

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES  
July 15, 2020**

<b>Trustees Present via Zoom</b>	Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Chair Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA, Vice Chair Mr. Stanley M. Ellis, Secretary Ms. Mady Deininger Dr. Nancy Davis Michael Jacobson, Esq. Mr. Andy Dolce Ms. Nelida Valentin Ms. Meg Worthington Ms. Nadira Anderson, Student Trustee Mr. Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Schoffer called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 via Zoom. On July 8, 2020, a special notice of this meeting, 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, 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 May 6, 2020</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the May 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:42 p.m.
<b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>	Chair Schoffer reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:31 p.m. via Zoom webinar.
<b>Chair's Remarks</b>	Trustee Schoffer thanked everyone for attending the meeting during these very challenging times. He then mentioned how thankful he was to everyone at Stockton starting with President Kesselman, followed by the Cabinet, staff, faculty, students, and Board of Trustees for all of their work, efforts, diligence and patience in helping us get through these difficult days.
<b>President's Report</b>	President Kesselman echoed Chair Schoffer's sentiments and thanks to the entire Stockton Community for the efforts put forth

	<p>since March to provide fully remote instruction. He said the subsequent process of reopening campus operations, including summer registration, advising and all activities associated with the restart of the institution has been an extraordinary effort by everyone and that he could not be more proud to be part of this University. He added this period has been the most challenging times in his memory. He said there is a sense of hope that conditions will improve as we continue to work together. The fact we continue to provide each other with current information and that 70 to 80 people have been involved with the University's restart plan speaks volumes to the sense of the community at the institution.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis called Dr. Michelle McDonald, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report on the important changes that are occurring regarding the reopening of the University.</p> <p>Dr. McDonald reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions took place regarding a number of recent restructuring decisions within the Academic Affairs division, including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stockton Center of Community Engagement and Service Learning.</li> <li>○ Unification of Learning Design, Faculty Development and Academic Assessment into a Center for Teaching and Learning</li> <li>○ Decision to shift marketing recruitment and Admissions of Graduate Studies to the Office of Enrollment Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussions also took place regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enrollment and registration trends for summer and fall of 2020</li> <li>○ Academic planning for the fall 2020 term</li> <li>○ Recommitment to partnerships in local healthcare systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trustee Davis then thanked the faculty for their hard work during this transition period and mentioned she thinks the University's restart plan is strong.</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> <p>Student Success has been focusing on the student perspective on the University Restart Plan for the fall. There</p>

	<p>were discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residential students</li> <li>○ Instructional delivery</li> <li>○ Student activities</li> <li>○ Updates on current enrollment for this cycle</li> <li>○ Updates related to athletics and recreation</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Valentin acknowledged the work of Dr. Haley Baum and Craig Stambaugh for initiating a survey to find out the student's perspective regarding the restart. She also acknowledged Dr. Heinrich for providing a preliminary update on enrollments and enrollment numbers.</p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Worthington mentioned that the EOF program was slated to have 135 students. There are 134 students participating and thanked the committee for their work and energy.</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>● Appointment of Board Member to National Aviation Research and Technology Park, Inc.</li> <li>● Appointment of Board Member to Stockton Affiliated Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as consent agenda items.</b></p> <p>Trustee Ellis then presented the bid waiver resolution.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions.</b></p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis presented the following information on items that were previously approved at the Executive Committee Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition and fees increase for FY21 and FY21 summer session</li> <li>● FY21 tuition rates for healthcare clinical partnerships.</li> <li>● FY21 tuition rates for criminal justice and law enforcement employees pursuing master's degree in criminal justice programs.</li> <li>● FY21 Bid Waivers</li> </ul>

<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal auditors concluded their audit on Stockton’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and are currently in closing stages of the internal audit of IT Disaster and Recovery</li> <li>• There will be a new audit performed in the fall on Discrimination Claims.</li> <li>• There will be Mental Health and Wellness audit later this year.</li> </ul> <p>Grant Thornton are our external auditors and are currently in the middle of their audit. Grant Thornton have an October deadline, which is a state mandated deadline. An update will be presented at the next board meeting.</p>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Dolce called upon Mr. Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, to report. Mr. Hudson thanked all the 70 or so faculty, staff, and students for contributing to various committees of the UROC group. He reported on the top three or four major items regarding the restart initiative including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report was submitted to the State on July 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Modest in person operations will start at the University next week</li> <li>• Staff returning the first week of August</li> </ul> <p>Next, Mr. Hudson provided an update on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portions of the electrical shutdown project were completed in June. The last phase will be completed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• The pole relocation at the main entrance is almost completed.</li> <li>• In addition to our preventive maintenance projects, there will be more wayfinding signs in the parking lots later in July.</li> <li>• The bookstore in Atlantic City closed this summer, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking into other options such as having students order their materials or provide other kinds of resources for students and staff.</li> <li>○ The space will be created into a classroom for this fall semester.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An executed lease agreement with Atlantic Shores Wind Power has been received for the Atlantic City boardwalk small retail space and starts today.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Master Plan is being finalized and will be presented at the September Board meeting for approval. The Space Management Committee is reviewing the narrative of the Master Plan. URM is assisting with crafting the Master Plan into a digital and hardcopy booklet form.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Dolce thanked Don and the Facilities and Operations team for continuing to do such a great job. He also gave a shout out to Peter Baratta for co-chairing the Restart Committee. Lastly, he mentioned that he thinks all feel assured that a very safe environment has been created for faculty, students, and staff.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Deininger reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The final fundraising numbers for the fiscal year will be completed soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The numbers will be released in the Report of Impact, which is mailed to donors and made available on the Foundation website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● FY20 was a record setting year for fundraising at Stockton. New gift commitments were the highest in the University’s history – more than \$10,500,000.</li> <li>● The Scholarship Benefit Gala was held virtually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most sponsors chose to continue to support the event.</li> <li>○ Many supporters donated the dollar amount of purchasing tickets.</li> <li>○ More than \$200,000 was raised.</li> <li>○ The Gala Scholarship Fund and Student Relief Fund can still be supported by visiting <a href="http://elevate.stockton.edu">elevate.stockton.edu</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trustee Deininger thanked fellow Board of Trustees for supporting the gala. She then mentioned the Annual Golf Classic taking place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Seaview. The full details are on the website at <a href="http://stockton.edu/golf">stockton.edu/golf</a>. Everyone is welcome and the event can be supported even by those who do not play golf. Sponsorships and donations are accepted on the website.</p> <p>All Alumni programming has been virtual since the start of the pandemic and has been getting a great response. There are programs on winemaking, a faculty and friends film series, meditation events that are offered to engage alumni, faculty, staff, and friends. More information is available by visiting the alumni website.</p>

<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of June 30, 2020, the portfolio balance was \$90,485,862 million, a gain of a little over \$2.2 million.</li> <li>• The next meeting of the Committee will be in August and will provide an update from advisors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented the following policies for first reading:</p> <p>I-120 Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment</p> <p>VI-2 Facilities Master Plan</p> <p>VI-60 Real Estate Transaction Advisory Committee</p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>	<p>Chair Schoffer announced the Board’s review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, which was posted on the University’s website.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Dolce, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>
<p><b>Other Business:</b></p>	<p>Chair Schoffer stated the Board will now review a resolution entitled <i>Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice at Stockton</i> before considering any action. Chair Schoffer made introductory comments and mentioned this resolution is a declaration by the individual members of the board of their recognition, intent and purpose to lead this University in its quest for social change. Chair Schoffer asked if any members of the board would like to make a comment before asking for a motion to approve the resolution. All members of the board made comments in support of the resolution.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Anderson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>
<p><b>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</b></p>	<p>Dr. Michelle McDonald made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Grites is retiring and has made extraordinary contributions over four decades of service at Stockton as well as earning a national and international reputation in the field of advising.</li> <li>• Dr. Amy Beth Glass will be joining the Office of the Provost as the Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.</li> </ul>

- Erin O’Hanlon will transition into the role of Coordinator of Service Learning and Heather Swenson-Brilla as the Coordinator of Community Programs under Merydawilda Colon in the new Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning.
- Dr. Donnetrice Allison will serve as Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Provost this coming year in addition to her current role as Professor of Communications and Africana Studies.
- Dr. Diane Falk, Professor of Social Work, has been unanimously supported for emeritus status.

Dr. Robert Heinrich introduced Mr. Ryan Terrell, Bursar and two new Admissions Recruiters: Mr. Ryan Hughes and Ms. Grace Talian. Ms. Heather Medina will assume the position of Interim Director of Admissions and Ms. Jessica Grullon has been appointed as the Interim Associate Director of Admissions. Dr. Heinrich welcomed the staff from Graduate Studies to the Division of Enrollment Management. Staff from that department include Tara Williams, Matt Shaw, and Leah Henderson.

Dr. Lisa Honaker, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities invited everyone to attend this year’s 48 Blocks. She mentioned due to COVID this year the event will be held via Zoom. There will be a mixture of live and pre-recorded events during the weekend of Friday, August 7th to Sunday, August 9th. Dean Honaker mentioned a slew of events will be available for viewing and if anyone would like to volunteer to promote any of the events on social media to please email her.

Dr. Christopher Catching introduced Dr. Ashlee Roberts, who will be joining the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs as the Executive Director of Student Affairs Planning and Operations.

President Kesselman thanked the Board collectively for the thoughts, hard work, conversations, and commitments regarding the resolution that was just passed. He also mentioned this resolution is arguably one of the most historical resolutions in the history of the University. The University will address, in a systematic way, curricular, co-curricular, and human resource practices across the institution.

Trustee Deininger gave thanks to Dr. Tom Grites in recognition of his retirement.

Trustee Valentin gave a welcome to the newest students of the EOF Program and thanked the staff of the University for all their hard work in making sure this cohort moves forward.

	<p>Trustee Ciccone thanked Chair Leo Schoffer for his leadership during this term and for his leadership on the resolution that was just passed. Then he congratulated Dr. Grites.</p> <p>Trustee Jacobson congratulated Dr. Grites.</p> <p>Trustee Davis thanked the faculty, staff and everyone who worked so hard to make Stockton what it is. She mentioned that President Kesselman has been amazing during this difficult time.</p> <p>Trustee Anderson mentioned that she echoes pretty much everyone's comments and was in full support of the resolution that was just passed.</p>
<p><b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the BOT room on the Galloway campus.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Ciccone, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</b></p>