

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES
December 6, 2017**

Trustees Present	<p>Ms. Mady Deininger, ('80), Chair Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA ('79), Secretary Dr. Nancy Davis Mr. Andy Dolce Mr. Stanley M. Ellis Michael Jacobson, Esq. Ms. Nelida Valentin ('86) Mrs. Meg Worthington Mr. Ike Ejikeme, Student Trustee Mr. Deon Davis, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio Dr. Susan Davenport, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board</p>
Absent	<p>Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Vice Chair</p>
Call to Order	<p>Chairperson Deininger called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the President's Conference Room, K-203k. On September 11, 2017, notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, was (a) posted on the University's Website; (b) forwarded to the Business Services/Bursar's Office at the University, the editors of the <i>Press of Atlantic City, 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.</p> <p>Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.</p>
Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Open Public Meeting. Trustee Jacobson abstained.</p>
Resolution to Meet in Closed Session	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:20 p.m.</p>
Reconvene of Open Public Meeting	<p>Chairperson Deininger reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 4:30 p.m.</p>
Chairperson's Report	<p>Chairperson Deininger thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared fond memories of Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Stockton University, Alan Arcuri, who recently passed away. She then called upon President Kesselman to give his report.</p>
President's Report	<p>President Kesselman also gave accolades and shared thoughtful memories of Dr. Arcuri; then asked for a collective moment of silence.</p> <p>President Kesselman introduced the Resolution: Naming the Event Room of the Atlantic City Academic Building as the "Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room," and highlighted Stockton's role, with particular reference to the Africana Studies Program, in commemorating and enriching the legacy of Mrs. Hamer. He also noted how this public honor of Mrs. Hamer's contributions not only serves as a wonderful tribute to her memory, but also as a symbolic recognition towards our continued pursuit of freedom and social justice. President Kesselman thanked Distinguished Professor of Social Work & Africana Studies, Dr. Pat Reid-Merritt and Professor Emeritus of</p>

	<p>Philosophy & Religion, Dr. Joe Walsh for the original naming idea, and acknowledged Professor Reid-Merritt for her continued extraordinary efforts with Stockton's Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Symposium.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>President Kesselman presented the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Civic Learning and Community Engagement Award he received on behalf of the university to Dr. Awilda Colon and Mr. Daniel Tome. On October 22, 2017, AASCU presented Stockton, the very first recipient of AASCU's most recent addition to its Excellence and Innovation awards, with this honor because of the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of our American Democracy Project and commitment to service learning. President Kesselman also acknowledged Dr. Michelle McDonald, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs & Tenured Associate Professor of Atlantic History, for her contribution with the award-winning proposal.</p> <p>President Kesselman called upon Mr. Kevin McHugh, Executive Director of Athletics, who recognized two student All-American Stockton athletes, Ms. Stephanie Kovacs, and Ms. Alicia Belko. Kovacs, a two-time All-American recipient, ranks 25th in the N.C.A.A. Division 3. A Hospitality and Tourism major, Kovacs will graduate with honors this year in the top 15% of her class. Belko, a previous All-American in Outdoor Track, became Stockton's first ever All-American in Cross Country, finishing 27th overall at the N.C.A.A. Mr. McHugh presented medals to both student athletes.</p>
<p>Academic Affairs & Planning Committee Report (AA&P)</p>	<p>Trustee Dolce, AA&P Committee Chair, congratulated the faculty and staff for the active program development for Atlantic City, and called upon Dr. Lori Vermeulen, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report.</p> <p>Provost Vermeulen presented one resolution and three information items:</p> <p>Resolution: To Offer the Masters in Counseling Program</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/2019 Sabbatical Leaves • Supplemental funding for Math and Science Partnership Grant • Research and Sponsored Programs: Externally funded projects • Program planning for fall 2018 (1st phase)
<p>Student Affairs and Planning Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Worthington called upon Mr. John Iacovelli, Dean of Enrollment Management, to speak about recruitment and Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, to speak on the Trustee Fellowship Distinguished Students Award.</p> <p>Dean Iacovelli reported that early undergraduate recruitment numbers for both spring and fall 2018 look very strong, with a 20% increase in completed applications and acceptances over last year's totals at this point in time. Graduate Studies recruitment showed similar increases. Open House events continue to significantly impact the institution's recruitment efforts. In addition, preliminary data shows Stockton's 2017 first-time full-time freshman class having the highest retention rate in the history of the institution.</p> <p>Dr. Santana presented the Board of Trustee Distinguished Fellows awards. To date,</p>

	<p>271 fellowships have been awarded since the program's inception in 1986. Five students were honored at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrew Cross – <i>Analysis of Stockton Farm Crop Health via Use of Near-Infrared Aerial Imagery</i> • Ms. Jade Galluci – <i>Towards Diversification, A Study to Understand and Improve Stockton's Campus for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students.</i> • Ms. Flor Cruz-Murillo – <i>Educational Opportunity Fund and College Pursuit</i> • Mr. Brandon Morris – <i>Cybersecurity Education and Awareness</i> • Ms. Catharine Tarquinio - <i>Cybersecurity Education and Awareness</i> <p>Dr. Santana also remarked on the recent RFP submission for Stockton's EOF program in Atlantic City, under the leadership of Dr. Michelle McDonald and Dr. Maralyn Mason; the Change the World Youth Conference; and the 50th Anniversary EOF video, which features directors, faculty, staff, and students throughout the years sharing information about their experiences with the EOF program.</p>
<p>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Ellis, Finance and Professional Services Committee Chair, presented the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY17-FY21 Bid Waivers • FY18 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract • FY18 Tuition Rates for Pilot Program for International Students from Panama • 2018 Housing Exchange with European University-Cyprus for Student Interns • Tuition and Fees Effective for 2018 Summer Session at Stockton University's Instructional Sites • FY18 Managerial Merit Pool Authorization • Authorization to Join the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative • FY18-FY21 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract (Pre-Approved by the Executive Committee, November 13, 2017) • FY19 State Budget Request (Pre-Approved by the Executive Committee, November 13, 2017) • FY19 Housing Rents • FY19 Atlantic City Campus Housing Rents • Appointment of Board Members for Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park of New Jersey, Inc. <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as consent agenda items.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis also called upon Mr. Brian Kowalski, General Counsel and Vice President of Stockton Affiliated Services, Inc. (SASI), who presented on the services and current performance of SASI. SASI is celebrating its 10th year anniversary, providing services such as bookstore services, food services, graduate housing, transportation services, mailroom postal services, management of the Woodbine Instructional Site, and vending services. Mr. Kowalski gave a detailed presentation of SASI's scope of services and its sound financial footing as supported by the annual audit. He also thanked SASI's administrative team, under the direction of Mr. Jim Rottler, for their continued support.</p>

Audit Committee Report	Trustee Ciccone, Audit Committee Chair, reported that Grant Thornton, the University's external auditor, concluded its audit of Stockton's financial statements, and rendered an "unqualified opinion," which means the institutions' financial statements are correct in all material aspects. He thanked Mr. Michael Angulo, Vice President for Administration and Finance for his leadership of the division. Regarding the internal audit process, Baker Tilly has completed its audit of Risk Management and Enrollment Management Services. Business Continuity Planning will follow in 2018.
Buildings and Grounds Committee Report	<p>In Trustee Schoffer's absence, Trustee Ciccone called upon Mr. Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, to report (video footage shown) on the various campus projects, discussed in this morning's meeting, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic City Campus: views of actual construction (parking garage, residential, academic building, etc.) and final expected project were shown; the project is on schedule and maintaining its original budget expectations; move-in will begin summer 2018; • Galloway Campus: Quad project—beginning the furniture move-in and securing the temporary Certificate of Occupancy; New Signage: university branded monument and directional signs w/ lighting are being installed; • Manahawkin Expansion: adding approx. 8,000 square feet to the existing facility, to include Foundation of Nursing lab, student lounge, student computer workstation area, and administration area; will be open for classes in January; • Club Organization Flag Installation: A&S Building club and organization flag installation project completed. <p>Mr. Hudson thanked Ms. Darnley Biddle and Mr. Mark Ciccotelli for video production, and Mr. Geoff Pettifer and URM team for branding assistance.</p>
Development Committee Report	<p>Trustee Jacobson, Chair of the Development Committee, called upon Dr. Phil Ellmore, Chief Development Officer, to report. Dr. Ellmore presented five informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Audit: Stockton Foundation completed the FY17 audit and received a clean report, an "unqualified opinion." Many thanks to the Finance and Accounting team and the gift processing personnel in the Development office. • Foundation Net Assets: as of September 30, assets totaled \$36.9 million, an increase of more than 10% in comparison with this time last year, \$33.3 million. • Fiscal Year Giving: nearly \$1 million through the end of November, which is 14% more than last year, when factoring out the large Noyes Museum gift and three additional one-time six-figure gifts, and 27% ahead of FY16 through the same period. • Noyes Foundation Gift: almost complete in processing the gift, with property and invested securities totaling approx. \$2.2 million. • Additional Gifts: working on additional property gifts to the university, scheduled to close in December 2017.
Investment Committee Report	Trustee Ellis, Chair of the Investment Committee, reported the Committee met in November, and advised of how the university's portfolio has continued to show a strong performance through October.
University Policies	President Kesselman introduced the Whistleblower Policy for First Reading. It will come before the Board in February 2018 for Second Reading and approval.

Personnel Actions Resolutions	<p>Chairperson Deininger announced the Board reviewed the Personnel Actions Resolution, which was posted on the Board’s website for review.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Nancy Messina, Assistant Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, Mrs. Sharon Schulman, Executive Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, and Dr. Joseph Marchetti, Professor of Education. He also announced the Interim Director of the William J. Hughes Center, Dr. Michael Klein, and the new Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Chris Catching.</p>
Other Business/ Board Comments	No other business and/or comments from the Board.
Comments from the Public	<p>Dr. Lori Vermeulen, Mr. Michael Angulo, Mr. Robert Heinrich, and Dr. Pedro Santana announced new faculty, administrative personnel appointments, and/or other changes in their areas. Dr. Anne Pomeroy, Vice President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers, spoke in the absence of Dr. Rodger Jackson, first congratulating faculty members who received promotions and tenure, and the Admissions department on the increase in enrollment. Dr. Pomeroy also called attention to the added pressure placed on faculty members, due to the increase in enrollment. President Kesselman recognized faculty members who have earned Sabbaticals for next year. Dr. Lisa Honaker, Dean of ARHU, reminded everyone of the upcoming performance of “The Messiah,” held at the Borgata on Sunday, December 10th and directed by Dr. Beverly Vaughn, Professor of Music.</p>
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, Campus Center.
Adjournment	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

For the Board,
Susan Davenport, Executive Vice President,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 21, 2018.