

**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES
October 18, 2006**

- Trustees Present:** Dr. Clarence C. Hoover, III., Chair
Dr. James Yoh, Vice Chair
Ms. Emma N. Byrne
Mr. Albert L. Gutierrez
Michael Jacobson, Esq.
Mr. Andrew D. Klimkowski, Student Trustee
Mr. Matthew Ashe, Student Trustee Alternate
Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Ex Officio
- Trustees Absent:** Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw
Mr. Stanley M. Ellis
- Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Hoover called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 the Board Room K-203k. On September 5, 2006, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting was (a) posted in the Business Services Office of the College, (b) sent to the editors of *The Press* and the *Vineland Times Journal*, and (c) filed with the Secretary of State, (d) Galloway Township Clerk's Office and (e) Atlantic County Clerk's Office.
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions voted on and approved by Consent Agenda.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2006:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Klimkowski and seconded by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of September 13, 2006
- Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Yoh and seconded by Trustee Gutierrez, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution to Meet in Closed Session.
- Return from Closed Session:** Chairman Hoover reconvened the Open/Public Session at 3:30 p.m.
- Report of the Chair:** Trustee Hoover stating that he was honored to serve as Chair of the Board. He stated that the board would now utilize consent agendas to aid in moving the meetings forward. Letters will be sent to individuals inviting them to serve on one of the trustee subcommittees for a period of one year. He concluded by commenting that his goal would be to have open communication with the constituent population. The Board's role, he said, is to listen, help and serve.
- President's Report:** President Saatkamp recognized Dr. Darryl G. Greer, Executive Director of New Jersey Association of Colleges (NJASCU), who during his 20 plus years as head of NJASCU, has been a strong advocate for Stockton and the other New Jersey State college and universities.

President Saatkamp mentioned that New Jersey and the nation were facing serious challenges in terms of higher education; however, Stockton was doing well. He noted the positive fall opening of school in terms of increased student enrollment, new faculty and staff; the opening of the F-Wing Overbuild, the honors program, the Institute for Faculty Development, and the recent open house which had record attendance (1,500 people). He also commented on the successful Homecoming/Alumni weekend and Alumni mixer held in Philadelphia.

Report of the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee:

Trustee Klimkowski reported the Committee met on October 12 to review the conceptual designs of the College Center and Housing V. The Committee was pleased with the new design of the College Center, which appears to be student friendly and innovative in its design. President Saatkamp remarked that the students applauded the conceptual design.

Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee:

Trustee Gutierrez reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee was still awaiting architectural and artistic renderings of the external aspects of the College Center. The Committee was encouraged by the positive feedback from students to the structural recommendation changes.

Report of the Student Affairs Committee:

Chairman Hoover reported that there were no action items and therefore there was no report at this time.

Report of the Finance Committee:

Committee Chair Stan Ellis was present earlier in the day for the Finance Committee meeting; however he was not able to attend the Open/Public meeting. On behalf of Trustee Ellis, Chairman Hoover reported the Board would move forward by Consent Agenda on the following action items:

Confirming FY07 Bid Waiver for Hobson's Enrollment Technology (\$200,000) for an enrollment management technology and recruitment product called *Connect and Apply*. The payment schedule is \$50,000 per year for four years. **Two (2) Satellite Dishes at E & N Wings** (\$128,516) will be connected to dish control devices in the Media Department. The project was previously approved by the Audit & Finance Committee at the April, 2005 meeting. The estimated start and completion date are December, 2006 and February 2007, respectively. **Solar Energy System for Student Housing I, IV, and V.** Sterling Planet, Inc. will design, construct, own, operate and maintain the hot water and electricity production equipment and to sell the energy output associated with the College.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Klimkowski, the Board to adopt the resolutions.

Chairman Hoover also called for a motion to approve Managerial Compensation for Fiscal Year 2007. Management employees and nonaligned professional employees shall receive a performance increase of 2% effective January 1, 2007, which will not exceed the maximum of their salary range. Upon a motion made by Trustee Yoh

and second by Trustee Gutierrez, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention by Trustee Klimkowski.

Report of the Development Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Emma Byrne, reported her committee met to discuss goals for the upcoming year, which include raising \$1 million in donations, improving fundraising events, cultivating current and future donor relationships, and working more closely with departments on campus to improve the marketing and branding of the College.

Trustee Byrne reported the 2007 Spring Benefit will be held on April 21, 2007 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ. Trump Organization President, Mark Juliano has agreed to be the honorary chair and Mac and Kay Seeling have agreed to serve as the co-chairs. New this year will be a series of subcommittee chairs. Each will be asked to commit to or raise a minimum dollar amount. The intent is increase the amount raised over last year's \$550,000. The Golf Outing grossed \$80,000, and netted \$50,000, twice the amount raised from last year. Trustee Byrne thanked Mr. Charles Kramer (Foundation Board member), Ms. Bev Pagano, Events Manager for the Office of Development, and the Development staff for their support and assistance.

Alumni weekend this year drew 500 people; twice as many as last year. For the first time, a mailing was sent to all 33,000 Stockton alumni. Trustee Byrne also reported on the series of five regional alumni mixers planned in the coming year. The first was held in Philadelphia and attracted over 100 alumni. The second will be held in Hoboken, NJ and the remaining events will take place in New Jersey.

Chairman Hoover reported the Annual Campaign will start soon and noted that letters would soon be mailed to the Board, the College community, and friends of the College.

Report of the Audit Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Albert Gutierrez, reported that discussions were ongoing with the College administration in implementing some of the stands under Sarbanes Oxley. The Board will soon receive recommendations for modifications to the Committee charter along with other procedural enhancements to improve transparency and integrity.

Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule (December 2006-December 2009):

Upon a motion made by Trustee Yoh and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule (Dec. 2006-Dec. 2009).

President Saatkamp remarked the Board of Trustees schedule was coordinated with the Personnel Actions calendar and with the committee structure in mind; the number of meetings were reduced from seven to five. The Executive Committee would act on behalf of the Board if necessary between sessions.

Personnel Resolution:

Upon a motion by Trustee Yoh and seconded by Trustee Gutierrez, the Board adopted the resolution, with an abstention from Trustee Klimkowski.

Other Business:

There was no other business to come before the Board at this time.

Comments from the Public:

Chairman Hoover opened the floor for comments from the public.

Mr. Stephen B. Davis, President of The Council of Black Faculty & Staff announced the Council's 25th Annual Awards Dinner & Dance will be held on November 9, 2006 at the House of Blues in Atlantic City. This year's honorees include Dr. Willie B. Clayton, Jr. (Stockton alum) and Ms. Redenia Gilliam-Mosee. The Distinguished Alumnae being recognized are Ms. Valerie Brown-Sanders ('85) and Ms. Marjorie Barnes ('90). The Honorary Chair for this year's event will be President Emerita, Dr. Vera King Farris. President Saatkamp announced the Council was among the first last year to endow a \$100,000 scholarship in the Foundation for matching funds.

Provost David Carr thanked the Board for approving the appointment of Dr. Haliime Omur, Affiliated Professor of Physics, who is on sabbatical leave and has chosen to work at Stockton; awarding of tenure to Dr. Cheryl Kaus, Dean of SOBL and Professor of Psychology; and the program transfer of Dr. Tara Crowell, Associate Professor of Public Health.

Mr. Chuck Klein, Vice President of Administration and Finance introduced the College's new Controller, Mr. Thomas Walsh.

Ms. Cynthia B. Sosnowski, Director of Professional Development and Continuing Education for Health Sciences and Human Services announced that the College secured funding for a collaborative project with the Office of Continuing Education of Atlantic Cape Community College. The funding, \$750,000 over three years with a first year award of \$300,000, was awarded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. It will support a regional initiative titled the Atlantic-Cape Safe Youth Partnership. The Partnership project will enable Stockton and ACCC to provide training, consultation, technical assistance, and other resources to help build infrastructure in non-profit, community and faith-based organizations so that they can better address the issues of youth and gang violence and child abuse and neglect in our region. Chairman Hoover congratulated Ms. Sosnowski and others for receiving the grant.

Dr. Darryl Greer provided a brief history of the trustee autonomy in New Jersey. He reported that the upcoming year would be challenging for the state institutions; however is expressed confidence in the eighteen-member NJASCU Board to represent in interests of the colleges. Dr. Greer also stated that Dr. Saatkamp was Chair of the President's Council within the Association. In closing, Dr. Greer stated he was pleased to be on campus today and he encouraged members of the Board to call on him with any issues they may have and wished the board continued success.

Comments from the Board:

Chairman Hoover announced he would like to incorporate a new

section into the meeting agenda titled Comments from Board Members.

Trustee Jacobson inquired if there had been any further discussions concerning continuing the current level of autonomy or restricting it in the future? President Saatkamp responded a committee was appointed by Governor Corzine to look at efficiency and effectiveness in higher education. The principle focus of that committee has been on UMDMJ and Rutgers and how to deal with the mergers that might occur with those two institutions. At the same time, they are looking at how other institutions might be better coordinated. Additionally, the Governor does not believe in establishing another department of higher education; however there have been discussions about how to establish systems. There continues to be ongoing discussions.

Dr. Greer stated the fiscal condition in New Jersey was one of the worst in America. Moreover, there is a cloud hanging over the state higher education system right now and that the Governor, Legislature and Board of Trustees of UMDNJ were doing everything within their authority to win back its Health Science Center at UMDMJ, of which several Stockton faculty and the President are affiliated. Dr. Greer commended the Board for making sound decisions, even tough very difficult fiscal times. In closing, Dr. Greer reminded the Board that they must stay vigilant and reminded them that the responsibilities and duties that they hold were attained through hard work on behalf of the previous trustees and friends in higher education.

Trustee Jacobson replied that the trustee have always taken their responsibility seriously and welcomed the opportunity to show state officials and the public at large how well the system generally runs given the autonomy of state college boards.

Chairman Hoover congratulated Trustee Gutierrez on be honored by The Boy Scouts of America.

Next Meeting:

Chairman Hoover announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be in the Multipurpose Room of the Townsend Residential Life Center on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

For the College,

Brian K. Jackson, Assistant Secretary to the Board

Approved at the December 13, 2006 Board Meeting