

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

<p><b>Trustees Present (*via Zoom)</b></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 Meg Worthington  *Trustee Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee  Trustee Liliana Morales, Student Trustee Alternate  Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio</p>
<p><b>Absent</b></p>	<p>Trustee Andy Dolce</p>
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. On December 1, 2021, 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><b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Days, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2021, Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Schoffer and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:21 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public meeting at 3:31 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Chair’s Remarks</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He then announced the following two alumni, Rick Dovey, a member of the Stockton Foundation board, and William Hagaman, were recently honored by the University. Rick Dovey received the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award at the Hughes Center Honors and William Hagaman received the inaugural Outstanding Business Alumni Award from Stockton’s School of Business.</p>

	<p>Trustee Ciccone acknowledged and thanked the staff, faculty, and students for their contributions as the University continues to experience challenges due to the pandemic. He then acknowledged and thanked President Kesselman for his leadership.</p>
<p><b>President’s Report</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman asked for a moment of silence in memory of William “Bill” Houck, who recently passed. Bill joined the University in July 1971 and worked in Plant Management for 36 years and was one of the first group of staff members hired at the University.</p> <p>President Kesselman announced and congratulated the Women's Soccer Team on winning their sixth ECAC Championship. He then congratulated the Men's Basketball team for its 7-1 record, which included recent wins against Rowan and Ramapo. President Kesselman announced that t-shirts would be handed out at this evening’s Basketball game to commemorate the University’s 50th Anniversary.</p> <p>President Kesselman recognized Lieutenant Tracy Stuart and her canine partner, Freya, for participating and placing second in the USPCA K9 Detection Challenge on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated Stockton’s entry was the only one from an institution of higher education and that ESPN recently aired the competition. Lieutenant Stuart also received special recognition from President Kesselman for the successful defense of her doctoral dissertation in our Ed.D. program.</p> <p>President Kesselman called upon Howard Kyle, Executive Director of the National Aviation Research and Technology Park (NARTP), to share an update regarding the Park. President Kesselman and members of the Board expressed gratitude to Mr. Kyle for his presentation and the work of the NARTP.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis offered comments about the changes that have occurred at Stockton since she first joined the University. She thanked the faculty for their flexibility in online and in-person classes. She then called upon Leamor Kahanov, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to report</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov presented the following resolution and asked for Board approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization to Accept an Award from the New Jersey Department of Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Days, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p> <p>Leamor Kahanov announced there was a revision to the term on the Body-worn Camera Grant resolution and that the Executive Committee approved a revised resolution on November 15, 2021.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov reported that the co-chairs of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education self-study team presented on their progress for the upcoming accreditation visit coming April 10-13, 2022. She acknowledged and thanked Robert Heinrich, Claudine Keenan and Manish Madan for their leadership.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov reported discussions and presentations were provided on the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Affairs priorities for FY22-FY23</li> <li>• Enrollment updates</li> <li>• RISE initiative</li> <li>• Personnel updates</li> <li>• Sabbatical applications</li> </ul> <p>Leamor Kahanov encouraged everyone to review the Annual External Funding Highlight Book, which outlined the external funding received in FY21 by faculty and staff totaling over \$1.4 million.</p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Valentin began her remarks by stating that this committee partners with many University divisions working toward student success. She also thanked Trustee Deininger, Trustee Davis, and Trustee Gonsalves for their work on the committee. Because she was unable to attend the committee meeting, Trustee Valentin called upon Trustee Deininger to report.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger reported the committee meeting started with discussions on closing the racial equity gaps in student success. She thanked the committee members for their dedication to students and their extraordinary work and then called upon Christopher Catching to provide the meeting highlights.</p> <p>Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported the fall semester was fantastic and acknowledged the collective efforts to manage the health and safety of the students on campus provided a report on the student engagement programs, events, and clubs.</p> <p>Christopher Catching then called on Nordia Johnson, Director of Academic Achievement Programs, who announced the four recipients for the winter/spring 2022 semester Board of Trustee Fellowship for Distinguished Student Awards. Nordia Johnson congratulated and thanked the award recipients for attending the board meeting.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin thanked Nordia Johnson, Christopher Catching, and Trustee Deininger for their reports and then shared a video that showcased student success and the activities during this semester.</p>
<p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis provided the Finance and Professional Services Committee report and presented the following resolutions for consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reappointment of Board Members to National Aviation Research and Technology Park, Inc.</li> <li>• Tuition and Fees Discounts Effective for 2022 Summer Session</li> <li>• FY22 Managerial Merit Pool Authorization</li> <li>• FY22-FY24 Bid Waiver Contracts</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to approve the resolutions.</b></p> <p>Trustee Ellis reported that the committee members reviewed the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 Operational and Capital Report ending October 31, 2021</li> <li>• Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III</li> <li>• FY23 State Budget Request</li> </ul>

	<p>Trustee Ellis reported that on November 15, 2021, the Executive Committee approved a resolution for FY22 Bid Waivers.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis acknowledged and thanked Jennifer Potter, Chris Howard, and the Administration &amp; Finance team for their great work.</p>
<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reported the following on behalf of Trustee Dolce, Audit Committee Chair, in his absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Audit Committee met on October 25, 2021.</li> <li>• Grant Thornton, external auditors for the University, completed the audit for SASI, Stockton Affiliated Services, Inc. The audit report for the University has been delayed because of GASB 68 and GASB 75 requirements pending from the State. The audit is expected to be completed in January/February 2022.</li> <li>• Baker Tilly, internal auditors for the University, provided updates on their objectives and recommendations for the Athletics Time and Attendance Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer called upon Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities &amp; Operations, to report.</p> <p>Don Hudson reported that discussions took place on the following current and planned projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC Residential Phase II Project</li> <li>• Multicultural Center</li> <li>• Athletics Facilities Task Force</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Schoffer acknowledged and thanked Don Hudson and his entire department for their work.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer reported that earlier this month, the Development Committee met with Chris Marshall, President and Founder of Marshall Advancement Consulting, for a presentation on Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. After the presentation, the committee reviewed the recommendations for improvement.</p> <p>Trustee Schoffer called upon Dan Nugent, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation, to report.</p> <p>Dan Nugent acknowledged and thanked Trustee Keates, Trustee Chavis, and Trustee Ciccone for attending the committee meeting earlier this month.</p> <p>Dan Nugent stated Cindy Crager, Associate Chief Development Officer &amp; Campaign Manager and her team would take the lead to implement the following over the next few months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Wealth Screening and Donor Assessment</li> <li>• Migration to a new customer relationship management software</li> </ul> <p>Dan Nugent also stated that the Development and Alumni Relations office would perform reviews on their staffing levels, budget allocations, and alumni programming over the next few weeks.</p>

<b>Investment Committee Report</b>	<p>Trustee Worthington reported that the Investment Committee met on November 9, 2021 and stated that as of October 31, 2021, the portfolio balance was approximately \$116 million. Return on investments for FY22 was approximately \$2.5 million. She thanked the University’s investment team for their continued work.</p>
<b>University Policies</b>	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following four revised policies as a first reading.</p> <p>Revised Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-70 Publications</li> <li>I-112 Public Information</li> <li>VI-44 Payment of Tuition, Fees and Indebtedness to the University</li> <li>VI-46 Delinquent Accounts</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following three revised policies following their second reading:</p> <p>Revised Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-92 Space Management Advisory Committee</li> <li>I-100 Emergency Closing</li> <li>I-100.5 Emergency Operations Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</b></p>
<b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b>	<p>President Kesselman recognized and congratulated Dr. Christine Tartaro, now Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</b></p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged the following retirements: Robert Steele, Director, Media Instruction, Azeez Museum; Denise McGarvey, Exhibition Coordinator; Pamela Cross, Coordinator of Skills Center Writing Lab and Lisa Honaker, Dean, School of Arts &amp; Humanities.</p> <p>President Kesselman invited everyone to attend the Winter Tradition event outside the Arts and Science building near the A-Wing gazebo immediately following the meeting. This event was organized by students as part of the University’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and commemorated the University’s groundbreaking that took place 51 years ago.</p>
<b>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</b>	<p>The Board members had no additional comments.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov acknowledged faculty promotions to Susan Cydis, Professor of Education, Literacy; Christine Gayda-Chelder, Associate Professor of Psychology; Laurie Greene, Professor of Anthropology; Kelly Keenan, Professor of Chemistry; Cynthia King, Professor of Creative Writing; Jedediah Morfit, Professor of Art; Thomas Nolan, Professor of Physical Therapy; Kory Olson, Professor of French; Rain Ross, Professor of Dance; Mark Sullivan, Professor of Marine Science; Christine Tartaro, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice; Joseph Trout, Professor of Physics; and Karen York, Professor of Biology.</p>

	<p>Leamor Kahanov acknowledged the following emeritus status faculty members: Jean Abbott, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Accounting; Judith Copeland, Associate Professor of Writing; Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, Associate Professor of Spanish; Gholam (Reza) Ghorashi, Professor of Economics, Lee Ann Guenther, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy; Matthew Landau, Professor of Marine Science; and Shelly Meyers, Associate Professor of Education.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov acknowledged Lisa Honaker, Dean, School of Arts &amp; Humanities on her retirement and Michelle McDonald on returning to the University faculty.</p> <p>Christopher Catching welcomed Michael Baraby, Director of Military &amp; Veterans Success Center.</p> <p>Dan Nugent welcomed and congratulated Allison Monroe, Assistant Director of Advancement Services.</p> <p>Don Hudson welcomed Daniel Sernotti, Project Manager, Architect.</p> <p>Robert Heinrich announced promotions for Matthew Shaw, Associate Director of Admissions Operations and Marielena Dottoli, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Communications &amp; Outreach.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone wished everyone a happy holiday season and invited the audience to the Winter Tree-dition event and reception following the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at the Galloway Campus in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board voted to adjourn.</b></p>