

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OPEN/PUBLIC MINUTES**

**July 8, 2015**

<b>Trustees Present:</b>	Ms. Mady Deininger, ('80) Chair Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Vice Chair Ms. Emma N. Byrne, Secretary Mr. Stanley M. Ellis Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA ('79) Michael Jacobson, Esq. Mr. Dean C. Pappas Leo B. Schoffer, Esq. Mr. Kiyle Osgood, Student Trustee Ms. Maryam Sarhan, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Acting President and Ex Officio
<b>Trustees Absent:</b>	Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw Dr. James Yoh
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Board Chair, Mady Deininger called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in Room K-203k. On June 9, 2015 notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act were: (a) posted on the University's Website, (b) and emailed to the Business Services/Bursar's Office of the University, (c) forwarded to the editors of The Press of Atlantic City, (d) and The Daily Journal, (e) and filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, (f) Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and (g) the Atlantic County Clerk's Office. Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.
<b>Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2015:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 23, 2015.
<b>Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2015:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the Open/Public Meeting held on May 6, 2015.
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Schoffer, and second by Trustee Byrne the Board voted to meet in Closed Session.
<b>Reconvening of the Open/Public Meeting:</b>	Chairperson Deininger reconvened the open/public session at 4:30 p.m., upon the Board's return from the Closed Session.
<b>Report of the Chair:</b>	Chairperson Mady Deininger thanked everyone for attending today's exciting meeting.
<b>Acting President's Report:</b>	Dr. Kesselman commended the faculty, staff, and students on their accomplishments highlighted in the President's Report located in the Boardbook, and he noted newspaper articles on Stockton, which appeared in the <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> , <i>Atlantic City Press</i> , and other media sources.  Dr. Kesselman announced the 2015 Messiah concert will be held at the Borgata

	<p>Hotel Casino &amp; Spa on December 13, 2015. He thanked Mr. Tom Ballance, President and Chief Operation Officer of Borgata (and Stockton Alumnus), and the School of Arts and Humanities for helping bring this to fruition. He also noted the Stockton was making history, with the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Mady Deininger (80), the incoming Chair of the Foundation Board, Richard Dovey ('75), and himself as the Acting President ('79) were all Stockton alum. Dr. Kesselman closed by announcing the re-establishment of the University's Space Management/Utilization Committee, which he said, further demonstrated the university's commitment to shared governance.</p>
<p><b>Special Signing Ceremony with Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas:</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kesselman announced that Trustee Dean and his wife; Zoe Pappas, long-time supports of Stockton and the Greek community, established the <i>Dean and Zoe Pappas Greek and Architecture Fund</i> for \$250,000 through the Stockton Foundation. The fund will provide Stockton students with opportunities to study, and develop appreciation for Greek art and architecture, including, study tours, museum trips, visits from noted scholars, and access to scholarly materials. Dr. Kesselman, Mr. and Mrs. Pappas, and Richard Dovey participated in a signing of the Endowment Fund Agreement. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, and Dr. Thomas Papademetriou, Associate Professor of History also took part in the ceremony. Trustee Pappas remarked that he and his wife Zoe wanted to provide Stockton students with an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Greek art and architecture.</p>
<p><b>Renaming of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies to: The Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, or commonly known as the "Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies":</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kesselman said it was an honor and privilege to recommend the renaming of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies to The Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, or commonly known as the "Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies." He remarked that Dr. Constantelos, Dr. Papademetriou, and the Hellenic Advisory Committee fully supported this action.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone thanked the Pappas' for their generosity and commitment to Stockton over the years.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adapt the resolution.</p>
<p><b>Check Presentation by The Council of Black Faculty and Staff:</b></p>	<p>Ms. Patricia W. Collins, Secretarial Assistant to the Chief of Staff, and President for the Council of Black Faculty &amp; Staff, presented a check for \$10,274.56, which represented net proceeds from the 2014 Annual Awards Scholarship Dinner and Dance. The Stockton Foundation will match these funds for a total of \$20,549.12. Ms. Collins also reported the Council awarded 24 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year, totaling \$24,000 to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. In closing, she thanked the outgoing president Executive Committee of the Council and its members. Dr. Kesselman noted that over the years, the Council raised over a quarter of a million dollars for scholarships for Stockton students.</p>
<p><b>Special Recognition -- Certificate of Appreciation for Student Trustee Kiyle Osgood:</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kesselman acknowledged Student Trustee Osgood and thanked him for his leadership and service as a board member and student leader. Student Trustee Osgood was presented with an award of appreciation for his service. Dr. Kesselman noted that Trustee Osgood played a central role in helping to make significant changes to Stockton's Meal Plan Rates for the upcoming academic year, which led to funding a special set aside for the program, for students who need assistance. Chairperson Deininger thanked Trustee Osgood as well for his</p>

	<p>service, and commented it was a pleasure to work with him the last two-years. Trustee Osgood thanked the Board, Dr. Kesselman, and the students for the opportunity to serve on the board the last two-years. He also acknowledged Trustee Alternate Maryam Sarhan, and Carl Archut, Jr. President of the Student Senate, for working with him on the Meal Plan.</p>
<b>Development Committee Report:</b>	Trustee Michael Jacobson, Chair of the Development Committee reported group did not meet today.
<b>Academic Affairs and Planning Affairs Committee Report:</b>	<p>Trustee Pappas, Committee Chair, stated his committee met earlier in the day, and he called on Interim Provost Susan Davenport, who reported the committee recommended the approval to authorize the acceptance of a Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant funded by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE; Year 3 of 3) for \$364,998. The committee also discussed several information items, which included the Career Development Committee (CDC) Report for 2015-2016; and the Research and Professional Development Committee (R&amp;PD) Report.</p> <p>The committee reviewed and endorsed resolutions that were discussed in the Finance and Professional Services committee meeting including: the Meal Plan Rates for AY2015-2016, Tuition Rates for Meridian Health Care System Employees for Fall Semester 2015, FY16 Tuition Rates for AtlantiCare related to the MBA Program, 2016 Housing Rates for ELS Educational Services, Inc., and Academic Term Tuition and Fees for 2016, and Summer Session Tuition and Fees. In addition, the committee reviewed recommended changes to policies and procedures for the Division of Academic Affairs, and Internal funding awards supporting the Career Development Committee (CDC), and Research and Professional Development (RP&amp;D), and projects funded through Stockton 2020 initiatives. In closing, Dr. Davenport reported the Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership received final approval by the Middle States Association with the first of 20-25 students beginning in spring of 2016.</p> <p><b>Authorization to Accept a Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant funded by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE; Year 3 of 3):</b> Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Acting President Kesselman acknowledged the faculty and staff, who played instrumental roles in ensuring the success of the Mathematics and Science Grant, the Research and Professional Development awards, and the new doctorate program.</p>
<b>Student Affairs Report</b>	Chairperson Deininger reported the committee did not meet today.
<b>Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee:</b>	<p>Trustee Stanley M. Ellis, Committee Chair, reported the Finance and Professional Services Committee met earlier in the day and recommended approval of the following resolutions.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Pappas and second by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to approve the following resolutions (by consent): <b>FY15-17 Bid Waivers; FY16 and FY19 Increase in Bid Waived Contracts; Meal Plan Rates for AY2015-2016; Tuition Rate for Meridian Health Care System Employees, Effective Fall 2015; FY16 Tuition Rate for Atlantic Care MBA</b></p>

**Program; FY16 Tuition Rate for AtlantiCare RN-to BSN Program; and 2016 Special Housing Rates for Rents for Educational Services, Inc.** (all under the consent agenda). Trustee Jacobson abstained on the Bid Waiver for Atlantic City Electric, the FY16 Tuition Rate for Atlantic Care MBA Program, and the FY16 Tuition Rate for AtlantiCare RN-to BSN Program.

Trustee Ellis acknowledged the input of Student Trustees Osgood and Sarhan, and Student Senate President, Carl Archut, Jr. concerning the Meal Plan Rates. The Plan calls for incorporating additional 18-days (9-days per semester) to the meal plan, an increase in flex dollars, an option to add more money to an existing meal plan, and ½ percent of the 2% increase set aside to fund meal vouchers for food assistance for students.

**Academic Term Tuition & Fees Effective for 2016 and Summer Session Tuition Fees (represents a two percent increase in tuition and fees):**

Trustee Ellis noted a correction to the resolution, which should read: Proposed: Tuition Rate 2% increase; not 0%. Over the last four-years, the tuition increases were 3%, 0%, 2%, and 2%. Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and seconded by Trust Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Stockton Affiliated Services, (SASI), Inc.** Trustee Ellis reported two new student representatives were recommended for appointment to the SASI Board: Louis Chevere (July 2015-July 2016) and Patton Solowey (July 2015-July 2017). Upon a motion by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**FY2016 Operating Budget and Adaption:** Vice President Charles Ingram provided the following highlights regarding Stockton's budget:

- The State of New Jersey cut the university's appropriations by 11%; however, through Dr. Kesselman's communications with state legislatures, \$742,000 was restored to Stockton, resulting in an 18.3 million appropriation.
- The President's Cabinet participated in a budgetary retreat, with a goal to reduce the budget by \$2.2.million. The cabinet's discussions were collaborative, participatory, and concluded with permanent cuts to the operating budget to help balance the shortfall from the state of New Jersey, while also funding some program review requests and initiatives for new programs during the upcoming year.

Dr. Kesselman noted the approach to the discussions in did include cutting budgets across the board. Rather, the Cabinet discussed what was critical to the mission, ensuring a nominal tuition and fee increase of 2%, and planning for expenses, which might rise, such as fringe benefits.

Trustee Ellis noted that over \$12 million was set aside in the budget for student aide; in addition to scholarships provided through the Foundation and other funding sources. Upon a motion made by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Establishment of Retirement Leave Pay 403(b):** Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**Audit Committee**

Trustee Ray Ciccone, Audit Committee Chair, reported the group met on June

<p><b>Report:</b></p>	<p>15, 2015 with Grant Thornton, the new auditors. The audit will conclude towards the end of June and then commence again in September 2015. The internal audit plan for the year was also discussed. The Audit Committee also engaged the services of RevPAR, a firm specializing in the hotel industry. Trustee Ciccone said that RevPAR conducted an outstanding review of operations of Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club and the Audit Committee was analyzing their reports and reviewing recommendations. Overall, Seaview is healthy and has maintained good market share.</p>
<p><b>Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, reported the committee met earlier in the day and discussed designs and implementations of a wide range of projects including: code and compliance, upgrades of existing facilities, major renovations, new construction, and parking improvements.</p> <p>Don Hudson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction, presented a brief report on current, on-going and future projects at the University, which include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking Lot Zero is under construction, and once complete will add nearly 200 spaces to the front access of campus. Construction will be finished by September.</li> <li>2. The continued replacement of elevators and stairs is underway and expected to be operational by fall semester.</li> <li>3. Renovations to the physical therapy rooms will be completed internally and is ahead of schedule for a September completion.</li> <li>4. All Residential Life office renovations, relocations, and classrooms should be completed, opened, and ready for the fall semester.</li> <li>5. The County Dispatch Center and Police Station will be located at the corner of Duerer Street and Pomona Road. The programming stage of the project is complete, with the collaboration of Atlantic County. Groundbreaking is expected after January 2016, and the anticipated project completion is scheduled for late 2017 or early 2018.</li> <li>6. Engineering for a new parking near Pomona Road, is underway, with formal plans expected by the fall 2016, and construction expected to begin on time.</li> <li>7. A two-minute virtual presentation prepared by the firm of Perkins Eastman was made of the new academic quad, including the classroom building and Unified Science Center<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Report of the Investment Committee:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis reported the Investment Committee should meet on July 9, 2015 with Ashford Consultants and Credit Suisse, to review the University's investments portfolios. The investments continue to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus four percent.</p>
<p><b>Confirmation of Actions taken by the Executive Committee on June 18, 2015 and June 30, 2015:</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation of Actions taken by the Executive Committee on June 18, 2015 – Sale of Property, the Former Showboat Hotel and Casino located at 180 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ.</b> Upon a motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, and confirm the action of the Executive Committee on June 18, 2015. Trustee Jacobson recused himself from voting on this matter.</p> <p><b>Confirmation of Actions taken by the Executive Committee on June 30, 2015 – Revised Resolution/Approval for the Construction of a 911 Emergency Communication/Emergency Operations Center (slated to set aside \$4.8 million, which requires a four percent flexibility build in).</b> Upon a</p>

	<p>motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, and confirm the action of the Executive Committee on June 30, 2015.</p>
<p><b>First Reading to Adapt, Update, and Delete University Policies:</b></p>	<p>Acting President Kesselman commented that this was the first reading to revise an Office of Diversity and Equity Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment (I-120). Valerie Hayes, Esq., Chief Officer for Institutional Diversity and Equity provides an overview regarding the policy changes.</p> <p>Interim Provost Davenport announced the following policy deletions: (a) Course Numbering, Grading Policies, Drop/Add Period, International Study (11-4), (b) Student Admission Categories (11-12), (c) Academic Course Load (11-13), and (d) Non-Matriculated Students (11-18). She also provided an overview regarding policy changes to the Academic Writing, Probation, and Dismissal (11-7), and she identified the policy revisions, which were primarily procedural and incorporated into Procedure 20-19 (approved at the May 6, 2015 meeting).</p> <p>Revisions to the Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment (I-120) and Academic Writing, Probation, and Dismissal (11-7) will go before the Board for approval on September 17, 2015.</p>
<p><b>Revised Open Public Meeting Schedule for February 2016 and February 2017</b></p>	<p>Acting President Kesselman recommended approval of <b>the Revised Open Meeting Schedule for February 2016 and February 2017</b>. The new dates would be <b>February 24, 2016</b> (changed from February 17, 2016), <b>and February 22, 2017</b> (from February 15, 2017). The revised dates are necessary to allow faculty and staff adequate time to respond to the evaluation process related to the personnel actions calendar purposes.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the revised dates.</p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolutions:</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Deininger announced the Personnel Actions Resolution was distributed for the Board's review. She also thanked Dr. Kesselman for remaining at Stockton beyond his original timeframe. She noted that among the personnel actions that the Board would vote to change Dr. Kesselman's title from Acting President to Interim President, effective September 1, 2015.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman highlighted several administrative changes, which resulted in over \$200,000 in salary savings to the university. He also noted the union negotiations for new contracts would not likely be resolved in the near future.</p>
<p><b>Other Business:</b></p>	<p>There was no other business to come before the board at this time.</p>
<p><b>Comments from the Board of Trustees:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone congratulated outgoing Student Trustee Osgood on his accomplishments, and wished him well in the future. He also thanked Trustee Pappas for his leadership and generosity as board chairperson during Stockton's difficult period. In closing, he welcomed Lynne Kesselman, and noted that she and Dr. Kesselman had brought a tremendous amount of energy to Stockton and the community.</p>

	Trustee Schoffer acknowledged the work of Michael Angulo and he recognized Chairperson Deininger for her leadership over the last several months.
<b>Comments from the Public:</b>	<p>Student Senate President, Carl Archut, thanked the Board and Acting President Kesselman for their support and approval of the resolution on the Meal Plan.</p> <p>Dr. Anne Pomeroy, President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT), stated she appreciated the cooperation moving forward with the faculty and SFT in guiding Stockton through some difficult times and the Board's willingness to look at the role of shared governance at Stockton. She also said she hoped the lack of a contract for the SFT, CWA, and IFPTE would not be as painful as the last time, when the SFT was without a contract for a year in a half.</p> <p>Interim Provost Susan Davenport announced that Dr. Rummy Pandit would transition from his role at Stockton Seaview to the position of Executive Director of Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality, and Tourism (LIGHT). Ms. Felicia Grondin assumed the role of Associate Director of LIGHT. She also welcomed Dr. Michele McDonald as Interim Assistant Provost.</p> <p>Mr. Mico Lucide announced that Stockton was hosting a Technology, Entertainment, and Design (TEDx) conference, designed to take brilliant people and experts in their field, and provide them with a platform in which to give 3-18 minutes talks. The upcoming conference should take place in the spring of 2016 and a call for proposals was distributed campus-wide.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas Papademetriou, Associate Professor of History acknowledged Trustee Dean and Zoe Pappas for their generosity. He commented that Dean Lisa Honaker had organized a conference with the European University of Cyprus (EUC), in June 2015, which included faculty and students.</p> <p>Acting President Kesselman congratulated the following faculty for receiving Professor Emeritus status: Dr. Carol Rittner, Distinguished Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Dr. Elaine Bukowski, Professor of Physical Therapy, and Dr. Shelby Broughton, Associate Professor Chemistry (Mayflower faculty member).</p>
<b>Next Regularly Meeting:</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room in the Campus Center.
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Schoffer Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

For the Board,

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

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 16, 2015**