

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES  
September 23, 2020**

<b>Trustees Present via Zoom</b>	Mr. Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Chair Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA, Vice Chair Mr. Stanley M. Ellis, Secretary Ms. Mady Deininger Mr. Andy Dolce Dr. Nancy Davis Mr. Michael Jacobson, Esq. Ms. Nelida Valentin Ms. Meg Worthington Mr. Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee Mr. Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Schoffer called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, via Zoom. On July 8, 2020, a special notice of this meeting announcing the change of location, 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 July 15, 2020</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Open Public Meeting.
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>	<b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:42 p.m.</b>
<b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>	Chair Schoffer reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.
<b>Chair's Remarks</b>	Outgoing Board Chair Schoffer reflected on his time on the Board and thanked all Board Trustees for their time and dedication. Trustee Schoffer gave recognition to the leadership and the Stockton University community for implementing plans regarding the current health crisis and social justice initiatives. Trustee Schoffer then passed the gavel to incoming Board Chair Ray Ciccone.

<p><b>2020 – 2021 Slate of Officers</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution of the 2020 – 2021 Slate of Officers.</b></p>
<p><b>Oath of Office, Mr. Jaiden Chavis</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jaiden Chavis, the newly elected Student Trustee Alternate. After taking the oath, Board members congratulated Mr. Chavis.</p>
<p><b>President’s Report</b></p>	<p>Before President Kesselman gave his report, he called upon Trustee Ciccone. Trustee Ciccone congratulated Stockton University leadership and the Facilities and Operations division for the magnificent job of preparing the University during the COVID crisis.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone shared some words of gratitude while presenting a short tribute about the outgoing Board Chair, Trustee Schoffer. Trustee Ciccone thanked Trustee Schoffer for his service and contributions in advancing Stockton University.</p> <p>President Kesselman also acknowledged the commitment and outstanding work of Trustee Schoffer in his time on the Board.</p> <p>President Kesselman gave a special recognition while sharing some words of thanks to outgoing Student Trustee, Nadira Anderson. President Kesselman thanked Trustee Deininger and Trustee Ellis for serving on the Executive Committee. He also thanked Trustee Jacobson for serving on the Board for thirty-five years.</p> <p>President Kesselman shared information regarding the Phase II Project groundbreaking taking place in Atlantic City. He then shared information about the following three new Presidential Task Forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidential Taskforce on Email Communication</li> <li>• Presidential Task Force on Business and Hospitality in Atlantic City</li> <li>• Presidential Task Force on Community Policing at Stockton</li> </ul> <p>Lastly, President Kesselman informed the Board members that updated COVID-19 information could be found on Stockton’s University website.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis called on Dr. Michelle McDonald, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report some positive changes within the division.</p> <p>Dr. McDonald reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new undergraduate program in Digital Studies has been approved at the state level and is in the final stage of implementation.</li> <li>• Progress continues with the development of a Master’s in Public Health.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The search for the Dean of the School of Health Sciences will be re-launched as well as the search for a Director of Academic Assessment.</li> <li>• The 2021-22 Middle States Accreditation Cycle has begun.</li> <li>• Dr. Donnetrice Allison, who is serving as Director of Strategic Initiatives, joined the meeting. Dr. Allison spoke briefly about the important work the University is undertaking to promote diversity, inclusion, and social justice from the perspective within our academic programming.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Davis said she is thrilled there will be a Master’s program in Public Health and thanked the faculty for doing a great job during these difficult times.</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. Dr. Catching reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall 2020 Reopening and Welcome Week</li> <li>○ Racial justice issues in connection to the resolution recently passed by the Board</li> <li>○ Multicultural Center</li> <li>○ Spring 2020 Commencement Day - October 23, 2020</li> <li>○ Athletics and Recreation updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dr. Christopher Catching called upon Dr. Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, to give his report.</p> <p>Dr. Heinrich reported the following on the University’s enrollment for the Summer 2020 &amp; Preliminary Fall Semesters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer 2020 overall headcount up 12%</li> <li>• Summer 2020 overall full-time equivalency up 14%</li> <li>• Fall 2020 headcount: 1% decrease, 9926 students</li> <li>• Fall 2020 full-time equivalency up 3%, 9598 students</li> <li>• Fall 2020 first-time students: decrease of 117 students</li> <li>• Fall 2020 transfers students: decrease of 209 students</li> <li>• Fall 2020 graduate students: increase of 5 students</li> <li>• Fall 2020 enrollment by race/ethnicity: 2% increase in racial/ethnic diversity of student population</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Heinrich thanked the Division of Enrollment Management, Cabinet, the Planning Office and University Relations and Marketing.</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>• FY22 Capital Budget Submission</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed FY21 Operating &amp; Capital Budget and Adoption</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 bid waiver resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY21-23 Bid Waiver Contracts</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY21-23 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis reported the budget for FY20 ended with a surplus. He congratulated everyone involved in making this happen.</p>
<b>Audit Committee Report</b>	<p>Trustee Ciccone informed the Board that Trustee Dolce will be the new Chair for the Audit Committee. Then, Trustee Ciccone reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are two simultaneous audits currently underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Internal Audit Department is currently completing an EEO Compliance audit, to be finished by November. In the Spring, the department will begin the Wellness Center audit.</li> <li>Grant Thornton has completed their fieldwork. However, due to GASB 75, audit reports will be delayed until November.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Foundation, SASI, and other audits will be completed soon.</li> <li>Trustee Dolce will provide an updated report at the December BOT meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b>	<p>Trustee Dolce congratulated Mr. Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, and his team for preparing the University for a safe return and the completion of other work on campus. Trustee Dolce called upon Don Hudson to present and summarize his presentation of the Facilities Master Plan 2020. After Don Hudson's presentation, Trustee Dolce presented the following consent resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Endorse the University Master Plan</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions to endorse the University Master Plan.</b></p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Deininger reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Development Committee met on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the final fundraising numbers for the previous fiscal year total more than \$10.5 million in new gift commitments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Twenty-seven new scholarships and program support funds were created.</li> <li>○ Even though the Spring Gala was not in person, over \$200,000 was raised.</li> <li>○ More than \$1 million dollars was awarded in Foundation Scholarships to students. Additional funds are reserved to assist students facing additional need due to the pandemic this year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trustee Deininger provided a summary regarding an Alumni Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This conference will be in partnership with the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity and is planned for 2021. The conference will feature sessions on a broad array of issues geared toward fostering dialogue among the alumni community. It will also include virtual programs for alumni and friends featuring faculty, staff, and others. All events will be open to the Stockton Community.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger mentioned that Ospreys Give is coming up, also known as Stockton’s annual day of giving. The 24-hour giving event will run from October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Deininger mentioned everyone in the community is invited to participate and make a gift in any amount to any fund at the University. For more information on this event, please go to <a href="https://ospreysgive.stockton.edu/">https://ospreysgive.stockton.edu/</a>.</p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Deininger commended Trustee Schoffer, who will be the new Chair for the Development Committee and informed the Board that she would remain on the committee.</p>
<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Investment Committee met with its investment advisors. Members of the committee decided to maintain the portfolio as it is currently constructed between equities, fixed income, and alternative investments.</li> <li>• As of September 20, 2020, the portfolio balance was \$94.6 million. Funds continue to perform well despite these challenging times.</li> </ul>

	<p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis informed the Board that Trustee Worthington will be the new Chair of the Investment Committee</p>
<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with two policies as a <b>First Reading</b>. President Kesselman will recommend these policies for Board approval at the December 9, 2020 meeting:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I-67 Disability, Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodations VI-45 Refunds Upon Withdrawal</p> <p>Next, President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following three policies, following their <b>Second Reading</b>:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I-55 Campus Conduct Code VI-2 Facilities Master Plan VI-60 Real Estate Transaction Advisory Committee</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone 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 Davis 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>Trustee Ciccone welcomed Trustee Dolce and Trustee Valentin to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger welcomed Mr. Jaiden Chavis as the Student Trustee Alternate. She mentioned she was excited that Mr. Tyler Rodriguez was moving up as the BOT Student Trustee and thanked Ms. Nadira Anderson for help, insight, and professionalism during her tenure serving on the BOT.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin echoed Trustee Deininger's sentiments to Trustee Schoffer and thanked him. Next, Trustee Valentin mentioned to the Board that the leadership and sensitivity from Trustee Ciccone are extraordinary, and she is looking forward to the next several years.</p> <p>Trustee Davis thanked the Stockton community for all the work they have accomplished. She also thanked the faculty for doing an amazing job adjusting their teaching modalities during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as Dr. Kesselman for leading the University in the right direction during these difficult times.</p> <p>Trustee Jaiden Chavis mentioned to the Board that he is honored to accept his new position as the BOT Student Trustee Alternate.</p>

	<p>Trustee Meg Worthington echoed Trustee Deininger's sentiments to Trustee Schoffer and thanked him for his service. She also welcomed Trustee Ciccone as the new Board Chair and Trustee Jaiden Chavis as the new Student Trustee Alternate.</p> <p>Trustee Michael Jacobson congratulated Trustee Leo Schoffer for his marvelous job over the years moving the Board and the University forward.</p> <p>Dr. Michelle McDonald welcomed Dr. Sheila Quinn, Associate Dean of Health Science and Chief Nurse Administrator. Dr. McDonald also reintroduced Dr. Kathleen Klein as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Design.</p> <p>Dr. Christopher Catching announced the promotion of Dr. Nordia Johnson to the Interim Director of Academic Achievement Programs.</p> <p>Mr. Peter Baratta introduced Jessica Kay as the new Director of Institutional Research and congratulated her on her new opportunity.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Angulo announced that Sheila Vance had joined the University's Office of Equal Opportunity as Interim Chief Officer for EEO and Compliance, formerly known as the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity. Ms. Vance will serve as the Title IX, Title VI, and Title VII Coordinator, and Chair of the Title IX Practitioners Group.</p>
<p><b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the BOT room on the Galloway campus.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Dolce, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</p>