Stephanie reported that 801 students voted.

**Adjournment:** A.J. adjourned the meeting at 5:55.