

**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
May 6, 2009**

Trustees Present:

Mr. Stanley Ellis, Vice Chair
Ms. Emma Byrne
Ms. Mady Deininger
Mr. Albert L. Gutierrez
Michael Jacobson, Esq.
Mr. Dean C. Pappas
Mr. Brian A. Sena, Student Trustee
Mr. Dennis Coyle, Student Trustee Alternate
Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, President and Ex Officio

Trustees Absent:

Dr. James Yoh, Chair
Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Secretary
Dr. Clarence C. Hoover

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in Room K-203. On November 10, 2006, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act were sent (a) sent to the Business Services Office of the College, (b) the editors of *The Press and the Vineland Times Journal*, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State, (d) Galloway Township Clerk's Office and (e) Atlantic County Clerk's Office.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2009:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2009 as amended, with an abstention by Trustee Byrne.

Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Pappas and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to meet in closed session.

Return from Closed Session:

Vice Chairman Ellis reconvened the open/public session at 3:30 p.m., upon the Board's return from closed session.

Public Hearing (3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) College Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2009-2010

President Saatkamp reported that by statute, the College must conduct a public hearing on tuition and fees prior to the end of the Spring semester; however, a decision would not likely be made until the State Budget is approved in July. Budget scenarios have been run to include a 3%, 5% and a 7% tuition increase. In terms of cuts and unfunded mandates given by the state, the College will receive about \$5.5 million less than last year. The College cannot make up the cuts and unfunded mandates by tuition increases (\$418,000 per percentage increase). In order to make up the difference, tuition would have to increase by approximately 13%. The College, Dr. Saatkamp said, will reduce the Administration and Finance budget by nearly \$2 million, in addition to institute other efficiencies.

President Saatkamp also reported on the utilization of Federal Stimulus funding. The federal guidelines indicate that the State should use the \$37 million to support institutions and thereby offset tuition increases; however, the

Governor's budget does not utilize these funds for state colleges and universities. If the federal funds come to the institutions, then tuition increases would be at the low end of that continuum (3%). Conversely, if the State decides not to provide stimulus funding, tuition rates may reach the high end of the continuum. For Stockton, President Saatkamp said, the high end of 7% would be the lowest increase in 6 years.

Even with the budget cuts, President Saatkamp said, the number of faculty will grow this fall by 7.5 lines and scholarships will increase by \$2.7 million (for a total of \$6 million) coming directly from the College. In addition, the College instituted tuition discounting for the Summer and flat rate tuition discounting for next academic year.

Mr. Matthew Altier, Vice President for Administration and Finance, reported in addition to the \$2 million in cuts to the operations of the College, the flat rate tuition discount has increased the credit load per student, which should increase enrollment. In addition, residential housing increases will be kept to a minimal, and costs kept as low as possible over the next year.

President Saatkamp concluded that in difficult economic times, his most difficult tasks are to maintain the quality of the academic programs and student services and avoid layoffs.

Vice Chairman Ellis opened the floor to comments from the public. Mr. Tim Haresign, President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers, spoke briefly regarding the collaborative efforts of the faculty and administration. He commented the union is in disagreement with the State regarding the application of stimulus funding for higher education.

President Saatkamp remarked that one of the criteria for access to federal stimulus funding for higher education requires each state to maintain funding at the 2006 or 2008 level. New Jersey has not maintained either the 2006 or the 2008 level support for higher education. The State would have to bring its funding up to one of those levels or receive an exemption.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Vice Chairman Ellis, the Tuition and Fees hearing was closed at 3:50 p.m.

Report of the Chair:

Vice Chairman Ellis commented he and the Board hope the Governor and the State will be in a position to provide stimulus funding necessary to maintain the quality of education for all the public higher education institutions in New Jersey. He commended the College for its commitment to providing a high quality, affordable education while also increasing faculty and scholarships. Vice chairman Ellis also noted the success of the Spring Benefit Gala, the re-opening of the Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, and Spring Commencement.

President's Report:

President Saatkamp remarked how the report of activities from the faculty and staff has become more and more impressive. He singled out the Physical Therapy Doctorial program, noting the first class completed the state test with a 100% passing rate (scoring above the State and national mean score). He congratulated Ms. Bess Kathrins, Professor of Physical Therapy, and the program in the School of Health Sciences on its success.

President Saatkamp announced the Spring Benefit Gala was successful, particularly in an economic downturn, and exceeded the goal of \$750,000 (at least \$760,000 raised). The re-opening of the Holocaust Resource Center attracted over 300 attendees. A matching gift program was announced that evening, raising about \$110,000. An additional \$100,000 estate gift was also received. Nearly \$1 million was raised in a week.

President Saatkamp stated graduation will be held on Saturday, May 9. Dr. Gary Loveman, CEO of Harrah's Entertainment will be the speaker and will receive an honorary degree during the morning ceremony, in addition to the awarding of some Distinguished Service Awards. Vice President Marchetti will speak at the afternoon ceremony. Dr. Marchetti will step down as Vice President for Student Affairs at the end of June and will hold a 6 month position within the Provost's Office, and then transition to a full-time faculty position in the School of Education for Spring semester 2010.

President Saatkamp introduced the film titled *Rails of the Holocaust: A Journey to Stockton College*. He described the three rails that form the canopy above the entrance to the Schoffer Holocaust Center as being "heavy over your head as you imagine the rails transporting people to the death camps. The rails also serve as a compass which points to the Holocaust to education; where the only hope we have of stopping genocide or at least alleviating or ameliorating it is through education." The film highlights how Stockton came to acquire the rails.

**Report of the Academic
Affairs & Planning
Committee:**

Dr. David Carr, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported the Academic Affairs & Planning Committee met on Monday, May 4th via teleconference. He stated the committee recommended the Board approve several resolutions being brought forth today. He also stated the Committee reviewed and discussed the R&PD Committee Internal Grant Recommendations for FY2010.

**Approval of Program
Announcement: Bachelor
of Fine Arts Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution

**R&PD Recommendations
Committee Internal Grants
Recommendations for
FY2010:**

Provost Carr reported that the R&PD Committee met March 16, 2009 to evaluate applications for Internal Grants for FY2010. All members participated in the discussions and every proposal was given full consideration. The Committee received 36 applications, requesting a total of \$192,060. Based on the discussions, recommendations were made for 25 projects for awards totaling \$135,361.

**Acknowledgment of
Service as Director of The
Institute for Faculty
Development Resolution:**

Provost Carr recommended the approval of a resolution in recognition of Dr. Sonia Gonsalves, Professor of Psychology and Director of Institute for Faculty Development. Her leadership, scholarship and teaching, he said, has heavily impacted the students and faculty and has contributed significantly to the Stockton community. She will be presented a plaque at the Fall Faculty Conference. Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

Mathematics and Science

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the

**Partnership Grant
Resolution:**

Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Report of the Student
Affairs Committee:**

Trustee Jacobson, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee reported the committee met this morning and reviewed this year's recipients of the Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Student awards.

**Stockton Board of
Trustees Fellowships for
Distinguished Students:**

Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Dean of Student Affairs, introduced the students being awarded the Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Student: Ms. Shelia McCloy-Nuss and Ms. Patricia Michelloti. Each student received \$1,000 to support their research for the summer break/fall 2009 semester.

**Report of the Buildings
and Grounds Committee:**

President Saatkamp reported the building of the Campus Center is moving forward and is on schedule.

**Report of the Finance
Committee:**

Trustee Stan Ellis, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met this morning to review several items recommended by the Finance Committee for approval. There were also several issues brought up at the last Board meeting in February that the committee reviewed, including; the impact on the change in tuition for the graduate programs and tuition waivers for children of retired employees of the College. The administration will continue evaluating the tuition waiver issue for further consideration at the next meeting.

**FY2010 Housing Rents
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Identity Theft Prevention
Program Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Authorization to Participate
in the Credit Card
Agreement Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Authorizing the President
or his Designee to
Purchase Real Property
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention from Trustee Sena.

**FY10 Bid Waiver
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention vote from Trustee Jacobson on bid waivers for AtlantiCare Health Services, Atlantic City Electric, South Jersey Gas, and Verizon.

**FY09 Bid Waiver
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Pappas and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention vote from Trustee Jacobson on the bid waiver for Atlantic City Electric.

**Tuition and Fees Cap for
Graduate Students
Resolution:**

Trustee Ellis commented the resolution on tuition and fee caps for graduate students is in response to the comments made by a graduate student during the February 18 Open/Public meeting and letters received by the College. Vice President Altier remarked the administration decided to spread the increase on graduate tuition over time to allow the various programs to adjust their curriculum, thereby lessening the impact of the increase. Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt

the resolution.

**Continuation of FY2009
Budget into FY2010**

Resolution:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

**Report of the Investment
Committee:**

Trustee Stan Ellis, Chair of the Investment Committee, said the committee continues to monitor the College's investment portfolio. College investments are performing well considering the challenging economic times.

**Report of the Audit
Committee:**

Committee Chair, Trustee Gutierrez, reported the audit will be completed within the next couple of weeks. The committee is also reviewing proposals from potential auditors for the next auditing cycle. He noted that he also reviewed the internal Auditors Work Plan (focusing on high economic volume, high economic value, or areas that have the potential to be problem prone because of they usually involve a significant amount of transaction). Areas to be audited over the next couple of months include computer services. The Committee will also evaluate issues dealing with capital expansion, documentation relating to scope of work, and change orders. Trustee Gutierrez also reported that the College received a positive correspondence from the State with regards to a successful customized grant audit.

**Report of the Development
Committee:**

Committee Chair, Trustee Emma Byrne, reported the Gala was a huge success and she acknowledged the Development Office staff and benefit committee whose efforts led to exceeding the goal of \$750,000. Trustee Byrne acknowledged the College's Foundation Board for providing a stipend to support the production of the film, *Rails of the Holocaust: A Journey to Stockton College*. She also reported that, to date, all contributions and dollars contributed as of April 30, 2009 totaled \$1.4 million, which exceeds the amount raised last year by several hundred thousand dollars. The Annual Fund also realized 62 additional donors over last year. In closing, Trustee Byrne commented the *Gift Policy and Guidelines* document has been reviewed and accepted by the Foundation Board Executive Committee. The Foundation Board will take action on the document at their meeting next week. Once approved, the document will be presented to the College's Board.

**Confirmation of Actions of
the Executive Committee
on April 13, 2009 – Revised
Undergraduate Tuition
Discount for Summer
Session 2009; Conferral of
Distinguished Service
Award for Mac and Kay
Seelig; and Pre-
Authorization of the
Personnel Resolution:**

Vice Chairman Ellis requested the Board vote on all items under the Confirmation of Actions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on April 13, 2009: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board adopted all three resolutions, with an abstention on the Pre-Authorized personnel resolution from Trustee Sena.

**Personnel Actions
Resolution (distributed):**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention from Trustee Sena.

Other Business:

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

Comments from the Public:

Tim Haresign, President of the Stockton Federal of Teachers, spoke briefly

regarding concerns over conflicts in recommendations made during the personnel process, specifically regarding faculty tenure. He read a statement from excerpts of guidelines from the American Association of University Professors on Governance of Colleges and Universities.

President Saatkamp remarked he shared some of the same concerns expressed by Professor Haresign; however he pointed out that of the 52 faculty files up for consideration, there were far more cases where there was disagreement between the faculty committees as opposed to two cases involving the administration and the faculty. He also explained that he would like to spend some times with the Faculty Review Committee to talk about providing explanations for disagreements with the votes. President Saatkamp concluded his comments by noting that this was the best group of files he said seen from the faculty in his six years as President.

Provost Carr introduced the President-Elect of the Stockton Faculty Senate, Dr. Robert Helsabeck, Professor of Sociology. Dr. Helsabeck noted the new Senate structure will be more effective in forming a genuine collaboration with the administration.

Comments from the Board of Trustees:

There were no comments from the Board at this time be raised again at the next board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting:

Vice Chairman Ellis announced the next regularly meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at The Carnegie Library Center, 35 South Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Atlantic City, NJ at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ellis, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

For the Board

Brian K. Jackson, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees on July 8, 2009.