

## Message from the Stockton University Board of Trustees



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Dear Stockton University Community:

The Board of Trustees was notified by President Herman Saatkamp today that he will be taking medical leave effective immediately. The Board has accepted his letter and extends its best wishes to him.

By the terms of his contract, the Provost and Executive Vice President of the University will assume the position of Acting President. Accordingly, Dr. Harvey Kesselman has been named to succeed Dr. Saatkamp with all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities associated with the executive management of the University. Dr. Kesselman will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2015 when he will depart to become President of the University of Southern Maine (USM).

The Board is committed to working with Acting President Kesselman and the entire Stockton

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community in the search for an Interim President. Dr. Kesselman will be establishing three (3) Task Forces that will include representation from the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff. The Task Forces will focus their work in the following three areas:

- Shared Governance
- Atlantic City Initiatives
- Interim President Search

Acting President Kesselman has asked that these three Committees begin their work immediately so as to allow him to begin his tenure at USM on or before July 1, 2015.

The Board is deeply grateful to the entire Stockton community for your voices and your perspectives. It is our strong intention to listen and to be inclusive as we move ahead in the next weeks and months.

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