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Dr. Brian Tyrrell  
President of the Faculty Senate and  
Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies  
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Dear President Tyrrell:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am in receipt of your letter concerning the outcome of the three September 2015 Faculty Senate/Assembly meetings that were used to discuss the appointment of Dr. Harvey Kesselman as the fifth President of Stockton University.

In support of shared governance, the Board appreciates and thanks the Faculty Senate and Assembly for engaging in such thoughtful discussion on this critically important issue, and we are pleased that the voting members of the Faculty Assembly have overwhelmingly supported our decision to negotiate a multi-year contract for Dr. Kesselman to serve as the University's permanent President. We also appreciate your thoughts and recommendations on future presidential searches, and will discuss those recommendations as a full Board of Trustees early in the spring of the 2016 semester.

At present, we are in negotiations with Interim President Kesselman, negotiations that have been very constructive and forward-looking. We recognize that the previous President had a "rolling" three-year appointment, meaning that at the beginning of each fiscal year in which he worked, a new "three year" period began. The Board does not wish to continue offering contracts in that manner, so our discussions are more focused on a specific term, with annual evaluations, and a decision to offer future extensions the year before the term expires.

Once again, thank you for participating in this process. We are grateful for your important input as the representative body of Stockton's faculty.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Deininger  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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C: Members, Stockton Board of Trustees  
Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Interim President