## THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OPEN/PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2014

Trustees Present:

Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Chair Mr. Dean C. Pappas, Vice Chair Ms. Mady Deininger (80'), Secretary Mr. Stanley M. Ellis, Ex Officio

Ms. Emma N. Byrne

Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA ('79)

Dr. Clarence C. Hoover, III.

Ms. Barbara Morvay Leo B. Schoffer, Esq.

Mr. Michael "Ben" Peoples, Student Trustee Mr. Kiyle Osgood, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Herman Saatkamp, President and Ex Officio

**Trustees Absent-Excused:** 

Michael Jacobson, Esq.

Dr. James Yoh

Call to Order:

Chairperson Bashaw called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Conference Room (K-203k). On January 14, 2013 and April 28, 2014, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act was (a) posted on the College's Website, (b) sent to the Business Services/Bursar's Office at the College, (c) the editors of The Press and The Daily Journal, (d) filed with the Secretary of the State, and (e) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, (f) Galloway Township Clerk's Office,

and (g) 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 19, 2014:

Upon a motion by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 19, 2014. Trustees Hoover and Peoples abstained.

Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:

Upon a motion by Trustee Hoover and second by Trustee Morvay, the Board voted to meet in Closed Session.

Report of the Chair:

Chairperson Bashaw reconvened the Open/Public Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Board Room. Trustee Bashaw congratulated the faculty and staff for an outstanding academic year. He also acknowledged the Development Office, Foundation board everyone and Gala committee, for their time and effort into creating a successful Annual Scholarship Gala on April 24, 2014.

Public Hearing on Academic Tuition and Fees – Effective FY2015 (3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.): Chairman Bashaw called upon President Saatkamp, to open the Public Hearing on Academic Term Tuition and Fees – Effective FY2015. Dr. Saatkamp stated that at one time, the state's funding was stable, which would have allowed the board to pass the annual tuition and fees in the Spring; however, the current circumstances in the State do not provide such a benefit. He said there would likely be a tuition and fee increase for FY2015; however, until the state budget is passed, no decision would be made on tuition and

fees. The recommendations will come forward at the July 9, 2014 Board meeting. At the same time the College has a sense of where its heading, so Meal Plan Rates for AY2014-15, FY15, housing fees, and other fees today will be passed today, which include very modest increases.

In closing Dr. Saatkamp said that great care will be taken regarding tuition and fees, and he noted that last year, Stockton was one of two state institutions that had a zero increase in tuition.

President Saatkamp opened the floor up for comments from the public. There were no additional comments.

### President's Report:

President Saatkamp acknowledged Student Trustee Michael "Ben" Peoples, who was graduating in May 2014. Ben also participated in the Washington, DC. Internship Program, and was offered a permanent position where he interned. President Saatkamp and Trustee Bashaw presented Trustee Peoples with a gift in appreciation of his service.

### Special Recognition of Trustee Clarence C. Hoover, Ill:

President Saatkamp recognized Trustee Clarence C. Hoover, III. who was stepping down from the Board effective July 1, 2014. Trustee Hoover was appointed to the board in 2002 and served the Board extremely well, including his tenure as a past board chair. Dr. Saatkamp acknowledged the accomplishments of Dr. Hoover and commented his leadership would be deeply missed and thanked him for his commitment to Stockton, state of New Jersey, and community.

Dr. Hoover was also an advocate for diversity and inclusion, and was helpful in student recruitment, and played a pivotal role in the overall growth and development of the College during his tenure.

Trustee Hoover was presented with a "Stockton" Chair, in recognition of his hard work, dedication and leadership on the Board for 12-years. Dr. Saatkamp commented he hoped, the chair will remind him of how much he'll be missed at Stockton.

Chairman Bashaw remarked on behalf of the board that, Dr. Hoover was admired for his service and mentorship to board members, as most joined after his appointment. Trustee Bashaw also added, Stockton has thrived during his tenure, and the Board was sorry to see him depart, and wished him the best in this future endeavors.

Trustee Hoover commended he was deeply touched by the gift and thoughtfulness of the Board. He remarked it had been a pleasure so serve on the board and he enjoyed being a part of the Stockton community.

## Report of the Academic Affairs and Planning Affairs Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Pappas, reported the committee met earlier in the day and unanimously recommended approval of the following resolutions on the consent agenda, going forward for Board approval.

Conferral of *Doctor of Humane Letters* for Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Creating Writing, Mr. Stephen Dunn (Consent): Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoover and second by Trustee Morvay, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. Mr. Dunn will be the morning speaker for the May 11, 2014 Baccalaureate Commencement ceremony and will receive the

recognition at that time.

Conferral of *Distinguished Service Award* for Mr. Anthony S. Cicatiello (Consent): Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoover and second by Trustee Morvay, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. Mr. Cicatiello will be the afternoon speaker for the May 11, 2014 Commencement ceremony, and would receive the recognition at that time.

**Distinguished Service Award for Ms. Lori S. Herndon, RN, BSN, and MBA ('92) (Consent):** Upon a motion made by Trustee Morvay and second by Trustee Morvay, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. Ms. Herndon will be the speaker for the May 9, 2014 Doctoral and Master's Degree Commencement ceremony, and will receive the recognition at that time.

Conferral of Posthumous Degree for the late Henry Y. Lee (Consent): Mr. Lee passed away in March 2014 at the age of 27. Upon a motion made by Trustee Hover and second by Trustee Morvay, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

### Report of the Student Affairs & Planning Committee:

Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students introduced the recipients of the Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students:

- Amanda Archambault, a sophomore, majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice, project titled, "Homicidal Ideations."
- Jared Bland, a senior, majoring in Applied Physics, project titled, "An Exploration of the Klein-Gordon Equation."
- Kedar Dockery, a sophomore, majoring in Historical Studies, whose project titled, "Historical Sites from the Past: Lessons for Today."
- Kevin Hesson, a junior, majoring in Historical Studies, project titled, "Study
  of Crusader Castles on the Islands of Rhodes, Cyprus and the Southern
  Coast of Turkey."
- Madeline Kosten, a junior, majoring in Literature, project titled, "Holocaust Education for Middle School Students."
- Lauren Kropa, a sophomore, majoring in Health Science, project titled, "Space Between."

This was the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the program and 228 fellowships have been awarded. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 award. Committee Chair, Trustee Morvay, congratulated the students on their research projects, and thanked the faculty advisors for their time and commitment.

# Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee Report:

Trustee Schoffer, chair, reported the committee met earlier in the day and unanimously recommended Board approval of the following consent agenda items:

**Increase in Bid Waivered Contracts (Consent)**: Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the revised resolution.

**FY15 & Multiple Year Bid Waivers (Consent):** Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the revised resolution.

Meal Plan Rates for AY2014-15 (Consent): Trustee Schoffer reported the there was a modest increase (in line with contractual increase to Chartwells).

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

**FY15 Housing Rents (Consent):** Trustee Schoffer reported the there was a modest increase. Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

Continuation of FY2014 Budget into FY2015 (Consent): Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

Waiver of Facility Fees for International Courses Instructed Abroad (Consent): Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

Academic Term Fees – Effective FY2015: Schoffer commented this resolution was discussed early by President Saatkamp under Pubic Hearing. The resolution provided for a continuation of the existing fees; accept for a minor \$5.00 increase in Transportation Fees. Upon a motion made by Trustee Deininger and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

#### **Report of Audit Committee:**

Trustee Ciccone, Chair, reported the Audit Committee has been active over the last few months in connection with the contract ending with the current auditors, ParenteBeard. There were interviews held with several firms for both audit, tax, and consulting services related to Seaview. The meetings concluded with the Audit Committee deciding to award the auditing and tax services to The CliftonLarsonAllen, a national firm.

### Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

President Saatkamp reported the committee met earlier in the day to discuss the College's Master Plan, immediate projects coming up next year (ADA Compliance), and review of proposals for the new Unified Science Building addition, discussion regarding possible expansion sites on satellite campuses, and the planned sustainability building.

### Report of the Development Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Deininger, commented on the success of the Spring Gala celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Seaview and the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Saatkamp. She announced the overall campaign was \$23.5 million to date, with nearly \$700,000 donated by approximately 500 College faculty and staff. Foundation assets now total more than \$27 million. She stated looked forward to expressing her gratitude during a Foundation board teleconference on Thursday, May 8 (on behalf of the Board of Trustees).

Dr. Phil Ellmore, Chief Development Officer stated the Foundation Board continues its implementation of their strategic plan, which is almost a year into the process focusing on three areas: expanding the Foundation's geographic reach for recruitment of board members, building relationships with potential principal gift donors, and developing a planned giving program. Dr. Ellmore announced a campaign celebration to be held at Stockton Seaview July 9<sup>th</sup>.

President Saatkamp noted the change in venue of the Gala to Stockton Seaview in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the resort; however due to the logistics and additional costs, the net of this year's event may not be as

high as in previous years. Next year's Gala is scheduled for April 25, 2015 at Stockton Seaview and the entire property will be accessible.

Ms. Sharon Schulman, Chief Executive Officer for External Affairs and Institutional Research, reported the 8,000 mentions showed up in multiple publications between February-April; compared to 3,200 mentions in 2013. The Distinctive Stockton Student Blog generates between 500-600 hits per month, local and out-of-area press coverage has been very good as well. Additionally, summer session website activity rose from 11,000 hits in 2013 to 15,000 view this year. Ms. Schulman thanked Dr. Robert Gregg, Dean of General Studies for his creativity in revamping the class schedules to make it more appealing, and the advertising that went with it. Stockton's home page also had nearly 310,000 hits in this period; with a typical 80/20 split of repeat visits versus new visits.

### Report of the Investment Committee:

Trustee Ray Ciccone, reported the Investment Committee met in April and College investments are doing well. Dr. Saatkamp commented reports were reviewed from the College's two investment companies. The investments are safeguarded because the funds have been managed by the College and have performed well, providing the College resources to move forward with buildings, matching funds, and back-up funds in case there was a state shortfall.

#### **Personnel Actions Resolution:**

Trustee Bashaw reported the Personnel Resolution had been distributed to the Board and public. Upon a motion by Trustee Ciccone and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

President Saatkmap announced after an extensive search, the College has named Gregory J. Coffin as the new Chief of Police. Chief Coffin, accompanied by his wife, came forward to take his Oath of Office.

Chief Coffin stated he looked forward to working with the faculty, staff, administrations, and especially students to continue building a solid relationship across the campus, at Stockton and in the community.

#### Other Business:

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

#### Comments from the Public:

Provost Kesselman asked the faculty who received tenure today to stand and be recognition: Dr. Edward Walton, Associate Professor of Nursing; Dr. Daniel A. Moscovici, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Geology, Dr. Robert J. Barney, Associate Professor of Social Work, Dr. Susan Fahey, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Dr. Christine Gayda-Chelder, and Dr. Maya Lewis, Associate Professor of Social Work. He also congratulated Dr. Carra Hood, Interim Assistant Provost for Programs and Planning, and Tenured Associate Professor of Writing; Mr. John Smith, Assistant to the Provost; and Dr. Merydawilda Colon, Interim Executive Director of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, and Tenured Professor of Social Work.

Provost Kesselman also welcomed Dr. Theresa Bartolotta, Dean of Health Sciences and he thanked Dr. Bess Kathrins for her accomplishments as interim dean. In closing he acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Debra Dagavarian as the Assistant Provost of the Manahawkin Instructional Site.

Vice President Ingram acknowledged Donald Woolslayer for his service to the college and Lt. Cindy Parker for the outstanding job she's done as the Interim Chief of Police.

Dean Pedro Santa introduced Ms. Maryam Sarhan, newly elected Student Trustee Alternate. He also reported that for the first time, the Student body elected the Vice President and the President for the Student Senate. He introduced Mr. Carl Archut, Jr., the newly elected Student Senate President.

Dr. Santana announced the upcoming G. Larry James Legacy bike ride on June 7, 2014 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Diane Stalling, Associate Director of Student Development and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) and Ms. Courtney R. Mack, President of the AKA Atlantic City Chapter, presented the College with an award of appreciation for its support of the AKA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM's) program. Dr. Dennis Weiss, Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and his Assistant Dean, Ms. Cheryl Vaughn-Jones, accepted the award on behalf of the College.

President Saatkamp acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Nancy W. Hicks, Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action and Ethical Standards.

#### Comments from the Board:

Trustee Ciccone complimented Dr. Peter Hagen, Associate Dean of General Studies, and Director of Academic Advising and Mr. Rummy Pandit, Executive Director of the Stockton Seaview, for their outstanding work.

Trustee Hoover challenged the College to continue improving enrollment among males. In closing, he stated a phrase he has become known to say at commencement "Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best."

### **Next Regularly Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, Campus Center.

### Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoover and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

For the Board.

Brian K. Jackson, Assistant Secretary to the Board

Approved by Board of Trustees on July 9, 2014