

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES  
February 24, 2021**

<p><b>Trustees Present via Zoom</b></p> <p><b>Absent</b></p>	<p>Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA, Chair Mr. Andy Dolce, Vice Chair Ms. Nelida Valentin, Secretary Dr. Nancy Davis Ms. Mady Deininger Mr. Stanley Ellis Leo B. Schoffer, Esq. Ms. Meg Worthington Mr. Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee Mr. Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex-Officio</p>
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Chair Ray Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, via Zoom. On February 19, 2021, a special notice of this meeting announcing the change of location, 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 December 9, 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2020 Open Public Meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:36 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b></p>	<p>Chair Ciccone reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:32 p.m. via Zoom webinar.</p>
<p><b>Chair's Remarks</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for attending the meeting and gave special recognition to Scott Huston, Chief Information Officer, and his team for providing the technology necessary for students to continue their classes.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone also gave special recognition to Lori Herndon, Chief Executive Officer of AtlantiCare, and Stockton alum for being a great partner by educating the Stockton University community about COVID-19 and assisting with providing support to Stockton during the pandemic.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone called upon President Kesselman to provide his report.</p>

<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman welcomed everyone and thanked Scott Huston, his entire team and everyone at Stockton who made this year fantastic. He then announced Scott Huston was appointed co-chair of New Jersey EDGE, Chief Information Officer for the State of New Jersey.</p> <p>President Kesselman recognized Charlotte Leon, a senior majoring in Environmental Science and a three-sport athlete competing in volleyball, indoor and outdoor track and field for being selected to compete for the New Jersey Association for Intercollegiate Athletics' Women of the Year. She was honored during the 35th Annual National Girls and Women Day Award Ceremony.</p> <p>President Kesselman recognized Rob Gregg, Dean, School of General Studies and Donnetrice Allison, Professor of African Studies and Communication Studies, for co-chairing the Provost Search Committee.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged and thanked Susan Davenport, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, and Michelle McDonald, Chief Academic Officer, AC Campus &amp; Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, for their incredible job leading Academic Affairs during the past year.</p> <p>President Kesselman shared information regarding the Provost search and mentioned that five candidates would be coming to campus within the next few weeks.</p> <p>President Kesselman mentioned the upcoming Middle States Accreditation visit scheduled for April 2022. He recognized Stockton's co-chairs of the Middle States self-study steering committee: Claudine Keenan, Dean, School of Education; Manish Madan, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice &amp; Faculty Senate President and Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, Nordia Johnson, Director of Academic Achievement Programs, the Student Affairs staff, and others for working closely with the First Osprey Program.</p> <p>Lastly, President Kesselman proudly announced that Stockton University received a Bronze Award for its First Osprey Program from the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis expressed her excitement about Stockton's new Master's Degree in Public Health and then called upon Susan Davenport, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President to report.</p> <p>Susan Davenport presented the following resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Calendar Year (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022)</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>

	<p>Susan Davenport then presented the following resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Offer a Master's Degree in Public Health</li> </ul> <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>Next, Susan Davenport discussed the seven sabbatical proposals that are part of the personnel resolution for the FY2022 academic year.</p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Valentin reported the committee discussed the following matters:</p> <p>This year the committee is focusing on collaborations with members on the committee including representatives from Campus Safety, Athletics and Recreation, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs to review best practices to expand health, safety and well-being on campus.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin thanked and congratulated Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, and staff working with students on safety issues.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin called on Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, to provide the Spring 2021 enrollment and activity report.</p> <p>Robert Heinrich reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of new students for Spring 2021 was 457, a 16% decrease from Spring 2020.</li> <li>• The total institutional headcount, including undergraduate and graduate students for Spring 2021 is 9,251, a 1% decrease from Spring 2020.</li> <li>• There was a 2% decrease from Spring 2020 in FTE with a total enrollment of 8,878 students.</li> </ul>
<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 consent agenda resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 Housing Rents</li> <li>• AC Phase II Project - Development, Financing, and Construction and Approval of Master Lease</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Schoffer and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions as consent agenda items.</b></p>

	<p>Trustee Ellis presented the bid waiver resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY21 – FY23 Bid Waiver Contacts</li> </ul> <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>Trustee Ellis also reported discussions took place on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID relief funding from the state and federal government</li> <li>• FY21 Budget</li> </ul> <p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis thanked Jennifer Potter and her staff for their outstanding work.</p>
<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Dolce reported the following:</p> <p>The audit committee will meet next week to conduct a final review of the FY20 Audit Report. Based on the Committee’s last meeting with Grant Thornton, a clean audit report is anticipated. An update will be presented at the next Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer called on Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities &amp; Operations, to provide a summary. Don reported on the following:</p> <p>Mr. Hudson stated that discussions took place regarding the design and milestones of the Atlantic City Phase II Residence Hall project. Documents on environmental and demolition will be submitted mid-March to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.</p> <p>Mr. Hudson also reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 Capital Request, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Road improvements at the intersection of Pomona Road and Vera King Farris Drive</li> <li>○ Arts &amp; Science roof renovation project</li> <li>○ Curb and beautification projects at Lot 7 and Louisville Avenue to Lakeside</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Multicultural Center update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lower F Wing is the location recommended by the Multicultural Center committee</li> <li>○ The initial design is in progress, with the final design to be completed in May</li> <li>○ Construction to commence this summer and be completed by the spring semester of 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trustee Schoffer thanked Don Hudson and his staff for their additional work keeping our facilities in compliance during this challenging year.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer reported that the Development Committee recently met and fundraising programs continue to move forward towards goals of growth despite</p>

<p><b>Report</b></p>	<p>COVID-19. He reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total amount of new commitments to date for this fiscal year is \$2.1 million</li> <li>• Some new programs launched or enhanced last fall include the Foundation Corporate and Foundation Relations Programs</li> <li>• Alumni Relations is offering a variety of new virtual programs that are open to the Stockton University community.</li> <li>• 2021 Gala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning for a small fundraising indoor/outdoor event this summer per the State's guidance on capacity</li> <li>○ Funds raised will benefit Stockton students during these difficult times</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trustee Schoffer called on Daniel Nugent, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation. Dan Nugent thanked the entire Development Committee and then provided a summary update on what Development and Alumni Relations are working on regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.</p> <p>Dan Nugent reported Sara Faurot, Director of Alumni Relations, and Valerie Hayes, Chief Officer for Diversity and Inclusion, have partnered on an initiative to form a DEI Steering Committee made up of Stockton University graduates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee members will work directly with the University by fostering dialogues on these issues within our community and establishing a year-long alumni conference on diversity, equity, and inclusion.</li> <li>• Over the next 12 months, there will be a series of alumni-led panel discussion presentations and workshops via Zoom. The Stockton University community has been invited to attend and engage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Worthington reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Investment Committee met on February 9, 2021 and the University's investment advisors provided an overview of the University's investment performance.</li> <li>• As of December 31, 2020, the portfolio balance was \$101.7 million.</li> <li>• Return for six months on all investments was approximately \$10.9 million.</li> </ul>
<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman recognized Peter Baratta, Chief Planning Officer &amp; Deputy Chief of Staff, and Nicole Suprun, Executive Assistant to the Chief Planning Officer &amp; Deputy Chief of Staff, for overseeing, reviewing, and updating the Policies and Procedures for Stockton University</p> <p>President Kesselman called upon Susan Davenport, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, to present the Board the following revised and deleted policies policy for their First Reading. President Kesselman will recommend these policies for Board approval at the May 5, 2021 meeting:</p>

Revised Policies:

- I-3 Authorizations in Absence of the President
- I-4 Mission Statement
- I-9.5 University Seal
- I-12 Strategic and Annual Planning
- I-16 Open Public Meetings Act
- I-18 Legal Representation of State Employees
- I-50 Code of Ethics
- I-68 Committee on Campus Diversity and Inclusive Excellence
- I-111 Printing of Union Materials
- VI-89 Internal Audit

Deleted Policy:

- VI-67 Contracts with Music Licensing Organization Concerning Licensing & Royalties for Music on Campus

Next, President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following six policies, following their Second Reading:

- II-85 Use of University Communication Systems/Tools
- VI-11.4 Employees Who Are Candidates for Public Office
- VI-28 Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace
- VI-53 Tuition Waiver for Senior Citizens
- VI-54 Tuition Waiver for National Guard Members
- VI-55 Tuition Waiver for Unemployed Persons – Job Training Program

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.**

<b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b>	<p>President Kesselman announced the Board's review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, posted on the University's website for review.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>
<b>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</b>	<p>Scott Huston, Chief Information Officer, thanked Trustee Ciccone for his kind words. Then, he thanked his management team, staff, and colleagues for their incredible work.</p> <p>Susan Davenport announced and congratulated the following faculty members awarded tenure: Phillip Hernandez, Associate Professor of Communication Disorders; Marcy Isabella, Associate Professor of Writing &amp; First-Year Studies; Rachel Kirzner, Associate Professor of Social Work; Jack Lewis, Associate Professor of Social Work.</p> <p>Susan Davenport also welcomed Alaina Walton, who will start on March 15, 2021, as the new Director of Academic Assessment.</p> <p>Elizabeth Calamidas, Professor of Public Health, thanked the Board of Trustees on behalf of the entire Public Health Program for their support of the Master's in Public Health.</p> <p>Trustee Davis echoed Elizabeth Calamidas's sentiments. Then she thanked Tara Crowell, Professor of Public Health, and Anthony Dissen, Instructor of Health Science, for leading the development of the new master's program.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin called upon Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, to report on activities taking place during Black History Month.</p> <p>Christopher Catching thanked the students, faculty, and staff for putting together fantastic programs for Black History Month. He stated activities would conclude at the end of the month with a student-led rally on campus, including President Kesselman, Congressional Candidate Amy Kennedy, and himself.</p>
<b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b>	<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees room on the Galloway campus and open to the public via Zoom.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</b></p>