

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

<p>Trustees Present</p> <p>Absent</p>	<p>Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Chair Trustee Andy Dolce, Vice Chair Trustee Nelida Valentin, Secretary Trustee Nancy Davis Trustee Collins Days Trustee Mady Deininger Trustee Stan Ellis Trustee Sonia Gonsalves Trustee Michelle Keates Trustee Jose Lozano Trustee Leo Schoffer Trustee Meg Worthington Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio</p> <p>Trustee Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee Trustee Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee Alternate</p>
<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. On September 10, 2020, a notice of this meeting and Public Hearing, as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, was (a) posted on the University's website, (b) sent to the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal, (c) and filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and Atlantic County Clerk's Office.</p>
<p>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021</p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the May 5, 2021 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.</p>
<p>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:49 p.m.</p>
<p>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Chair's Remarks</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone welcomed the in-person attendees and declared how wonderful it was to see everyone in person. He also thanked President Kesselman and the Stockton community for their work over the last 15 months.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone stated that the University has a positive financial outlook, and it is ready to move forward.</p>

<p>President's Report</p>	<p>President Kesselman thanked everyone for attending and for all the work they accomplished during the past 15 months. He expressed concern that the COVID-19 variants are contributing to the increase in positive cases and emphasized how important it is to get vaccinated.</p> <p>He also stated the University made significant steps toward equitable funding from the state budget appropriation after many years of advocacy.</p> <p>President Kesselman reported that this year marks Stockton University's 50th Anniversary of teaching and that there will be a series of events scheduled to celebrate this anniversary. Some of the events mentioned were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Weekend in October • The Dean and Zoë Pappas Visiting Scholar Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Author Ta-Nehisi Coates will visit the campus this fall by Zoom as part of the First-Year Seminar program • Winter celebration and tree-lighting ceremony in early December • Debut of a 50th Anniversary Exhibition <p>A short teaser video about the 50th Anniversary was shown. President Kesselman expressed his thanks to the campus community as we prepare to celebrate this important milestone.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged Lieutenant Tracy Stewart and Freya, Stockton University's K-9 golden retriever, for completing the New Jersey State Police K9 Academy training and placing third at the 2021 national competition.</p>
<p>Academic Affairs & Planning Committee (AA&P)</p> <p>Student Success Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Davis called upon and welcomed Leamor Kahanov, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report. Leamor Kahanov reported that the Middle States Accreditation self-study team provided an update on where we were in the process. She also stated that Stockton's external chair for Middle States will visit on September 29 and the self-study report will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the December meeting. She acknowledged and thanked the committee co-chairs, Bob Heinrich, Claudine Keenan, and Manish Madan for their excellent work.</p> <p>The committee was presented with a report on the Presidential Task Force on Driving Business and Hospitality Excellence in Atlantic City. Trustee Ciccone, Dean Alphonso Ogbuehi and Michelle McDonald were thanked for their leadership in spearheading this project.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin welcomed Trustee Collins Days and Trustee Sonia Gonsalves, to the Student Success Committee. Then she acknowledged Chris Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs; Peter Baratta, Chief Planning Officer & Deputy Chief of Staff; Bob Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer and Adrian Wiggins, Director of Campus Public Safety for their leadership on issues that impact our students.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin reported that discussions took place on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Enrollment Student initiatives focusing on transition and the

	<p>success of our students including new student orientation, the EOF summer academy, and strategies to support the success of first-generation and low-income students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nordia Johnson, Director of Academic Achievement Programs presented on High-Impact Practices and the Student Success Institute <p>Trustee Valentin thanked everyone for their work.</p>
<p>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Ellis provided the Finance and Professional Services Committee report and presented the following consent agenda resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY22-FY24 Bid Waiver Contracts • FY22-FY24 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis presented the following resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed FY22 Operating & Capital Budget and Adoption <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</p>
<p>Audit Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Dolce indicated the Audit Committee met in June and he reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Thornton, the University’s external audit firm, started their FY21 audit procedures and will present an update at the next Committee meeting. • Baker Tilly, the University’s internal audit function, completed their audit on student mental health and a new audit on time and attendance monitoring will begin per the recommendation of the President. A preliminary report will be provided within 30 to 60 days.
<p>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer called on Meg Worthington, Vice Chair to provide the Building Grounds report. She stated the committee was presented with status updates on a number of projects. Then she asked Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities & Operations, to provide a summary. Don Hudson acknowledged President Kesselman and Jennifer Potter, Vice President for Administration and Finance & Chief Financial Officer for their hard work on raising funds and tracking funding for these projects and then delivered a presentation on the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II – Atlantic City • Arts and Science Building – Roofing Project Completed • Sport Center Expansion • Library Building HVAC and Roofing Project • Jimmie Leeds Road Entrance – Landscaping <p>Don Hudson acknowledged a number of departments who contributed to the development of the list of priority deferred maintenance projects, including the Facility Operations Staff, Purchasing, Risk Management, and Environmental Health and Safety.</p> <p>Don Hudson asked Chris Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs to join him in providing a presentation on the Multicultural Center. They acknowledged the Multicultural Center Committee members, a combination of faculty, staff and students who are working on this project.</p>
<p>Development Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer shared that the Development Office raised over \$3 million in gifts during the past year, and he congratulated the office of Development for their efforts. In addition, he acknowledged Donna Buzby for her leadership and the success driven by the Stockton community, which includes the Board, the faculty, staff, alumni, and students. Trustee Schoffer called upon Dan Nugent, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation, to provide additional remarks.</p> <p>Dan Nugent thanked the Stockton community and expressed his gratitude. He reported the final numbers for gifts and commitments for FY21 were not yet available but will be presented at a future meeting. He also stated that additional emergency funding made available during the pandemic helped more students obtain scholarships and assist with outstanding balances.</p> <p>Dan Nugent thanked everyone who supported and attended the Benefit on the Boardwalk event. He shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$853,000 in scholarships were awarded by the Foundation Office at the start of the new fiscal year. • 42 new scholarships and programs were created. • Last year, 751 first-time Stockton donors provided gifts. <p>The Alumni Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion held three sessions this year. Topics covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Governance, Institutional Structure and Anti-Racism • Diversity, Inclusion in Higher Education and Freedom of Speech • Summer reading project – “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates. This fall Ta-Nehisi Coates will be invited to the campus for a virtual visit. <p>Trustee Schoffer once again recognized Dan Nugent for the outstanding work of his entire staff.</p>

Investment Committee Report	<p>Trustee Worthington reported the Investment Committee met at the end of April, and the portfolio was valued at \$112.1 million as of May 31, 2021. The portfolio gained approximately \$21.4 million in FY21 through May 31st.</p>
University Policies	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following five revised policies and the deletion of one policy as a first reading. These policies will be recommended for Board approval at the September 22, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><i>Revised Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-61 Allocation and Disbursement of Student Activity Funds I-125 Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals III-40 On-Campus Housing III-148 Prohibition of Weapons III-149 Parking and Traffic Regulations <p><i>Deleted Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-60 Student Organizational Funding <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following five revised policies and the deletion of four policies, following their second reading:</p> <p><i>Revised Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-57 Campus Hearing Board III-70 Financial Aid Program III-147 Pets on University Property VI-27 Leave of Absence VI-94 Safety Program <p><i>Deleted Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-58 Administrative Hearing III-10 Student Services' Programs VI-61 Notifications, Warnings and Prohibitions – Consumer Electronic Products VI-93 Safety and Sanitation <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</p>

<p>Personnel Actions Resolution</p>	<p>President Kesselman announced the Board’s review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, posted on the University’s website for review.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</p>
<p>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</p>	<p>President Kesselman acknowledged and thanked Chair Ciccone, Michelle McDonald, and Alphonso Ogbuehi for their work on the Presidential Task Force on the Business program. He also acknowledged and thanked past chairs, Trustee Deininger on developing the Presidential Task Force on Shared Governance and Trustee Schoffer on developing the Presidential Task Force on Athletic Facilities.</p> <p>Trustee Davis thanked President Kesselman and his team for helping the State realize that Stockton University deserved the same allocation of funds as other state institutions of higher learning. Additionally, she acknowledged the faculty's outstanding work through COVID.</p> <p>Trustee Dolce acknowledge and reintroduced the four new trustees: Collins Days, Michelle Keates, Sonia Gonsalves, and Jose Lozano.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger mentioned how wonderful it was to see everyone in person after about 504 days. She welcomed and thanked the four new trustees for serving on the Stockton University Board.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov recognized and welcomed Brent Arnold, Dean of Health Sciences. She also recognized the following faculty members retiring at the end of this academic year: Jean Abbott, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Accounting; Judith Copeland, Associate Professor of Writing; Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, Associate Professor of Spanish; Reza Ghorashi, Professor of Economics; Lee Ann Guenther, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy; Matthew Landau, Professor of Marine Science; Shelly Meyers, Associate Professor of Education and Carole Rae Reed, Associate Professor of Health Science.</p> <p>Chris Catching welcomed Heather Bense, Associate Director for Counseling and Psychological Services; Anthony Thomas, Associate Director for Learning Access Program; Zupenda Davis-Shine, Associate Director of Health Outreach for Promotion and Education; and Naheel Naber, Student Success Coach for Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF).</p> <p>Chris Catching also announced that Christine Easton and Christine Feil were going to transition from their roles in Residential Life to Case Management Specialists in the Office of the Dean of Students. Justina Drysdale will take a new role as the Assistant Director for Residential Education.</p> <p>Beverly Vaughn, Professor of Music, expressed how excited she was about the Multicultural Center. She also announced as part of Stockton University’s</p>

	<p>50th year celebration there will be a performance of the Messiah in December, location TBD and the Music Program will be traveling to Italy from June 1 to June 9, 2022.</p> <p>Jennifer Potter welcomed Lubomyr (Lou) Woroch to the University and the Division of Administration & Finance. Lou will serve as the University's Controller overseeing the Office of Fiscal Affairs.</p> <p>Lisa Honaker announced that the Performing Arts Center will be reopening this fall and the schedule of events will be released soon.</p>
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting	<p>The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the Galloway Campus in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</p>