

## NJPC EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION

*Resolution 092120-10*

**WHEREAS**, section 8.b. of the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994 gives the Presidents' Council the responsibility to "review and make recommendations to the [C]ommission [on Higher Education] concerning proposals for new programs that exceed the programmatic mission of an institution or that change the programmatic mission of an institution"; and section 8.c. of the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994 gives the Presidents' Council the responsibility to "review and comment on proposals for new programs that demand significant added resources or raise significant issues of duplication but do not exceed the programmatic mission of the institution or require a change in the programmatic mission," and this statutory section goes on to state that "if the council determines that a proposed new program is unduly expensive or unduly duplicative, the council shall refer that proposal to the Commission for review; however, unless the Commission disapproves of that program within 60 days of its referral, the program shall be deemed approved"; and Section 8.1. of the Bylaws of the Presidents' Council (adopted December 5, 1994) authorizes the Executive Board of the Presidents' Council to perform the duties of the Presidents' Council and to act on matters on behalf of the Presidents' Council in the interim between meetings of the Presidents' Council; and on December 5, 1994 the Presidents' Council ratified the Executive Board's November 15, 1994 approval of the New Degree Program Review Process to discharge the above-referenced statutory responsibilities of the Presidents' Council; and on June 2, 2014, ratified Academic Issues Committee modification of the process;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Governor Christie's Reorganization Plan 005-2011, the Commission on Higher Education has been abolished, and the duties and authorities have been transferred to the Secretary of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the following proposed new degree program has been submitted to the Presidents' Council for review:

**Stockton University**

- Bachelor of Arts in Digital Studies (09.0702)

**and WHEREAS**, the Academic Issues Committee of the Presidents' Council has determined that the proposed new degree program has complied with all applicable procedures under the New Degree Program Review Process; and that the proposed new degree program is not unduly expensive or unduly duplicative;

**and WHEREAS**, the Academic Issues Committee of the Presidents' Council has determined that the proposed new degree program does not exceed the mission of the institution;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Academic Issues Committee of the Presidents' Council, the Presidents' Council has determined that the above referenced proposed new degree program does not exceed the mission of the institution concerned, and does not need to be referred for further action to the Secretary of Higher Education.

**AND MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Presidents' Council wishes the institution well in the implementation of this program.