

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

**December 3, 2014**

**Trustees Present:** Mr. Dean C. Pappas, Chair  
Ms. Mady Deininger ('80), Vice Chair  
Ms. Emma N. Byrne, Secretary (by teleconference)  
Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone ('79)  
Mr. Stanley M. Ellis  
Ms. Barbara Morvay  
Leo B. Schoffer, Esq.  
Dr. James Yoh  
Mr. Kiyle Osgood, Student Trustee  
Ms. Maryam Sarhan, Student Trustee Alternate  
Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President and Ex Officio

**Trustees Absent:** Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Immediate Past Chair and Ex Officio  
Michael Jacobson, Esq.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair, Dean Pappas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2013 in Room K-203k. On January 14, 2013, April 28, 2014, and June 9, 2014, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act were (a) posted on the College's Website, (b) sent to the Business Services/Bursar's Office of the College, (c) the editors of The Press and Vineland Times Journal, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State, (d) The Daily Journal, (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 September 17, 2014:** Upon a motion by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2014, with abstentions from Trustees Morvay and Schoffer.

**Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:** Upon a motion by Trustee Pappas and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to meet in Closed Session.

**Reconvening of Open/Public Meeting:** Chairman Pappas reconvened the open/public session at 4:00 p.m., upon the Board's return from closed session.

**Report of the Chair:** Chairman Pappas requested a moment of silence in memory of the late Ms. Magda Leuchter, co-founder of the College and former chair and member of Stockton's Board of Trustees from 1969-1980.

**President's Report:** Dr. Saatkamp remarked it was an exciting time at Stockton. He noted the College's Master Plan, which included the Campus Center, Science Center building and other facilities, was approved in 2010, and recently the expedited process for building approval was unanimously approved by the Pinelands Commission. The expedited process will enable

us to move forward at a faster pace with approvals for the second Science Center, a new classroom building, and other projects.

President Saatkamp reported the consultants' visit the change in university status and name went well. The two consulting college presidents gave a very positive recommendation based on their clear and strong impression of our status as a university. Dr. Saatkamp commented the change to *Stockton University* most likely would occur as early as February or as late as summer 2015, depending on how quickly various groups can meet and move forward with approvals. Dr. Saatkamp thanked the Faculty Senate and the College-wide Committee for advancing the process. Dr. Saatkamp closed by calling attention to the President's Report, which details the service, intellectual work, and other accomplishments of the faculty and staff.

**Special Signing Ceremonies:**

Dr. Saatkamp announced there would be special signing ceremonies today with The Wetlands Institute and the American Honors Program.

The revised **Memorandum of Understanding between The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and The Wetlands Institute** reaffirms the long-term relationship between Stockton and The Wetlands Institute. The relationship will further both institutions' dedication to preserving New Jersey's fragile coastal environment, lead to joint research and teaching opportunities, provide student opportunities with the Wetland Institute's conservation and reclamation projects, research and other opportunities, allow the SRI-ETTC to offer teacher-training programs at the Wetlands Institute, as well as allow the Wetlands Institute to conduct programs at Stockton's campus and instructional sites. The signing ceremony included Dr. Saatkamp and Dr. Lenore Tedesco, Executive Director of the Wetlands Institute. Ms. Anne Gail, Secretary of the Wetlands Institute's Board of Directors and Dr. Lisa Ferguson, Director of Science were also in attendance. Dr. Ferguson commented how excited she was to formalize the relationship, as the Institute has had a long-standing relationship with Stockton's faculty and students. In closing, President Saatkamp noted the trustees will consider non-paid appointments for Dr. Tedesco (as Affiliated Professor in the Marine Science Program), and Dr. Ferguson (as Affiliated Assistant Professor the Marine Science Program) as a part of the personnel actions later today.

The **American Honors Program** recruits high quality domestic and international community college transfer students for select institutions across the country. These students enroll in selected Honors courses that are reviewed and authorized by a cross-section of faculty from participating institutions, and now Stockton's faculty will be eligible to participate in such reviews and dialogues with faculty across the country. Mercer and Union County Community College in New Jersey have joined the partnership, and Stockton is the first four-year institute in New Jersey to participate. The signing ceremony included Dr. Saatkamp and Mr. David Finegold, Chief Academic Officer for American Honors. Dr. Gianna Durso-Finley, Sociology Professor, and Honors Coordinator at Mercer County Community College and Dr. Lisa Rosner, Distinguished Professor, and Director of the Honors Program at Stockton were also present. Mr. Finegold expressed his delight and said that as a part of this partnership, we'll be working to bring students from Mercer and Union to Stockton. American Honors is also in four other states across the country. In closing, President Saatkamp acknowledged the Dr. Deborah M. Figart, Professor of Education, and Economics, who teaches Stockton's Honors Transfer Seminar on *Economic Well Being*.

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

Committee Chair, Trustee Leo Schoffer commented his committee met earlier in the day to review several informational items, including: Nine Sabbatical Recommendations for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016; and R&PD recommendations for Spring 2015.

**Conferral of Honorary Degree: Doctor of Humane Letters to Distinguished Professor William T. Daly:** Provost Harvey Kesselman reported Professor Daly, one of the Stockton "Mayflower" faculty and one of the most respected and admired members of the faculty, will be the keynote speaker at the December 14, 2014 Commencement. Upon a motion by Trustee Morvay and second by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Report of the Student Affairs Committee:**

Trustee Ray Ciccone, Committee Chair, commented his committee met early in the morning. He reported the Student Affairs division had 17,000 separate events in 2014 (recruiting, enrollment, sports, student clubs, and organizations).

Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, announced the following recipients of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students:

- Ian Angotti, a sophomore, majoring in Economics, for his project titled, "Television Series for South Jersey Culture and History Center."
- Drew Barkoss, a senior, majoring in Geology, for his project titled, "Examining the Age Relations with Fluid Evolution."
- Timothy Chivalette, a junior, majoring in History, for his project titled, "Needlepoint with Ian Angotti."
- Katherine Givens, a senior, majoring in History, for her project titled, "The Value of Historical."
- Nichole Hafner, a junior majoring in Psychology, for her projected titled, "Observer characteristics impact the perceived social desirability of sexual partner preference."
- Apryle Panyi, a senior majoring in Marine Science, for her project titled, "Using Spirobranchus giganteus as an indicator of coral reef health in the Panamanian region."

Each recipient received a \$1,000 award. The students and their faculty advisors stood for recognition.

**Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee:**

Trustee Emma Byrne, Committee Chair reported the committee met earlier in the day and recommended Board approval for each action item. Charles Ingram, Vice President of Administration & Finance, presented the consent agenda for approval.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ciccone and second by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the following resolutions by consent: **FY15 Bid Waivers, Increase in Bid Waivered Contracts, FY16 Capital Budget Request, Pre-reauthorized by the Executive Committee on November 10, 2014, and Tuition Rates for Online Master's Degrees, Graduation Educational Endorsements, and Certificate Programs.**

**Report of the Audit Committee:**

Audit Committee Chair, Trustee Stan Ellis, reported a meeting of the committee was held on October 28, 2014. The Audit Committee met with the College's external auditors (CliftonLarsonAllen) to review the financial statements and tax return. The College received a good opinion from CliftonLarsonAllen with respect to Stockton's financial position, and compliance requirements for all federal and state programs the College is involved in. The Audit Committee also met with the Internal Auditor to review and approved the Internal Audit Plan for AY 2014-2015.

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

Committee Chair, Trustee Mady Deininger, called upon Mr. Donald Hudson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction to give a committee report. Mr. Hudson stated several initiatives and priorities were reviewed at the meeting, including work associated with ADA compliance, new elevator construction beginning December 2014, new parking

lot near the A&S building (spring 2015 start date), deferred maintenance, repair/replacement of external stair towers (December 2014 start date), Pinelands approvals, and preliminary design of the Unified Science Center<sup>2</sup> and classroom building.

**Development Committee:**

Ms. Cindy Crager, Associate Chief Development Officer and Campaign Manager, gave a report on behalf of the Development Committee, which met earlier in the day. She reported the Foundation Audit Committee met on October 28, 2014, the audit has been completed, with no issues and the 990 extension was filed with the IRS. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015. The *You Make a Difference Campaign* was completed on June 30, 2014, campaign assessments are ongoing. The report on the campaign will be made available February 5, 2015. As of November 30, 2014, Development and Alumni Affairs has raised \$641,000 (slightly ahead of last year's figures). Additionally, the Annual Gala is scheduled for April 25, 2015 at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Course and the Annual Golf Classic at the end of September 2015. This year's classic attracted 195 golfers. The Scholarship Recognition Dinner was held November 18<sup>th</sup> and three new endowed scholarships and five new annual scholarships were recently established.

**Report of the Investment Committee:**

Trustee James Yoh, Chair of the Audit Committee reported the College still has two investment advisors: Credit Sussie and Ashford Consultants. Both companies have generated returns beyond Stockton's expectations (inflation plus four percent). The next Investment Committee meeting is scheduled on December 17, 2014. A full report will be provided to the Board at their February 18, 2015 meeting.

**Personnel Actions Resolution:**

Upon a motion by Trustee Ciccone and second by Trustee Yoh, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Other Business:**

Ms. Sharon Schulman, Chief Executive Officer for External Affairs and Institutional Research, announced the College received The *Pepper Pot Award* from the Public Relations Society of America for its innovative direct mailer sent out to students admitted to Stockton this year. Ms. Schulman also reported on media and web hits, which both Admissions and Graduate Studies experienced a nearly 40% increase over last year. Facebook received almost 33,000 comments related to reports of the College's interest in purchasing Showboat Casino. Media mentions for November 2014 were the highest reported – over 3,000, compared to 1,565 for the same month in 2013. Athletics and the Atlantic City Economic Report by Dr. Oliver Cooke, Associate Professor of Economics also receive sizable mentions.

**Comments from the Public:**

Dr. Michelle McDonald, Associate Professor of History, and Vice President of the Faculty Senate, reported the Faculty were excited about the prospects of an expansion in Atlantic City and seeks to play a central role in its development should it come to fruition. The Faculty Senate, she said, also recognized and endorsed the commitment of Stockton's administration to shared governance, which has been demonstrated over the last two years in consideration of the institutions process of research in leading up to the application for university status. The Senate looks forward to the continued process.

Dr. Anne Pomeroy, Associate Professor of Philosophy, and President of the Stockton Federal of Teachers (SFT), commented the development of a proposed campus in Atlantic City or elsewhere will require faculty involvement, and will impact the terms and conditions of employment of faculty and professional staff at Stockton. She said, the SFT looks forward to drawing up some ideas about how such collaboration might take pace.

Provost Kesselman thanked the Board for the approval of personnel actions, including three Distinguished Professors and other faculty promotions. He invited each academic dean to

come forward to introduce those faculty listed in the personnel resolution who received a promotion. Provost Kesselman also acknowledged others within his division listed in the personnel resolution.

Dean Janet Wagner welcomed Ms. Donna Hauer, Assessment and Accreditation Specialist to her staff.

Ms. Sharon Schulman welcomed Ms. Kelly Sloan, Public Policy Researcher to her staff; this position funded through the proceeds of The Hughes Center Endowment.

Vice President Charles Ingram introduced new staff members: Mr. Thomas Roth, College Bursar; Ms. Christopher L. Corea, Manager of Environmental Health/Safety; Mr. Christopher J. Jurek, Manager of Transportation Planning; and Ms. Rhianon Lepree, Manager of Real Estate Development & Property.

**Comments from the Board of Trustees:**

President Saatkamp thanked Ms. Diane Epps for her fine work as the Interim Chief Officer for Institutional Diversity & Equity over the last few months. He also introduced and welcomed Ms. Valerie O. Hayes, Esq., new Chief Officer for Institutional Diversity & Equity. In addition, President Saatkamp acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Natalie Havran, Director of Human Resources, and thanked her for her service to Stockton.

**Next Regularly Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board's Conference Room in the College's new Campus Center.

**Adjournment:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Yoh Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

For the Board,

Brian K. Jackson, Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board

**Approved by Board of Trustees on February 18, 2015**