



STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

Notice of Meeting
March 29th, 2016
4:30 pm
Board of Trustees Room

Galloway, New Jersey 08205
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**STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
February 23rd, 2016**

Presiding: Carl Archut Jr.

Members present: Nick Persia
Emily Zeck
Brian Moore Jr.
Richard Jeffries
Patton Solowey
Chris Dietrich
Maryam Sarhan
Ike Ejikeme
Deon Davis
Victoria Dambroski
Mahalia Bazile
Jessica Cathcart
Carly Bulgia
Ryan Greene
Alex Dannecker
Toyo Aboderin
Nhi Tram
Maurice Brandon
Viona Richardson
Victoria Muraoka

Members late:

Members Absent: Dominick Martino
Haley Matsinger
Mackenzie Porch
Stephanie Hanvey
Noya Ilan

Agenda/Business:

Approval of Minutes

President Carl called the meeting to order at 04:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes of January 26th 2016, seconded by Chairperson Emily Zeck.

Motion Approved: 21-0-1*

* Senators Abstained: Carl Archut Jr.

** Senators Left Early

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

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President's Report

President Archut Jr. began by yielding the floor to Senator Mahalia for a presentation on Study Abroad.

President Carl and Associate Dean of Students Craig Stambaugh presented about the formation of the Students Helping Students: Food Assistance Program at the 2016 Delaware Valley Student Affairs conference in Pennsylvania on February 12th, 2016 and the workshop was well received by all.

President Carl said that he is working with emergency preparedness committee to have magnets made available in all residence halls and a banner bug created to encourage students to become more informed of procedures on campus and how they can enroll in the text message alert system.

President Carl said that Vice President Nick met with the Faculty Senate to hear about the outcome of the administration and finance committee vote for including majors on diplomas and unfortunately, the outcome was not favorable. Afterwards, President Carl and Vice President Nick sent a letter to the President requesting a special meeting to discuss this issue and to determine our next step in this worthwhile endeavor.

President Carl and Vice President Nick met with President Kesselman and Dr. Susan Davenport, Interim Provost, on Friday, February 12th, 2016. By meeting with the President and Provost they were able to set a new process for implementation. The proposal will be revised and resubmitted to the Faculty Senate Committee on Administration and Finance and forwarded to the President's Cabinet. If this outcome is favorable, all diplomas starting at the December 2016 commencement ceremony will be printed listing the student's major. Alumni will have the opportunity to have their diploma reprinted with their major for a small fee that will cover the administrative costs and membership into the Alumni Association. This fee is yet to be determined and more information will follow.

President Carl thanked all of the students and Senators who participated in the student forums with our candidates for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs search. Dr. Lori Vermeulen, Dr. Mark Kiselica, and Dr. John Lee enjoyed their time on campus. He will be meeting with the search committee on Friday, February 26th, 2016 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm to make a final recommendation to the President.

President Carl stated that during last year's budget approval process, additional funds were allocated to a number of club budgets in hopes of reducing supplemental travel requests, therefore the supplemental budget was reduced from approximately \$100,000 to about \$90,000. Requests for supplemental funds have exceeded expectations and, as a result, the Finance Committee has had to limit funding to a degree not experienced before. Knowing that a number of supplementals are still to come, he requested a review of activity fee revenues for fall and spring, which Craig and Jeff conducted. That review revealed higher revenues than projected, therefore, based on requests we foresee for the remainder of the spring semester. President Carl and Vice President Nick requested an additional \$7,000, which was approved by Dean Santana today. President Carl thanked Dean Santana.

President Carl reported on updates from the Parking Committee. The freshman will park in the new Pomona Lot, schools vehicles in north lot are being relocated, and lot 7 will become a commuter and resident assistant parking lot.

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President Carl also informed the Senators that Student Development is planning on taking some students up to NJCU on March 18th for the Leaders of Today Conference. Lauren Wilson wanted to extend the invite to Senators if any of you are around—please note that this is happening during Spring Break. The registration is free if you're registered by March 1st, so they're hoping to get a list of participants together by Monday morning at the latest so she can register everyone together. If you are interested, please email her at Lauren.Wilson@stockton.edu.

President Carl concludes his report.

Vice President's Report

President Carl yields the floor to Vice President Nick Persia on the Vice President report.

VP Nick reported on the discussion with Graduate Student Council about adding seats to the Student Senate. Further discussions will occur in the near future.

VP Nick informed the Senators please continue to sign in when doing your office hours. And the accountability policy on the Senators is being dealt with the Government Affairs committee.

VP Nick reported on the Students Helping Students mentor program. There is a future meeting in the next week or so. There is a discussion on whether it should be within the senate or outside.

VP Nick concludes his report and yields the floor back to President Carl.

Finance

President Carl yields the floor to Chair Haley for the Finance Committee report.

Chair Haley reported that the cooking club's budget of \$500 was reabsorbed into the supplemental account after the E-Board voted upon the topic.

Chair Haley reported on the supplemental requests approved by the Vice President. Approved was Stockton University Model United Nations for \$825, for the National Model UN Conference in New York City from March 26-31, 2016; Stockton University Sustainability Trust for \$863; STAND and History Club for \$600; STAND for \$641; Hope for \$510.17; Circle K for \$1,000; Muslim Student Association for \$660; History Club for \$1280.91; STAND for \$400; STAND for \$186; AESNJ for \$250.

Chair Haley moved the following supplemental requests on the Senate Floor:

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by Active Minds in the amount of \$2,200. The Request is for Eating Awareness Week at Stockton University on March 2nd from 8pm-10pm. This event has an estimated attendance of 350 students.

Motion Passed: 24-0-1

Senator Second: Mahalia

Senators Abstained: Carl

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by Criminal Justice Society in the amount of \$2,000. The Request is for the Academy of Criminal

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Justice Science Conference in Denver, Colorado from March 30th to April 2nd for 6 students.

Motion Passed: 24-0-1

Senator Second: Viona
Senators Abstained: Carl

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by Geology Club in the amount of \$3,000. The Request is for the Geology Club Spring Trip 2016 in New Mexico and Texas from May 16- June 2nd for 32 students. There was an amendment to the supplemental to change it to \$3,400. It was approved with a 23/1/1 vote.

Motion Passed: 24-0-1

Senator Second: Emily
Senators Abstained: Carl

There is a motion on the floor to approve the supplemental request by Buddhist in the amount of \$4,500. The Request is for the Sand Mandala Event at Stockton University on March 28th –April 1st for 200 students.

Motion Passed: 24-0-1

Senator Second: Mahalia
Senators Abstained: Carl

Stockton University
Student Senate Resolution SP16-003

Include Student Signatures for Budget Access

Whereas, The Student Senate is recommending to Stockton University’s Office of Student Development regulations for how clubs funds may be accessed, and

Whereas, the Stockton Student Senate Finance committee has assessed it in the clubs best interest from previous occasions that changing this policy would create a more accurate record of who is accessing funds in the club and whereas this would result in a better record of distributed funds and insuring the students are aware on where their budget is being spent, therefore be it

Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate, endorses the initiative for the implementation of having an E-Board member approve whenever Student Fee money is being taken out of the student fee account.

Further

Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to the Office of Student Development for further action.

Carl Archut Jr

Student Senate President

Nick Persia

Student Senate Vice Presiden

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Chair Haley moved to approve the Student Senate Resolution SP16-003. Second by Viona; Motion Passed: 24-0-1; Abstained: Carl.

Chair Haley yields the floor back to President Carl.

Academic Affairs

President Carl yields the floor to Chair Emily for the Academic Affairs report.

Chair Emily reports that the Academic Affairs committee and Public Relations committee have met together to discuss future collaboration. Senator Steph will be working closely with Public Relation to help create a video that will discuss some hot topics pertaining to Academic Affairs. In addition, the Academic Affairs committee is looking into advertising the CAPP system.

Chair Emily reported that committee members are conducting major work. Senator Mackenzie is developing a minor brochure for those looking to pursue a minor. Senator Toyo has been working with Senator Deon to help develop the program “What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?” a program for students with undeclared majors. Senator Brian has been working on contacting assist deans to gain their opinion and approval of adding semesters offered to the course descriptions of classes. The assistant deans will also be asked their opinions on a blackboard page option for coursed.

Chair Emily yields her time back to President Carl.

Government Affairs

President Carl yields the floor to Chair Maryam for the Government Affairs report.

Chair Maryam reported that the committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Democratic Presidential Debate Viewing Party on February 11th at 8 pm in MR4. It was a success with both the College Democrats and College Republicans in attendance! We would like to thank Senator Carly Bulgia for her help with this event. We look forward to having you all join us at the Republican Presidential Debate Viewing Party that we will be hosting on February 25th at 8 pm in MR 1; pizza will also be served.

Chair Maryam reported that the Higher Education Awareness Week has now evolved into Higher Education Awareness Month. Throughout the month of March, the committee will be hosting various events, panels and tabling activities to bring awareness about college affordability, financial literacy, careers in higher education and civic engagement as well as social/political activism. The Government Affairs committee will be hosting its panel, “Global Perspectives on Civic Engagement” on March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Board of Trustees room. The panel will discuss global perspectives on political commitment and civic engagement by showcasing individual’s personal stories about political dissent, freedom of speech, and the right to vote both locally and abroad. The committee will also be hosting two student affairs professionals on March 22nd at 3 pm to present on the topic of “Careers in Higher Education.” This presentation will focus on careers that are available to students who are interested in pursuing careers in residential life, student development and other divisions of student affairs.

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Chair Maryam reported that Senator Deon will be hosting the event “What do You Want to Be When You Grow Up” on March 31st at 4:30 pm in the Board of Trustees. This event will focus on providing advice and guidance to students who are undecided by exposing them to professionals and educators who went through similar experiences in their undergraduate and professional careers. Senator Kim will be our Administrative Ambassador to the Office of Service Learning and the New York Times representative to monitor the New York Times usage on our campus. Senator Ike is working on an initiative to promote diversity on campus, as a way to unify campus efforts of equity and inclusion into an annual event.

Chair Maryam reported that Senator Maurice has compiled and updated a final version of the Constitution which has been uploaded to the Student Senate website. Senator Maryam also sent suggestions to the Finance Committee as it relates to methods of allocating Club budget funds for the new fiscal year and plans to meet with senators from the Finance Committee to examine ways to prevent a supplemental fund shortage from occurring again next year. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Finance Committee for welcoming our suggestions. The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Steering Committee will be bringing Professor Brian Levin to campus on March 21st to speak about Hate Crimes and Terrorism. We encourage Stockton and the surrounding community to attend this very informative event which will be held at 6 pm in the Campus Center Theatre.

Chair Maryam reported that the committee moved to approve, during the committee session, Article II Section 1.A, Article II Section 1.A.1, Article III Section 1.J.

Chair Maryam reported that the committee during the committee session, moved to remove all motions the Government Affairs committee previously made on February 9th, 2016

Chair Maryam reported that committee granted the ability to begin working on Student Senate bylaws.

Chair Maryam yields her time back to President Carl

President Carl yielded the floor to VP Nick Persia to move to add Article III Section 1.J ***All constitution changes must be added to the Full Senate meeting minutes and agenda, in order to be voted on., seconded by Senator Rich.***

Motion Passed: 24-0-1

Senators Abstained: Carl, Maryam, Ike

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Public Relations

President Carl yields the floor to Chair Victoria D. for the Public Relations report.

Chair Victoria D. reported that the Public Relations committee, hosted six interest meetings for this spring's elections! After all the interest meetings there are about 40 candidates in the running. Public Relations committee is also collaborating with Academic Affairs in a new edition of the Senate in a Minute, stay tuned! Looking forward, the Public Relations Committee will host Meet the Candidates on March 29th at the coffee house! The Public Relations Committee encourages all Ospreys to follow us @OspreySenate and like us on Facebook.

Chair Victoria yields the floor back to President Carl.

Student Affairs

President Carl yields the floor to Chair Victoria M. for the Student Affairs report.

Chair Victoria M. reported that Victoria started the meeting by delegating assignments last month. Unity March: This is a movement that Victoria thought to promote more of a tolerance towards all races, sexual orientations, and religions. Student Affairs has to set a date in March. Post Victoria assigned Ryan to speak with the Muslim Association but they have not fully agreed to the march. Victoria assigned Alex to speak with the LGBTQ Organization asking for their participation and they have agreed to be a part of the march. Victoria has spoken with UBSS during their first meeting on next Thursday at 4:30 and they have not yet agreed with their entire e-board yet. Unfortunately, Noya has stepped down from her position in Student Affairs and Mike Tuzzy has happily agreed to step up. All other projects and assignments are concluded or having more work towards them. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm. These details conclude Student Affairs meeting minutes.

Chair Victoria M. yields the floor back to President Carl.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

President Carl opened the floor to the public.

No public comments

Adjournment

President Carl adjourns the meeting at 06:00 pm.

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Committee: **Finance**

Presiding: Haley Matsinger

Members Present: Richard Jeffries

Patton Solowey

Chris Dietrich

Nhi Tram

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

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

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from College Republicans in the amount of \$165.06 for food for seven events and 25 students at each event.. Vice President Nick signed for approval. Total cost- \$165.06 Club's Contribution - \$0 Personal Contribution - \$0

Motion Approved 5-0-0

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from the Social Work Club in the amount of \$150 for the Social Work Senior Party for 100 students. Vice President Nick signed for approval. Total Cost -\$1,122.96 Club's Contribution - \$1,050 Personal Contribution - \$0 Original Request \$150

Motion Approved: 5-0-0

The Committee approved the Supplemental Request from Student Senate in the amount of \$500 for food and misc. for the Unity March for 50 students. Vice President Nick signed for approval. Total Cost - \$600 Club's Contribution - \$0 Personal Contribution - \$0 Original Request - \$600

Motion Approved 5-0-0

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The current Supplemental fund is at approximately, \$ (that is before the supplemental requests below that are going to be voted on today. If these supplemental requests go through the account will be \$.)

The Finance Committee moved to approve the Supplemental Request from Creator’s Collective and Sustainability Trust for \$3,190 for the First Annual Community and Art Social for 300 students

Motion Approved: 3-2-0

Total Cost – \$4,000
Club’s Contribution - \$0
Personal Contribution - \$0
Original Request - \$4,000

The Finance Committee moved to approve the Supplemental Request from Coalition for Women’s Rights for \$2,037.20 for the ADP Conference for 4 members from June 1st-June 4th.

Motion Approved: 5-0-0

Total Cost- \$4,534.20
Club’s Contribution- \$500
Personal Contribution- \$196
Original Request - \$3,838

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Student Club and Organization Budget Allocation Proposal for 2016-17

Club	liason	14/15 budget	15/16 budget	Budget Request 16/17	Reccomended
Stockton Entertainment Team	Patton	198,000	205,000	215000	189000
Unified Black Student Society	Patton	40,000	41,000	43000	40000
Senate	Rich	32,000	42,000	43650	41000
The Argo	Rich	32,000	32,500	32750	32750
Graduate Council		28,000	28,000	28000	25000
Free To Be		28,000	28,000	28000	28000
Model UN	Chris	1,000	4,000	29087.58	7500
Greek Council	Chris	6,000	11,000	20523.11	18323
Stockton Veteran Organization	Haley	5,000	10,000	19500	15000
Theatre Club	Nhi	8,100	9,600	17066	11,000
Global Health Team	Patton			15000	0
SAVE	Rich	12,000	12,500	14800	14000
Campus Religious Council	Rich	8,500	9,500	13500	11500
Pride Alliance	Rich	7,000	9,000	13350	9000
Highest Pride Gospel Choir	Nhi	11,000	11,000	11505	11000
Equestrian Club	Patton	7,900	10,000	10940	8000
Asian Student Alliance	Chris	2,300	5,000	10701.67	7500
All Starz Dance	Patton	4,400	4,500	10600	7500
Water Watch	Patton	9,000	9,570	10600	8500
Active Minds	Haley	1400	1900	9592.09	4600
MALES	Haley	3,500	3,250	8300	4000
Communters on the Go	Chris	2,700	4,000	7950	5500
Geology	Patton	400	4000	7400	7000
Dance Club	Nhi	1,900	1,000	7358	3500
Stockton Neighborhood Watch	Patton	1,500	2,000	6400	4400
FEMALES	Chris	5,000	5,400	6019	5000

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Carribbean Student Association	Rich	4,000	4,800	5640	5640
Social Work Club	Haley	1200	600	5500	900
African Student Organization	Nhi	3,500	5,000	5450	4500
Gaming Club	Haley	4,100	5,000	5345	5345
Sustainability Trust	Chris			5100	2500
Stockton A Capella	Nhi	3,200	3,500	5000	3500
STAND	Rich	2,600	2,000	4500	2750
Anime Club	Rich	850	1,300	3690	2000
Creators Collective	Haley			3460	1500
Society of Mining	Chris			3170.5	1500
Claws	Nhi	4,500	3,265	2850	2200
Hospitality Society	Patton	3,000	1,975	2780	2780
PSAS	Nhi			2536.96	1500
Speech and Hearing Club	Nhi	2,000	2,250	2500	2500
HOPE	Chris	2,100	2,500	2300	2300
Gymnastics Club	Chris			4500	4500
Nursing Club	Haley			2199.39	1000
Chemistry Society	patton	500	800	2160	1000
American Sign Language	Nhi	2,300	3,000	2050	2000
Latin American Student Association	Nhi	4,000	3,000	4810	2810
Marketing and Management Association	Chris	250	100	1710	1100
Autism Speaks to U	Chris			1585	1500
Pre Health Professionals	Haley	1,100	1,300	1400	1400
Occupational Therapy	Patton	1,000	1,070	1260	1070
Physics Club	Patton	1250	1000	1240	1000
Biological Society	Haley	650	700	1174.03	800
Mock Trail	haley			770	250
Books without borders	haley	1900	1400	3575	1250
Disney Association	Haley	500	600	1150	650
Health Science Club	Haley	500	600	1125	700
Computer Society	Haley	1,200	1,500	1100	1100
History Club	Nhi	800	500	1050	500

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OGRE	Chris	850	600	1050	800
Criminal Justice Society	Patton	900	780	1010	750
Multicultural Connection					0
Billards Club	Rich	500	510	1000	1000
Italian Heritage Club	Rich			1000	1000
Math		550	200	850	400
Psychology Club	Nhi	1,250	1,000	900	900
Holistic Health Club	Rich	550	800	800	800
College Democrats	Haley			770	500
Literature Club	Chris	800	...	770	770
Stockton Music Union	Chris	700	750	750	750
Fashion Club	Haley			740	615
Undergraduate Physical Therapy	Rich	900	600	715	715
Pre-Physician Assistant Club	Rich			700	700
Stockpot	Haley	4,800	4,500	700	4500
Accounting and Finance Association	Patton	900	800	685	685
Stockton Event Planner	Chris			655	655
safe					0
SAMS					0
coalition for civic engagement					0
coalition for womens rights					0
Live Action Games	Haley			640	640
Ducks Unlimited	Chris			600	0
Republicans Club	Patton	0	0	576.19	577
Stockton Art Club	Chris	250	800	570	570
Marine Science Club	Nhi	600	535	535	535
Stockton Economics Society	Rich	600	450	465	465
AESNJ	Nhi			450	450
Animal Friendly Org	Patton			450	450
GEROS	Rich	450	450	400	400
Public Health Society	Patton	600	100	390	600

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Education Society	Nhi	326.4	327	
Rotaract Club	Nhi	275	275	
Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice	Haley	0	0	
Neuroscience Club	Rich	2780	1100	
		754825.92	604547	
				99,953
		704,500		

Constitutional Amendment Suggestions

1) Article III Section 6, G5. The original reads as: *“The finance chair will present the projected budgets to the executive cabinet. The executive cabinet will have the authority to give suggestions to the finance chair, and the Student Senate President will have the authority to make changes to the budgets before they go to the Full Senate for a vote.”*

I want to amend this to read as: *“The finance chair will present the proposed budgets to the executive cabinet. The executive cabinet will have the authority to suggest changes to the finance chair, to be considered at their next committee meeting (if time permits), before bringing them to the full senate.”*

2) Article III Section 6, G11. The original reads as: *“Oversee, with the president, all student senate finances.”*

I want to amend this statement to read *“Approve, with the President, all student senate budget expenditures.”* There will be a sub note added under Article III Section 6, G11 (i), which will read as *“If there is a disagreement between the Finance Chair and the President, the ultimate decision on the expenditure will be the responsibility of the executive cabinet.”*

3) Article III Section 6, G20 (New amendment). *“The Finance Chair, President, and Vice President will work together to prepare the annual student senate budget request, which the Executive Cabinet will approve, and submit the annual budget to the Finance Committee.”*

I just want to note that with the Finance Chair, President, and VP working on the senate budget, that that is already almost half of the EC. It would need one others approval to pass.

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Committee: **Academic Affairs**

Presiding: Emily Zeck

Members Present: Brian Moore Jr.

Mackenzie Porch

Stephanie Hanvey.

Toyo Aboderin

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

Academic Affairs is happy to announce the diploma initiative to have majors included on the diploma has been approved by the president cabinet. Thanks to the hard work of the Academic Affairs committee, President Carl and Vice President Nick. Stephanie and the Public Relations have worked together to complete the student senate speak first episode with the collaboration of SSTV. Mackenzie has developed a minor brochure for those looking to pursue a minor. The minor initiative will be highlighted during the program “What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?” Toyo has been working with Deon on this program for students with undeclared majors. Brian has been working on gaining information on adding to the course description of core classes what specific semester’s courses are offered. Emily has been in contact with assistant deans to gain support for the course description initiative.

Emily moved to approve the Resolution to Implement Inclusion of Semester Restrictions for the Stockton University Course Catalog.

Motion Approved: 5-0-0

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RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT INCLUSION OF SEMESTER RESTRICTIONS FOR
THE STOCKTON UNIVERSITY COURSE CATALOG

Whereas, The Stockton University Student Senate is the elected voice of the 8,500 students who attend Stockton University, and

Whereas, the students of Stockton University have displayed a concern regarding lack of information on the semester restrictions of courses on the university course catalog, and

Whereas, this lack of information on the course catalog causes problems for students' class scheduling and has caused cases of late graduation with a number of students, and

Whereas, changing the Stockton University course catalog descriptions, as needed, would not adversely affect the students and staff of Stockton University, therefore be it

Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate, endorses the initiative for the implementation of including semester restrictions for the Stockton University Catalog course descriptions, and

Further

Resolved, the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this request to the Vice President for Student Affairs for further action.

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Committee: **Governmental Affairs**

Presiding: Maryam Sarhan

Members Present: Ike Ijekeme

Maurice Brandon

Deon Davis

Kimberly Emmanuel

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Republican Presidential Debate Viewing Party on February 25th at 8 pm in MR 1 was a success. The “Global Perspectives on Civic Engagement” on March 23rd was very insightful and powerful; thank you to each of our panelists: Professor Guia Apostle, Professor Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, Activist in Residence Rona Whitehead, and Student Engagement Advocate Liz Clayton. We would also like to thank Dr. Gerald Martin for his presentation “Careers in Higher Education” on March 22nd and for providing a place for Stockton students to learn about careers in higher education and student affairs.

This Thursday, Senator Deon will be hosting the event “What do You Want to Be When You Grow Up” on March 31st at 4:30 pm in the Board of Trustees. This event will focus on providing advice and guidance to students who are undecided by exposing them to professionals and educators who went through similar experiences in their undergraduate and professional careers. Food and ultra-credit will be available! Senator Kim will be meeting with Daniel Tome from the Office of Service Learning to discuss the New York Times. Senator Ike is exploring an initiative to promote diversity on campus, as a way to unify campus efforts of equity and inclusion to be held during Welcome Week. Senator Maurice is working on an initiative that would involve mock elections at Stockton to measure which presidential candidate Stockton students would vote for. This will be held on April 20th in the Campus Center Food Court from 9 am to 3 pm. Please come out to vote in Stockton’s mock elections!

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Steering Committee brought Professor Brian Levin to campus on March 21st to speak about Hate Crimes and Terrorism. This event was very enlightening and informational in regards to hate crimes and terrorism from a local, national and international level. Professor Levin urged all individuals to document and report hate crimes if they happen in order to strengthen efforts of holding individuals

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responsible for their crimes. This month has been a busy and productive month and I would like to sincerely thank all my members for their hard work and dedication!

Constitutional submissions for review from Patton:

1. Article III Section 6, G5. I want to amend this to read as: “The finance chair will present the proposed budgets to the executive cabinet. The executive cabinet will have the authority to suggest changes to the finance chair, to be considered at their next committee meeting (if time permits), before bringing them to the full senate.” The original reads as: “The finance chair will present the projected budgets to the executive cabinet. The executive cabinet will have the authority to give suggestions to the finance chair, and the Student Senate President will have the authority to make changes to the budgets before they go to the Full Senate for a vote.”

Motion passes 3-0-1

2. Article III Section 6, G11. I want to amend this statement to read “Approve, with the President, all student senate budget expenditures.”

Motion failed 0–0-4

This is already in the constitution.

3. There will be a sub note added under Article III Section 6, G11 (i), which will read as “If there is a disagreement between the Finance Chair and the President, the ultimate decision on the expenditure will be the responsibility of the executive cabinet.”

Motion amended to read:

“If there is a disagreement between the Finance Chair and the President, the ultimate decision on the expenditure will be the responsibility of the Full Student Senate.”

Motion passes 3-0-1

Student Senate accountability submissions for review from Nick:

Consent Agenda:

Figure 1: Student Senate Accountability Form (Chairs)

Figure 2: Student Senate Accountability Form (Senators)

Add Article IV Section 2 M

M. Meet with the Vice President for performance reviews.

1. Failure to meet will result in half an absence.

Add Article IV Section 5 N

N. Perform performance reviews with all senators at least once a semester. Performance reviews will be scheduled on any day with at least 48 hours prior notice. Senators who

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cannot attend the main day must meet individually with the Vice President within 3 weeks of the scheduled day. A maximum of 3 performance reviews shall be given each semester.

Add Article IV Section 6 F

F. Meet with the Vice President for Performance reviews.

1. Failure to meet will result in half an absence.

RELETTER Article IV Section 6 F-K

Add Article VII Section 2 J

J. Not attending performance reviews results in half an absence.

4. Motion to approve consent agenda by Maryam

Motion failed: 1-0-3

Discussion of the committee: Committee members felt that this system was unnecessary because they do not believe an accountability system is needed, and said that they would prefer to work on initiatives of the senate and working for the students rather than policing ourselves. They also noted that enforcement of the forms would be difficult, as it would be difficult to deduce from the forms who should or shouldn't be removed from the senate. They also noted that no forms were created for accountability of the President or Vice President. Nonetheless, the committee did not reach a consensus on whether an accountability system such as this is needed.

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STUDENT SENATE ACCOUNTABILITY FORM (CHAIRS)

Name: _____

Absences

Date: _____

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

1. Please list your goals from the beginning of the semester.
 - a. 1.
 - b. 2.
 - c. 3.

2. Did you accomplish your goals?
 - a. Yes No
 - b. Yes No
 - c. Yes No

3. If you did not accomplish your goals, explain the reason why.
 - a. 1.
 - b. 2.
 - c. 3.

4. What have you done this semester that shows you have gone above and beyond in your role as a chairperson?

5. What aspect of your position do you think you do well?

6. What aspect of your position do you think you need the most work on?

7. Is there anyone on your committee you feel is doing great work? Explain.

8. Is there anyone on your committee you feel is not doing their job? Explain.

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STUDENT SENATE ACCOUNTABILITY FORM (SENATORS)

Name: _____

Absences

Date: _____

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

1. Please list any tasks/assignments given to you, by your chair.
 - a. 1.
 - b. 2.

2. Did you accomplish your tasks/assignments?
 - a. Yes No
 - b. Yes No

3. If you did not accomplish your tasks/assignments, explain the reason why
 - a. 1.
 - b. 2.

4. What have you done this semester that shows you have gone above and beyond in your role as a senator?

5. What aspect of your position do you think you do well?

6. What aspect of your position do you think you need the most work on?

7. Rank your chair on how motivational and helpful they are with your committee. Explain
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5

8. Rank the performance of your chair? Do you have any feedback that could help them improve?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5

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Date: March 8th & 22nd, 2016

Committee: **Public Relations**

Presiding: Victoria Dambroski

Members Present: Dominic Martino

Jessica Cathcart

Mahalia Bazile

Viona Richardson

Members Absent: None

Members Late: None

Agenda:

The Public Relations committee has Meet the Candidates tonight, March 29th, at 8 pm in F-111. We will be hosting another fundraiser to raise funds to support the Students Helping Students Foundation. We are looking forward to everyone's support in our spring election period April 12-14th from noon to noon. The Public Relations Committee encourages all Ospreys to follow us @OspreySenate and like us on Facebook.

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Committee: **Student Affairs**

Presiding: Victoria Muraoka

Members Present: Ryan Greene

Alex Dannecker

Carly Bulgia

Mike Tuzzy

Members Late: None

Members Absent: None

Agenda:

During this meeting Alex and Victoria went to speak with clubs about the Unity March. Ryan was assigned to preside and get information about the next time the committee would be available. The week of the Unity March was filled with team work to make the event a success. The Unity March was hosted on March 25th. There were senators from the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee who showed their support of this event. There were a lot of eyes opened by the different struggles of our peers on campus. Student Affairs hosted this event because of the passion we have for the well-being and interpersonal lives of all the Stockton students. Student Affairs hopes to have this event as an annual and more collaborative effort for the years to come. Student Affairs is now focusing on the library hours on campus and getting more water filtration stations on campus.



March 8, 2016

TO: Stockton Faculty Senate
Committee on Administration and Finance
FROM: Stockton Student Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
RE: Request to add Majors to Diplomas

Last fall, the Student Senate began a discussion about the possibility of adding majors to Stockton's graduation diplomas. This suggestion was based on the premise that most students primarily identify with their major throughout their academic career, rather than by the more abstract Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. In other words, students tend to think of themselves as History, or Business, or Biology majors, not as BA or BS students. Consequently, through this petition, the Student Senate is asking whether their chief marker of academic identity (something that they have cultivated for the two, four, or five years, depending on when they transferred into Stockton) can be included on the diploma that commemorates their graduation.

I. STUDENT SURVEY

To gauge whether there was broad-based support for this initiative, the Academic Affairs Committee on the Student Senate conducted two surveys. The first survey went to Stockton's student body and asked: "Would you like to have your major included on your diploma?"

- The survey received 1,484 responses; Institutional Research currently lists 7,714 Full-Time Enrolled, or FTE, undergraduate students; 1,484 represents 19.2% of this population.
- Of these 1,484 responses, 98.5% said yes, they would prefer to have their major listed on their diploma; 1.5% said no.

Two additional questions were then distributed to students to determine whether they would be willing to receive their diplomas after graduation and whether they would be willing to increase the student graduation fee, if doing so meant they could have their majors printed on their diploma (1,064 students responded, representing 13.7% of the total undergraduate FTE). In both cases, students indicated strong support adding majors (84.3% of those responding were willing to receive diplomas at a later date, while 77.9% were willing to increase the student fee).¹ Details about both student surveys appear as Appendix A of this document.

¹ Response rates are comparable to past student surveys. Recent examples include:

Student Senate Survey re: Food Security (February 2015):	1,614 responses
Student Senate Survey re: University Status (March 2014):	1,001 responses
Faculty Senate Survey of Students re: University Status (March 2013):	1,095 responses

II. PEER INSTITUTIONS

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Senate also sought information about the practices of other colleges and universities in New Jersey, reaching out to 26 independent, state, public, private and research colleges in the state.

- Out of the 26 colleges and universities, sixteen (62%) responded affirmatively that they include majors on diplomas; 10 did not.
- Of these 16 who responded affirmatively, 5 were public colleges or universities, like Stockton. This means that of the 8 public institutions in New Jersey, 62% have chosen to include majors on their diplomas.

In many other practices, Stockton reinforces the connection between a student's identity and their major. The institution pairs students, for example, with preceptors that are in the same field of study, awards distinction by program, and organizes commencement activities such as seating and procession by major. Students also value their program and take pride in their accomplishments in their fields. We are asking that majors be included on diplomas so that students can continue to commemorate their academic achievement within their respective discipline after graduation on what is the final marker of a student's academic success. Thank you for considering this proposal.

APPENDIX A: Student Surveys

METHODOLOGY:

During the fall of 2015, Stockton students were asked to participate in two surveys to gauge interest in the addition of majors to graduation diplomas. Each survey required a "go.stockton.edu" email to participate, ensuring all responses would be from Stockton students, and only one response could be recorded per email.

STUDENT SURVEY #1:

The first survey launched on September 22, 2015 and ran for one week; a reminder email was sent out the day before the survey was scheduled to close. It was sent electronically to all freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors using campus listservs (reaching 7,714 full-time enrolled undergraduate students in all). It read as follows:

September 22, 2015

Subject: Diploma say WHAAT?

Greetings Ospreys,

Currently, the diploma at Stockton University only mentions if you have a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Sciences (BS) degree. There is no recognition of the major the student studied during their time at the University on the diploma. Through this poll, we the Student Senate, hope to determine whether or not the student body would prefer to have the major course of study included on their diploma.

Please click this link and let us know: <http://bit.ly/1KtInQ2>

This survey will close on Monday, September 28th, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out!

Go Ospreys!

This first survey consisted of only one question: "Would you like to have your major included on your diploma?" Students could opt to answer "Yes" or "No." Out of a possible 7,714 responses, 1,484 students participated, a response rate of 19.2%. Of these 1,484 students, 1,462 (or 98.5%) responded yes, they would like majors added to diplomas, while 22 students (or 1.5% of those responding) said no.

STUDENT SURVEY #2:

An additional student survey was launched on November 3, 2015 to collect more information on this topic. In this follow-up, students were asked whether they would be willing to forgo collecting their diploma the day of graduation if doing so meant that majors could be included on diplomas, and if they were willing to increase the student graduation fee should additional costs be required. Like the first survey, a link was sent to freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors

using campus listservs, and a valid Stockton email address was required for participation. This survey also ran for a week, with a reminder sent the day before the survey closed, and only one entry could be entered per email address. The second survey read as follows:

November 3, 2015

Subject: Diploma say WHAAT?

Good morning Ospreys,

The Student Senate is conducting two follow up questions in regards to Stockton University diplomas. From the initial survey, we had 1,484 responses with 98.5% saying they would like to have the major included on their diploma and 1.5% saying they would not.

Please click this link and let us know what you think: <http://bit.ly/1kp2VjV>

This survey will close on Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 at 10:00 am.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out!

Go Ospreys!

The survey itself consisted of two questions, described below. Out of a possible 7,714 responses, 1,063 students participated, a response rate of 13.7%. The breakdown of responses per question appears below.

"Would you be in favor of having your major on your diploma if it would mean not receiving it on commencement day?" Options: Yes or No

Out of 1,063 responses, 896 (84.3%) said yes and 167 (15.7%) said no.

"Would you be in favor of having your major included on your diploma if it meant receiving a fee increase of \$10 or less?" Options: Yes or No

Out of 1,063 responses, 828 (77.9%) said yes and 235 (22.1%) said no.