



**STUDENT SENATE MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

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## **Full Senate Meeting 9 September 2014**

Presiding: Carl Archut, Jr.

Members present: Louis M. Chevere  
Nick Persia  
Victoria Nucci  
Mike Tuozzolo  
Ziwei Li  
Tyler Graff  
Kiyle Osgood  
Tara Ricco  
Haley Matsinger  
Angelo Bechara  
Maryam Sarhan  
Maurice Brandon  
Brad Ross  
Lauren O’Neil  
Zayhira Roa  
Emily Zeck  
Noya Ilan  
Kristen “Murphy” Slagle  
Cristian Moreno  
Marina Barsoum  
Ar-Rasheed Brisco  
Alison Rocker

Members absent: None

Members late: None

Agenda/Business:

### **Approval of Minutes**

Carl called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and moved to approve the minutes from April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, seconded by Maryam.

Motion Passed: 20-0-01\*

\*Senators Abstained: Carl Archut, Jr.

## President Report

Hello and welcome back, my fellow Ospreys! I hope the summer has treated all of you well. This summer has been very productive and I am excited to share some of my goals and this update with all of you. As you can see, we are using a new meeting configuration to improve visual communication and make it easier to recognize Senators who wish to address the Senate. You have also noticed two other changes. First, we will be using a sign in sheet for students wishing to make public comments. This is being implemented for reasons of fairness. Students signing will be called upon in the order in which they signed in. Comments from faculty and administrators will follow student comments as time permits. You will also notice that prior to the start of the meeting that advertisements and announcements about campus events were scrolling. Since we are now displaying campus event announcements, we are asking such announcements no longer be made during the public comment portion of our meetings. Senators are being asked to follow this protocol as well.

Some of my goals this year involve increasing the number of candidates and number of students who vote during elections. For the fall election I hope to have 25 senate candidates and 1200 students vote. For the spring election I hope to have 40 senate candidates and 1500 students vote.

I am excited to announce that the Student Senate has invested in seventeen iPads, phase one of two, so that we can reduce the amount of paper wasted when the full senate meeting booklets are printed.

In an effort to enhance communication internally within the Student Senate, I created a blackboard class. With this class the Senators will be able to access all of the resources they will ever need, including table gallery request form; request for use of college facilities form; ULTRA program attendance form; co-curricular transcript consideration form; administrator contact information; and Senator Contact information. They will also have access to all of the training session videos, and archived meeting minutes. Not only will they have all of that information readily available for them, but each committee will have their own section, allowing them to communicate with one another and share their goals.

A task force was formed to address compensation. The compensation task force is chaired by and comprised of students who are not a part of the Student Senate. Another task force was formed to look into the possibility of restructuring the student senate to better serve the students at Stockton. This task force has a very diverse representation of clubs and organizations.

In an effort to better serve the student body the Student Senate has created a new program called, “*Students Helping Students*”. With this program we hope to be able to address specific pressing issues that students are facing. If you have a specific concern that you would like addressed, please contact a Senator. With your continued support we will be able to raise awareness about the issues affecting students and we will make a difference.

We established the first comprehensive motto “*Towards New Horizons*” to give Student Senate a new direction for the academic year. This year the Student Senate plans on being more visible,

approachable, goal oriented, and transparent in an effort to better serve the student body. You will see this “look” with this motto in all of our future publications.

I would like to thank Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, and Len Farber, Past Director of Student Development, because I was able to attend the NASPA Region II Conference at the Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey from June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the LeaderShape Institute in Atlanta, Georgia from July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

I would also like to thank the following administrators for their support in helping make the 2014 Student Senate Training a success:

Herman Saatkamp  
Harvey Kesselman  
Pedro Santana  
Craig Stambaugh  
Tom O’Donnell  
Denise O’Neil  
Steve Radwanski

Christy Cunningham  
Joe Marchetti  
Chartwells Dining Services  
Stockton Affiliated Services, Incorporated.  
John Perovich  
Debra Lanza

I really appreciate your commitment and dedication to the Student Senate. Training went very well and the material presented was well received by all.

Finally, I would like to announce that on September 3, 2014 a recommendation was made by the Pan-College Task Force on University Status to pursue a change in its official New Jersey status and name to that of a university. The Board of Trustees of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is expected to vote on September 17<sup>th</sup>

## **Vice President Report**

Carl yields the floor to Louis for his Vice President report. Fellow senators, as we begin another school year here at Stockton College, let us remember the integrity and honor we must uphold as “Student Senators.” As elected Student Senators, we must also remember that we are the face of the students of Stockton College; students of all races, creeds, residents, commuters, traditional and non-traditional students. We are servants to these students, so every second given during this semester and next will be crucial. They have placed their trust in us to make sure that their voices are heard and that their needs are satisfied. That is why we have implemented mandatory office hours for every senator.

The office hour schedule will be placed on the door of the Student Senate office and throughout the college campus. If a student is in need to talk to a senator, instantaneously the student will see this schedule and realize that a senator is present at the office at all times. Our mission is to not allow any student at this distinctive college to go unrecognized. If anyone has a concern, question, idea, or just a need to vent, a Student Senator will be present in our office at all times.

Again, integrity and honor is what we must uphold as “Student Senators.” So be mindful of social media and social events. Be mindful of your actions on and off campus. Be mindful of your well-being. Be mindful of your class work and any other obligations that you have taken upon yourself this semester. We are a team and must finish this school year as a team. Respect each other, the administrators, and the students we serve. But most importantly respect yourself. Let’s continue the hard work we have started this summer.

I would like to finish by giving thanks to the Student Development office, the Dean of Students office and all other offices of Student Affairs. We appreciate the training and guidance that everyone has bestowed o

## **Government Affairs Committee**

Carl yields the floor to Angelo to report for the Government Affairs Committee. Angelo thanked everyone for coming out. He then went on to say that in their committee meeting that they discussed their accomplishments this past summer. Maryam attended the last NJUS meeting for



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**Academic Affairs Committee**

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Presiding: Nick Persia

Members Present: Victoria Nucci  
Mike Tuozzolo  
Ziwei Li  
Tyler Graff 200 0u30.1BT1 0 0 1 75.024 565.78

### **Government Affairs Committee**

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Presiding: Angelo Bechara

Members Present: Maryam Sarhan  
Brad Ross

Members Absent: Maurice Brandon

Agenda/Business:

Thanks to Chartwells we will be advertising for the NY Times, by putting table tents on all the tables in the Cafeteria. Thanks to Service Learning we will have labels to put on them to further explain to students how to login.

Information on the trip to the National Constitution Center trip will be announced soon. The trip will be in the beginning of October.

Members of the Government Affairs Committee will be on “Talking with Anne” 1450AM on Saturday Sept 20 at 8am to talk about Politics and how the Political world affects college students.

We will hear back from the Up to Us organizers on October 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding our application that was submitted on Sept.17, 2014. The team met and answered the short answer questions collectively.

Maryam attended the first NJUS meeting of the year at William Paterson; Angelo would like to thank Maryam for her dedication to Student Senate. She gave up her whole Saturday for this and it says a lot about her passion for the Student body.

Angelo would like to thank the offices of Senator Jim Whelan, Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, and Assemblyman Chris Brown for their quick replies and easy communication. They will all be

**Public Relations Committee**

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>



## **Finance Committee**

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Presiding: Kiyle Osgood

Members Present: Haley Matsinger  
Tara Ricco

Members Absent: None

Agenda/Business:

The Finance Committee has created their new universal email address that will move to eliminate confusion and problems that has risen in the past.

New Business

1. Stockton Dance Club is having the annual American College Dance Association Conference. This conference provides the opportunity for 20 students to explore dancing further. The original requested amount was \$4715.60. **Adjusted amount is \$4,400.**

**Motion Passed: 3-0-0**

2. Richard Stockton College Model Un (RSCMUN) will be sending two head delegates to accompany the 6 Stockton students that will compete in this conference. The original requested amount was \$4,264.90. **Adjusted amount is \$1,750.** The finance Committee worked with the office of the Provost to fund this activity for the Colleges 20/20 initiative

**Motion Passed: 3-0-0**

3. The Speech and Hearing club will be attending an annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference in Orlando Florida. Attending this trip will be four members of the clubs executive committee. The original request amount was \$2,056.72. **The adjusted amount is \$1,950.**

**Motion Passed: 3-0-0**

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