

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY



POLICY

Open Public Meetings Act

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- A. Declaration of Policy: It is a policy of the University to adhere to and support the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act." In this act, the Legislature declared that the right of the public to be present at all meetings of public bodies, and to witness in full detail all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation, and decision making of public bodies is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process; that secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government and the public's effectiveness in fulfilling its role in a democratic society, and thereby declared it to be the public policy of this State to insure the right of its citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend all meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way except only in those circumstances where otherwise the public interest would be clearly endangered or the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasion.
- B. Meeting notices are provided to the University's Office of Business Services which is designated as the public place reserved for the posting of all announcements which are required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The Trustees meeting schedule is also posted on the University's website.
- C. The Press of Atlantic City and the Vineland Times- Journal are designated as newspapers to which meeting notices shall be sent and The Press of Atlantic City is designated as the "official newspaper" of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees will use these papers to publish notices in consonance with the cited act.

- D. Meeting notices are filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey, Atlantic County Clerk's Office, and the Galloway Township Clerk's Office.

Approval History:

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