



Stockton Provost a Founding Board Member of National Association of Chief Academic Officers

Dr. Harvey Kesselman to Help Advise on National Trends in Education

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Galloway Township, NJ - Dr. Harvey Kesselman, provost and executive vice president of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has been elected to the inaugural Board of Directors of the Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO).

The ACAO is the first national organization representing chief academic officers, such as provosts and vice presidents for academic affairs, from all accredited higher education institutions. The organization provides a forum for discussing important academic affairs issues, as well as an environment where CAOs can communicate with, inform and educate one another.

The American Council on Education (ACE), in its role as a convener for higher education associations, assisted in the organization's start-up.

Dr. Kesselman is one of 16 college and university officials from around the nation chosen for the board of the ACAO. He was elected March 9 in San Diego at the American Council of Education's annual meeting.

"On a personal level, this is an honor," said Dr. Kesselman. "More importantly, my election represents the respect that Stockton has on the national level, and the work we have done to remain at the forefront of a number of academic initiatives."

Dr. Kesselman is an authority on a broad range of academic issues, with over 30 years of experience in higher education. He is a 1979 graduate of Stockton, where his previous leadership roles have included Dean of the School of Education; CEO of the Southern Regional Institute (SRI) and Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC); Interim Vice President for **-more-**

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Administration and Finance; Vice President for Student Affairs; and Director of Institutional Research and Planning.

He has been appointed by four different New Jersey governors to represent public colleges and universities on higher education issues including institutional effectiveness, campus judicial affairs, student financial aid, and utilizing technology in the curriculum.

Dr. Kesselman currently serves on the New Jersey Higher Education Leadership Team (NJ HELT), which is preparing colleges for new tests that will impact all New Jersey public school students, teachers and college personnel. He also serves on the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), which oversees more than \$1 billion dollar in financial aid.

ACAO has enrolled 75 institutions as charter members, in addition to association and individual members. The organization is actively soliciting institutional, association and individual members. Membership information is available at ACAO's website, www.acao.org.

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