

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**February 26, 2020**

<b>Trustees Present</b>	Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Chair Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA, Vice Chair Mr. Stanley M. Ellis, Secretary Ms. Mady Deininger Dr. Nancy Davis Michael Jacobson, Esq. Mr. Andy Dolce Ms. Nelida Valentin Ms. Meg Worthington Ms. Nadira Anderson, Student Trustee Mr. Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Schoffer called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 on the Galloway campus in the Board of Trustees Event Room. On September 11, 2019, notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, was (a) posted on the University's Website; (b) forwarded to the Bursar's Office at the University, the editors of the <i>Press of Atlantic City</i> , <i>the Daily Journal</i> ; and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, the Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and the Atlantic County Clerk's Office.
<b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of December 04, 2019</b>	<b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the December 04, 2019 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.</b>
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>	<b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>	Chairperson Schoffer reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Event Room.
<b>Chairperson's Remarks</b>	Trustee Schoffer welcomed the public to the Board meeting and called upon President Kesselman to provide his report.
<b>President's Report</b>	President Kesselman thanked the audience for coming and spoke about Governor Murphy's announcement of a new program that will be proposed in his budget for the legislature to review and, if approved, begin in fall 2021. This program will provide free tuition for

	<p>families that make under \$65,000 for entering freshmen and transfer students.</p> <p>President Kesselman then spoke about the formulation of the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Commission. The TAG program provides grants toward tuition for needy students and this commission was established to investigate student funding inequities. As Vice Chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, President Kesselman put forth a budget statement on behalf of all higher education.</p> <p>That concluded the President's report.</p> <p>Trustee Schoffer congratulated President Kesselman, Cabinet, and staff on completing the work necessary to help achieve the increased allocation from the state of NJ. He also congratulated President Kesselman on his upcoming term as Chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis called upon Dr. Michelle McDonald, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report.</p> <p>Dr. McDonald presented the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Year Calendar (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conferral of Honorary Degree - Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis</li> <li>• Conferral of Honorary Degree - Mr. John F. Scarpa</li> <li>• Conferral of Honorary Degree - Mr. Michael Azeez</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as consent agenda items.</b></p> <p>That concluded Dr. McDonald's report.</p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Worthington called upon Dr. Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, to provide an update on the University's mental health services that was discussed by the committee earlier that week. Dr. Catching reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Benedict Ezeoke, Director of Counseling and Wellness Services, provided insight on initiatives in the Wellness Center that will expand access to mental health services for Stockton students.</li> <li>• National data from the Healthy Minds Study was also discussed and how mental health outcomes impact retention</li> </ul>

	<p>and student success.</p> <p>That concluded Dr. Catching’s report.</p> <p>Trustee Worthington then called upon Dr. Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, to provide the Spring 2020 enrollment and activity report. Dr. Heinrich reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New student goal for spring 2020 was 546. Goal was exceeded with 547 new students. This number represents a 3% increase over spring 2019.</li> <li>• Total institutional headcount including undergraduate and graduate students for spring 2020 is 9,367. That’s also a 3% increase over spring 2019.</li> <li>• 4% increase over spring 2019 in full time equivalency with 9,040 students.</li> <li>• Seven additional courses were added at the Atlantic City campus.</li> <li>• Upcoming open houses - March 1 and March 29, 2020.</li> <li>• Admitted Students Day is April 5, 2020</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diversity Celebration dinner is March 27, 2020</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman remarked on how Stockton’s goal was to grow 2% on an annual basis and the institution achieved this goal. Also, headcount is up 3% and FTE is up 4%, which is why the overall enrollment numbers are up. These figures have increased due to retention efforts and because students are enrolling at a higher number of credits per student.</p> <p>Trustee Worthington then thanked Dr. Heinrich on all of his work in retaining students.</p> <p>President Kesselman thanked Peter Baratta, Chief Planning Officer, and his team for their support by providing data on a daily basis.</p> <p>Trustee Schoffer remarked on how enrollment is becoming a challenge for all universities but with the Galloway and Atlantic City campuses increasing enrollment and housing, Stockton continues to demonstrate success.</p>
<p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis provided the Finance and Professional Services Committee report, presenting the following consent agenda resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY21 Housing Rents</li> <li>• Appointment of Board Member to National Aviation Research and Technology Park, Inc. – the Honorable Frank LoBiondo</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Dolce, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as consent agenda items.</b></p> <p>Trustee Ellis then presented the following consent agenda resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY20-FY22 Bid Waiver Contracts</li> <li>• FY20 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as bid waiver agenda items.</b></p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis presented the following information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY20 Bid Waiver Increase</li> <li>• FY20 Operational and Capital Report as of January 31, 2020</li> <li>• 2020 Annual Tuition Hearing - March 26, 2020</li> </ul> <p>That concluded Trustee Ellis' report.</p>
<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone was not in attendance due to illness, so Trustee Schoffer reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baker Tilly completed the ADA audit and the final report will be provided in March 2020.</li> <li>• Starting next month, Baker Tilly will begin an audit for Information Technology Disaster Control and Recovery.</li> <li>• Grant Thornton will begin the year-end audit in late spring.</li> </ul> <p>That concluded the Audit Committee report.</p>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Dolce called upon Mr. Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, to report. Mr. Hudson stated Stockton has several major projects underway, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The electrical shutdown scheduled for July 2020</li> <li>• Water plant renovation scheduled for fall 2020</li> <li>• Partnership with Atlantic County to increase road- area capacity at the intersection of Pomona Road and Vera King Farris Drive</li> <li>• ADA compliance project in the TRLC</li> <li>• Signage projects</li> <li>• Restroom renovations in J and H wings</li> <li>• Roofing projects</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletic field renovations</li> <li>• Updating the University’s Master Plan, which will be presented to the Space Management Committee for review</li> </ul> <p>That concluded the Buildings and Grounds report.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Deininger highlighted activities occurring in the Development Office including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New gift commitments stand at more than \$9,700,000</li> <li>• May 9, 2020 - 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently at \$280,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Initiatives to increase alumni engagement and participation such as Second Saturdays and a slate of summer programs. The programs can be found on Stockton’s alumni webpage.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Deininger thanked Dan Nugent and his team for their outstanding work.</p> <p>That concluded Trustee Deininger’s report.</p>
<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of December 31, 2019, portfolio balance was \$93.1 million.</li> <li>• Return for 6 months and all investments was approximately \$4.9 million.</li> </ul> <p>That concluded Trustee Ellis’ report.</p>
<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented the following policies for first reading for Board consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-1 Board of Trustees</li> <li>I-1.5 Evaluation of the University President and Board of Trustees</li> <li>I-2 Powers and Duties of the President</li> <li>VI-65 Signatory Authority</li> <li>VI-70 University Policy and Procedure Authority</li> </ul> <p>The second reading and vote will take place at the May 6, 2020 Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Schoffer announced the Board’s review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, which was posted on the University’s website for review.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Valentin and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>

<p><b>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman received word during the Board meeting that Stockton's appropriation for FY21 was raised an additional 8%, bringing the total appropriation for the University to \$26.4 million.</p> <p>Dr. Michelle McDonald recognized Dr. Victoria Schindler, Professor of Occupational Therapy, and Dr. Stephen Kubricki, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems, for their exemplary years of service and announced they are both being awarded Professor Emeritus status.</p> <p>Dr. McDonald also recognized Rummy Pandit, Executive Director of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT), on his departure from Stockton and accepting a new position at Johnson and Wales University as Dean of the College of Hospitality Management.</p> <p>Dr. McDonald acknowledged Heather Watkins, who was appointed as Executive Assistant to the Provost and Joseph Sramaty, who has taken on the new role of Associate Director for Academic Administration.</p> <p>Michael Angulo welcomed Anne Crater, Investigator, in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity.</p> <p>Dr. Christopher Catching recognized new staff members and current staff promotions: Flora Ruli, Student Success Coach in Atlantic City; Marques Johnson, Associate Director of Residential Education; Christine Feil, Assistant Director for Community Standards and Residential Education; Laura Wilson who was promoted to Associate Director for Student Development; and Theresa Barone who was promoted to Assistant Director of Care and Community Standards.</p> <p>Trustee Schoffer welcomed the new Ospreys and offered farewells to those retiring.</p> <p>Trustee Davis thanked President Kesselman for his leadership and hard work on securing a larger appropriation. President Kesselman thanked everyone involved for working together to help Stockton fulfill the mission of the state, which played a huge role in securing the funding.</p> <p>Trustee Worthington remarked that Atlantic City made Trenton notice Stockton and step up to the plate.</p> <p>Trustee Dolce thanked faculty for doing a great job in educating the students.</p> <p>President Kesselman encouraged the audience to go to the NJAC title basketball game at 7:00 p.m.</p>
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	Trustee Schoffer remarked on the launch of a program in the Stockton Holocaust Resource Center that is an interactive biography of a Holocaust survivor. The program was created by the Shoah Foundation at the University of Southern California and Stockton was chosen to be the location for testing and improvements. In three years, the program will launch in high schools and middle schools throughout the country.
<b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. on the Galloway campus in the Board of Trustees Event Room.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</b>