

Stockton names interim director of Hughes Center

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Stockton University has named Dr. Michael W. Klein interim executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Klein, who will take over Jan. 8, was approved by the university Board of Trustees at the Dec. 6 meeting. He is replacing current director and center founder Sharon Schulman, who is retiring Jan. 1.

“The Hughes Center has always done great work,” Klein said in a statement. “It is exciting for me to be a part of it.”

Klein is a higher-education policy expert and the current executive director of the nonprofit New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, according to a university news release.

Klein said he is impressed by the Stockton Polling Institute and will seek grants and fundraising opportunities to support the center’s research, according to the release.

“He brings a wealth of knowledge about state government and higher education policy issues that will enhance the mission of the Hughes Center,” President Harvey Kesselman said in a statement.

Klein served in the office of former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman as an assistant counsel to the governor, deputy director of legislative affairs for the Department of the Treasury and special assistant to the commissioner of Community Affairs, according to the release.

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