OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: Stockton Faculty and Staff

FROM: Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Acting President

The Office of Computer and Telecommunication Services supports the University in the following major functional areas: Academic Computing (Teaching, Learning, and Research), Administrative Computing, End-User Training and Support, Communications and Networking, and Systems Administration and Operation. Computer and Telecommunication Services is an extraordinarily responsive department that is highly regarded by faculty, students and staff at Stockton University.

As one of several administrative changes, the Office of Computer and Telecommunication Services will now report to the President’s Office, and Bob Heinrich’s title will be changed to Chief Information Officer (CIO). The CIO will become a member of the President’s Cabinet and will provide a comprehensive, strategic vision for Information Technology that will align with and enhance Stockton’s mission. This change is supported strongly by two external consultants who conducted a comprehensive review of the University’s computer and telecommunication services this past year.

While the core functions of the Office of Computer and Telecommunication Services serves the institution extremely well, the consultants emphasized that Stockton’s academic and facility plans have major technological implications that are of strategic and budgetary significance. Implementing these plans and developing future strategies requires a dedicated IT leader at the Cabinet level. Further support for this administrative move can be found in the May 2015 Educational Advisory Board IT Forum Report, where it is reported that the most common reporting line of the CIO is to the President or Chief Business Officer.

Please join me in congratulating Bob Heinrich on his title change.