

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OPEN/PUBLIC MINUTES  
September 16, 2015**

<b>Trustees Present:</b>	Ms. Mady Deininger, ('80), Chair Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Vice Chair Ms. Emma N. Byrne, Secretary Mr. Stan M. Ellis Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA ('79) Michael Jacobson, Esq. Mr. Dean C. Pappas Ms. Maryam Sarhan, Student Trustee Mr. Cristian Moreno, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Interim President and Ex Officio
<b>Trustees Absent:</b>	Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Ex Officio (proxy submitted to Board Chair) Dr. James Yoh (proxy submitted to Board Chair)
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Board Chair, Mady Deininger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 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) 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. <b>Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.</b>
<b>Approval of Open/Public Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2015 Retreat:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Schoffer and second by Interim President Kesselman, the Board voted to adopt the open/public meeting minutes of the June 16, 2015 retreat.
<b>Approval of Open/Public Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2015 Retreat:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the open/public meeting minutes of the July 7, 2015 retreat.
<b>Approval of Open/Public Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2015:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Pappas and second by Trustee Sarhan, the Board voted to adopt the open/public meeting minutes of July 8, 2015.
<b>Approval of Open/Public Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2015 Retreat:</b>	Upon a motion by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Sarhan, the Board voted to adopt the open/public meeting minutes of August 5, 2015.
<b>Reconvene of Open/Public Meeting:</b>	Chairperson Deininger reconvened the open/public session at 4:30 p.m., upon the Board's return closed session.
<b>Report of the Chair:</b>	Chairperson Deininger commented the start of the new academic year was exciting because it reminded her of the days when she was a student at Stockton. She also noted that she would share exciting news with the public later in the meeting.

<p><b>Oath of Office for Cristian Moreno, Student Trustee Alternate:</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Deininger administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Cristian Moreno, Student Trustee Alternate. Mr. Moreno, a dual major (political science and history), will assume the non-voting role as student trustee for academic year 2015-16, and the voting student trustee during the 2016-17 academic year.</p>
<p><b>Interim President's Report:</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kesselman referenced the activities, accomplishments, and community service of the faculty, staff, and students included in the President's Report, located in the board book. He welcomed Student Trustee Alternate Moreno and reminded the audience of the Annual Constitution Day program featuring Brian Stevenson, Esq., Founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs and Planning Affairs Committee Report:</b></p>	<p>Committee Chairman, Trustee Dean Pappas, announced his committee met earlier in the day and unanimously recommended approval of all action items under their agenda.</p> <p>Dr. Theresa Bartolotta, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, presented the <i>2015 School of Health Sciences Leadership Award</i> to Dr. Richard Kathrins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bacharach Institute of Rehabilitation. Dr. Kathrins commented he was honored to receive the award and he thanked the University and his wife, Dr. Bess Kathrins, Professor of Physical Therapy at Stockton, for the support over the years. He stated he looked forward to the future as Bacharach and Stockton continue a shared commitment to the community. Dr. Kesselman remarked Dr. Richard Kathrins was instrumental in the establishment of the Physical Therapy Program at Stockton by providing the seed-money to fund the faculty positions to begin the program.</p> <p>Dr. Susan Davenport, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, requested Board approval of the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Authorization to Accept an Award from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (NJDCF) for the Child Welfare Education Institute (CWEI) and to Clarify the Accuracy of the Contract Commitments (the award totals \$2,265,000):</b> Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</li> <li>• <b>Building Teacher Leadership Capacity to Support Beginning Teachers (Year One of One, for \$199,998).</b> Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Sarhan, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</li> <li>• <b>Approval of Actions for University Policies (Second Reading): Revised Policy number 11-17 (Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal); and Deletion of Policies 11-4 (Course Numbering, Grading Policies: Drop/Add Period, International Study; 11-12 (Student Admissions Categories; 11-13 (Academic Course Load); and 11-18 (Non-Matriculated Studies.</b> Upon a motion by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ciccone, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Kesselman commented that the magnitude of the grants and consistency in which the university receives the funding was extraordinary.</p>

**Student Affairs Report**

Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Vice President of Student Affairs reported the committee held a teleconference meeting on September 10, 2015.

Dean John Iacovelli presented the following 2015 Summer Session Enrollment Statistics and the Fall 2015 Preliminary Enrollment Report on undergraduate and graduate student enrollment.

**Highlights of the Fall 2015 Enrollment Report included:**

- Total undergraduate applicants for transfer and readmit students in 2015 was 2,248; freshman applicants totaled 5,483. Since 2012, freshman applied through the Common Application process. The freshman class included 82 EOF students.
- New Matriculated Students for the freshman class was 1,151; and transfers were 1,032 (average GPA from other institutions is 3.17). There were 20 readmits, transfers totaled 1,032, which totaled 2,203 new students entering for the fall 2015.
- Freshman Profiles for 2015: Regular Admits: 77, Regular and Special Admits included 75 regular students, 75 special, and EOF admits.
- Total Undergraduate Headcount (HDCT) for 2015 was 7,808 (an increase of 1.22%).
- Total undergraduate Full-time Equivalent (FTE) was 7,689 (an increase of 1.6%).

**The 2015 Graduate Student Enrollment Report included:**

- The number of applications was 1,203 (represented largely by physical therapy, occupational therapy, and communication disorders).
- There were 303 new graduate students.
- Total Graduate Headcount (HDCT) was 866 (a 1.77% increase).
- Total Fall Graduate Full-time Equivalent (FTE) was 585 (an increase of 7.33%), compared to 545 in 2014.
- Total Headcount for Undergraduates and Graduates was 8,674 (an increase of 1.21%).
- Total FTE for Undergraduates and Graduates was 8,274 (an increase of 1.98%).

**Summer 2015 Enrollment Report for Undergraduates included:**

- The Headcount was 1,850; and Student Credit Hours was 12,903).
- FTE was 1,613, reflecting more students taking courses than in previous years.
- Matriculated students increased by 85%; and non-matriculated students represented 15% of the population.

**Summer 2015 Enrollment Report for Graduates included:**

- Headcount was 479; Student Credit Hours was 2,267, and FTE was 378.

**Total Enrollment Statistics for undergraduates and graduates the University:**

- The Headcount was 2,329, compared to 2,270 in 2014; and Student Credit Hours was 15,170, compared to 14,224 in 2014.
- FTE was 1,991, compared to 1,863 in 2014.
- Matriculated students remained at 86% (same as 2014); Non-Matriculated students also remained the same as 2014, at 14 percent.
- Gender breakdown – males accounted for 35% of the population (34% in 2014), while females represented 65% of the student population (66% in 2014).

	<p>In closing, Dean Iacovelli stated the 2015 enrollment figures showed a 13.6% growth, which generated an additional \$465,000 in revenue to Stockton.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman noted that 94% of students were full-time, which meant the university aptly accommodated student at the right time, and in the right distribution to ensure full-time status for students. The flat rate tuition, which allows students to take between 12-20 credits also promoted full-time status. He noted that full-time students have a greater chance of graduating on time, with less debt. The fact that Stockton has gone from a 43% to a 53% four-year graduation rate, and from 67% to a 73% graduation rate was not accidental, he said. These percentages are the result of hard work, dedication and collaborative effort among faculty and staff at Stockton.</p>
<p><b>Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Stanley Ellis, Committee Chair, reported the Finance and Professional Services Committee met earlier in the day. He stated the items under the consent agenda were recommended for board approval: <b>Revised FY15-18 Bid Waivers; FY16-19 Bid Waivers Increases; FY17 Capital Budget Submission; Revised Establishment of Retirement Leave Pay 403 (b) Plan; Appointment of Board Members to the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park (SARTP) Board of Directors; Authorization to Join the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative; and Approval of Stockton Affiliated Services (SASI), Inc. Board of Director Members.</b> Upon a motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the above resolutions.</p>
<p><b>Report of the Audit Committee:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Audit Committee Chair, reported the group would meet again on October 30, 2015. He stated the University was near the end of the audit for the fiscal year, with an anticipated completion date of October 1, 2015. The auditors will then work on the tax returns to submit to the appropriate authorities. Thus far, things have gone well with the switch in auditors this year to Grant Thornton and the committee was pleased with their performance, communication, and coordination.</p>
<p><b>Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Leo Schoffer reported the campus facilities were growing to keep pace with the increased enrollment; and at this time, renovations and improvements were taking place to upgrade some of the older facilities that need renovations and modernization.</p> <p>Don Hudson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction, provided an update on current, on-going and future projects at the Galloway, NJ campus, which include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking Lot Zero was completed and opened in time for the fall semester. The lot will add nearly 200 spaces to the front access of campus.</li> <li>2. Elevators and stairs towers were completed for fall 2015.</li> <li>3. A multi-space physical therapy renovation project was initiated right after the May 2015 graduation. The University's internal staff performed that work, which was completed and operational.</li> <li>4. The old Comcast Center was repurposed into a new dance studio; with a new dance floor.</li> <li>5. Unified Science Center<sup>2</sup> and additional classroom building of the new academic quad have received the necessary approvals. Bids are</li> </ol>

	<p>expected by mid-October, with a target start in late November.</p> <p>6. The construction of the two buildings will cause 500 parking spaces to be eliminated. These issues should be resolved with development and expansion of the new parking lot at Pomona Road, which will add over 500 spaces. The project will go out for bidding next week, with phases of the parking lot to be ready in spring 2016.</p> <p>7. The Atlantic County Dispatch Center and Stockton Police Station is underway, with beginning design images of the project under review.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report:</b></p>	<p>Trustee Michael Jacobson, Chair of the Development Committee, stated the committee met on September 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Dr. Phil Ellmore, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation Board held their annual meeting on September 3, where four new Board members were appointed: Dr. Edward Wrobleski, Dr. Donna M. Albano, Camille E. Sailer, Esq., and Charles C. Weeks, Jr.</li> <li>• A new officer slate was approved that included: Richard S. Dovey '75, <i>Chair</i>, Dr. Johanna R. Johnson, <i>First Vice Chair</i>, Donna H. Buzby, CPA, <i>Second Vice Chair</i>, <i>Treasurer</i>, and Michael C. Epps, Esq., <i>Secretary</i>.</li> <li>• The Board approved the 2015-2016 Foundation budget.</li> <li>• The Board has strengthened its policies and now requires its members to sign annually the Statement of Expectations and Conflict of Interest.</li> <li>• The Foundation audit is underway and a mid-October delivery date is expected.</li> <li>• The Foundation retained John Latourette, Esq. of Dilworth Paxson as legal counsel.</li> <li>• As of June 30, unaudited net assets are just over \$29 million.</li> <li>• FY 15 giving totaled \$2,331,686.</li> <li>• The Annual Stockton Golf Classic will be held on September 29, at Stockton Seaview Hotel &amp; Golf Club. The top sponsors include Pennoni Associates Inc, J&amp;M Coffee, LLC, Marathon Engineering &amp; Environmental Services, Inc., and SOSH Architects.</li> <li>• Alumni Affairs hosted the Alumni Summer Reunion at Bar-A with more than 200 in attendance. Over 200 people also attended Stockton Day at Steel Pier, hosted by Steel Pier President and Stockton alum Tony Cantanoso.</li> <li>• Upcoming alumni engagement opportunities include: University Weekend: October 8-11, AlumNight to Remember: Saturday, October 10, Professional Achievement Awards: Sunday, October 11, UBSS/LLU Alumni Reunion Weekend: October 23-25, School of Business HTMS Alumni Mixer: Tuesday, October 20, and School of Education NJEA Luncheon: Thursday, November 5, 2015.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Sharon Schulman, Chief University Relations and Marketing Officer gave a brief report, which included the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual Report of the President was sent out in a direct-e-mail, and was inserted into the <i>Atlantic City Press</i>, the <i>Asbury Park Press</i>, <i>The Daily Journal (Vineland and Millville)</i>, the <i>Hammonton Newspaper</i>, and many of the <i>Eastern Side of the Courier Post</i>. The reports that sent out as an e-publication netted nearly a 13% open-rate. Total distribution is about 134,000 at a cost of \$.14 per copy (printing and production).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 236,000 visits during the month of August (78% return to nearly 22% new hits). Mobile and tablet use has grown to about 35%.</li> <li>• Media mentions have grown during a three-year period to 79% and the breadth of coverage has increased, including <i>Asbury Park Press</i>, <i>Star Ledger</i>, and the <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i>. The University also received more international coverage including, Canada, Europe, Australia, United Arab Emirates, and more.</li> </ul>
<b>Report of the Investment Committee:</b>	<p>Committee member, Trustee Stan Ellis, reported the Investment Committee met on July 9, 2015. He said the committee received an update from the investment companies and that, because of our well-diversified portfolio, the hit we took in August was not as bad as the market. During the course of the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee and investment advisors discussed the purpose and future of the fund, and future capital needs. A committee retreat will be held on September 30, 2015 to further consider how the University invests its money and directs the university's financial advisors.</p>
<b>Approval of Actions for University Policies (Second Reading): Office of Diversity and Equity (Policy Revision)—Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment (I-20):</b>	<p>Dr. Kesselman remarked this is an important policy, and thanked Valerie Hayes, Esq., Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity, and her staff for their fine work. He recommended the Board approve the policy. Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ciccone, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p>
<b>Authorization and Execution of the Sale of Property – the Showboat Hotel and Casino— 801 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J. Resolution:</b>	<p>Dr. Kesselman reported the University has been working since April 2015 on negotiations with a number of potential buyers as it pertains to the sale of the Showboat property. He was given authority by the Board (on July 8, 2015) to act on behalf of the University in the final negotiations. He reported that Stockton has entered into a Sales Agreement with a potential buyer, and that the Board of Trustees had approved the agreement earlier today in closed session. He explained that once the due diligence period ended on September 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., more details will be released to the public; however, there may be some details which may be restricted because the property is still in litigation. Dr. Kesselman further noted that this was a great first-step, and he anticipated closing on the Showboat property in early November. He stated that he and the board also wanted to ensure that the purchaser demonstrated a commitment to Atlantic City. He hoped that once the buyer was announced and the commitment will be fulfilled, that the closing comes to fruition in November.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention from Trustee Schoffer because of potential conflict, since he owns property near the Showboat property in Atlantic City, New Jersey.</p>
<b>Negotiation of Contractual/Compensation Agreement with Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Interim President, and Stockton University Re:</b>	<p>Chairperson Deininger read comments on behalf of the Board. She remarked, "I feel this Board is working together, as has never happened before. The Board of Trustees has many conversations about what we would require in a Stockton University President. Ideally, we want someone on the level of Provost, Vice President of at least one other area of the</p>

<p><b>Presidency Resolution (distributed):</b></p>	<p>institution, as well as an academic Dean at some point in a good number of professional years. Someone with experience in leading an institution’s strategic planning, and accreditation processes, be well-versed in all forms of collective bargaining, understand student affairs, fiscal affairs, academic affairs, and someone who generally likes to interact with our most important constituents, the students. Someone, who has served on both state and national committees, task forces, agencies, and someone, who understands the complexities of New Jersey higher education. We want someone, who has a proven track record of having successfully worked with legislatures from both parties, who gets along with, and communicates well, who has demonstrated a commitment to his, or her own community, and an ability to get essential messages about what students and faculty need at our Stockton. Then ideally, a candidate, who understands the multi-layered difficulties that Stockton uniquely, faces now, after months of costs, financially, time wise, and even emotionally. We would minimally want all of these requirements in part, because our current Acting President possesses all of them, and we would not accept anything less in another candidate. Based upon what we have discussed and researched, we imagine that there are only a few individuals, who might meet these requirements. I am happy to say one of those individuals is sitting next to me (Dr. Harvey Kesselman). More importantly, in response to the incredible number of e-mails, text messages, and other forms of messages that I, and the rest of the Board of Trustees have received, asking when are we going to name permanently, Dr. Kesselman as the President. The Board of Trustees has decided to empower the Executive Committee to begin negotiations with Dr. Kesselman to name him as our President at the December meeting. Our endorsement for this resolution is that we like his head and heart to continue to work on behalf of this, our Stockton University and community.”</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman received a standing ovation from the Board and public.</p> <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution. Trustees James Yoh and Curtis Bashaw submitted proxy votes supporting the resolution.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman remarked he was humbled and honored to represent Stockton, a place that is greater than the sum of its parts. He said that the university community must refocus its energy on the students, and that, like when he was a Stockton student, the motto “Plant yourself and you will grow” still rings true at Stockton. He closed by saying that if Stockton keeps at the forefront who we are as an institution and how we can change lives so they too can become productive, engaged members of our society, then Stockton will continue to grow and prosper long into the future.</p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolutions (distributed):</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Deininger announced that the Board and public had received copies of the Personnel Actions Resolution for their review. Upon a motion made by Trustee Deininger and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p>
<p><b>Other Business:</b></p>	<p>Interim President Kesselman acknowledged the presence Dr. Michael Klein, Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU).</p>

<b>Comments from the Board:</b>	The Board members had no comments at this time.
<b>Comments from the Public:</b>	<p>Student Senate President, Carl Archut, Jr., thanked the Board for establishing the <i>Students helping Students Food Assistance Program</i>, which had already helped several students. Additional marketing is planned to ensure that students are notified of the program.</p> <p>Dr. Anne Pomeroy, President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT) reminded the Board and public that the faculty and staff in the SFT Union, as well as the CWA and IFPTE staff, were working without a current contract. She noted the University faculty and staff cared about Stockton, and were dedicated enough to continue working; however it will be a struggle. She closed by noting a contract may not be ratified for a long-time.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman remarked that he too could not tell how long it would take to work out the issues regarding contracts, and he noted his appreciation of the faculty and staff for working without a contract.</p> <p>Sharon Schulman, Chief University Relations and Marketing Officer welcomed Kevin Broecker, newly appointed student representative to the Stock Aviation Research and Technology Park board.</p> <p>Patricia W. Collins, President of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff announced the following honorees, who will be recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner on November 5, 2015 at the Stockton Seaview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lifetime Recipients:</b> Dr. Merydawilda Colon, and The Honorable Albert B. Kelly</li> <li>• <b>Merit Honorees:</b> Dr. Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, and Madeleine Deininger ('80)</li> <li>• <b>Distinguished Stockton Alumni:</b> Ricky Epps-Kearney ('88), Dr. Marion McClary ('90), and Stacey Smith ('10)</li> <li>• <b>Outstanding Stockton University Club:</b> Focused Educated Motivated Aspiring Ladies Empowering Society (F.E.M.A.L.E.S.),</li> <li>• <b>Special Recognition:</b> Dr. Harvey Kesselman.</li> </ul> <p>Vice President Charlee Ingram introduced James Tierney, Associate Vice President for Business Services and Budget, and Nick Sena, Special Assistant to the Vice President of Administration and Finance.</p>
<b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board's Conference Room in the College's Campus Center.
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Upon a motion made by Trustee Sarhan and second by Trustee Ciccone, Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on December 2, 2015**