



Stockton University

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

AGENDA

The meeting will open to the public virtually at 9:00 a.m. immediately following action on the resolution to meet in closed session, members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting.

The Board will reconvene virtually for the Open Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Notice of Public Meeting: As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, a notice of this Meeting and Public Hearing, the dates, times, and locations of Stockton University Board of Trustees Public Meetings were: (a) posted on the University's website, (b) sent to the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and Atlantic County Clerk's Office.

- 1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**, Board Chair
- 2) **Action Item:** [Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2026](#)
- 3) **Action Item:** [Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026](#)
- 4) **Action Item:** [Resolution to Meet in Closed Session](#)

The Board will approve a resolution to meet in closed session to review and discuss personnel matters; terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements; pending or anticipated litigation; matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real estate property; public safety matters; and other items exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act.

- 5) **Call to Order and Roll Call to reconvene Open Public Meeting:** Board Chair
- 6) **Chair Report**

7) **President's Report:** President Bertolino

8) **Committee Reports**

a. Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report: **Trustee Gonsalves, Chair**

Action Item: Resolution

- [Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts in Biology Program Options](#)

b. Student Success Committee Report: **Trustee Roy, Chair**

c. Finance and Professional Services Committee Report: **Trustee Lowry, Chair**

Action Item: Resolutions: Consent Agenda

- [Proposed FY27 Operating & Capital Budget and Adoption](#)
- [Bid Waiver Contracts](#)
- [Increase in Bid Waiver Contract](#)

d. Audit Committee Report: **Trustee Ciccone, Chair**

e. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report: **Trustee Hanselmann, Chair**

f. Advancement Committee Report: **Trustee Days, Chair**

g. Investment Committee Report: **Trustee Keates, Chair**

9) **University Policy Review:** President Bertolino

Information Items: [Review of Policies \(First Reading\)](#)

- [I-67 Disability, Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodations](#)
- [II-31 Academic Competency Requirements](#)

Action Item: Resolution: [Approval of Action for University Policies \(Second Reading\)](#)

- [II-17 Sufficient Academic Progress](#)

10) **Action Item: Resolution:** President Bertolino

- [Personnel Actions](#)

11) New Business

12) Comments from the Board of Trustees/Public

Members of the public should limit their comments to three minutes and are not permitted to cede their time to another member of the public.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in the Campus Center Event Room.

Adjournment

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2026
Held in person and by remote (Zoom) participation

Present (in person): Chair Jose Lozano, Trustee Deininger, Trustee Gonsalves, Trustee Hanselmann, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Roy, Student Trustee Melanie Chin, Student Trustee Laing.

Present (via Zoom): Trustee Ciccone, Trustee Days, Trustee Keates, Trustee Valentin.

Also present: President Joe Bertolino. Trustee Lutz joined via Zoom following the opening roll call and is recorded on the votes taken after their arrival.

Absent: Trustee Lowry, Trustee Tjounakaris

Call to Order

Chair Jose Lozano called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. The General Counsel, Ellen Bailey, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of Open Public meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026

Action: *On motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Hanselmann, the Board approved the minutes of the February 26, 2026, Open Public Meeting.*

Resolution to Meeting in Closed Session

Action: *On motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Hanselmann, the board voted to meet in Closed Session at 11:58 a.m.*

Reconvene the Open Public Meeting

Chair Lozano reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 3:34 p.m. The Board Liaison, Heather Watkins-Jones, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Chair Remarks & Recognition of Outgoing Student Trustee

Chair Lozano very briefly acknowledged the current financial challenges facing the University and the Board's fiduciary responsibility, assuring the community that decisions are taken seriously and that the University remains sustainable. The Chair and President Bertolino recognized Student Trustee Melanie Chin, who is graduating and completing her term (2024–2026), and presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her leadership and service. Student Trustee Chin offered remarks of thanks.

President's Report

President Bertolino thanked the University community and recognized outgoing Student Trustee Chin and Chair Lozano (to be honored as Humanitarian of the Year at the 2026 Make-A-Wish New Jersey Gala). His report addressed three areas:

- The University is managing rising costs, changing enrollment patterns, and a structural deficit now exceeding \$20 million. Fall 2026 new-student net deposits are down approximately 16% year over year; continuing undergraduate registration is trailing while graduate registration is up. Experience Stockton Day drew a record 875 attendees. Vice President Goldmon and the Enrollment Management team were recognized.
- The Strategic Plan has moved into the implementation phase. He mentioned The Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP) that was recently rolled out and that a soft freeze on certain hiring actions has been directed, with priority to student support, compliance, safety, and critical operations. The President emphasized that no further decisions have yet been made and committed to continued engagement with the Board, staff & faculty leadership, and union partners.
- Recognitions included the Foundation Scholarship Benefit Gala; a new articulation agreement with Hudson County Community College feeding the B.S. in Hemp and Cannabis Business Management; Arcuri Wharton Pre-Law Fund awardees (Grace Hatzel, Alicia Schleyer); a top-10 Military Friendly Schools ranking (third consecutive year); Employee Recognition Day and the Osprey Awards (194 honorees, 41 retirees, 3,832 combined years of service, 11 Osprey recipients); Chief Tracy Stuart and K-9 Freya's national detection title; the softball team's NJAC championship and first national ranking; men's lacrosse achievements and Dr. Ashlee Robert's additional role as the Senior Advisor for the Student Success Task Force. Commencement will be held the following week.

The President also recognized retiring General Counsel Brian Kowalski (with the University since 2015; General Counsel since 2017), who offered brief remarks.

Committee Reports and Action Items

Academic Affairs and Planning — Trustee Gonsalves

Reporting on the April 14, 2026 committee meeting, Trustee Gonsalves reviewed a proposed new B.S. in Mathematics with an Economics Concentration and two certificate programs (Business Management Fundamentals in Hospitality; Speech-Language Pathology Preparation, a 24-credit online asynchronous program). Provost Paladino reported on divisional priorities, including the finalized offer for a new Dean of the School of Business, a pending Dean of Health Sciences decision, the move of Computer Science to the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Fall 2026), a new Pre-Health Professional Advisory Committee, a National Aviation Research and Technology Park consortium partnership, and reorganization of the School of General Studies. Provost Paladino recognized faculty earning promotion and tenure and three faculty receiving emeritus status.

Action: On motion duly made by Trustee Roy and seconded by Trustee Hanselmann, the Board approved the Academic Affairs consent-agenda resolution (new program and two certificates) by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.

Student Success Committee — Trustee Roy

Reporting on the April 30, 2026, meeting, Trustee Roy summarized how student success is being addressed across the full student life cycle. Net deposits for first-time and transfer students remain below last year but the gap has narrowed since February; graduate enrollment is up. Approximately 200 undergraduates eligible to re-enroll did not do so in spring 2026, most in good academic standing. The University continues to leverage data tools, including Osprey Navigate (now used by over 6,400 students). Trustee Roy congratulated the Spring 2026 Board of Trustees Fellowship for Distinguished Students recipients (Dale Patterson, Christa Rasul, William Klein, and Megan Dumas). No action item.

Finance and Professional Services Committee — Trustee Hanselmann

Trustee Hanselmann reported on the FY26 financial update and FY27 budget planning. She presented the following resolutions to the board by consent agenda. Continuation of the FY26 budget into FY27 (**Resolution 26-13**); the FY27 operating budget will not be approved until the State FY27 budget is adopted, with Board approval currently scheduled for July 16, 2026. Academic Terms Fees Effective for FY27 (**Resolution 26-14**) which remain consistent with the prior year. 12 bid waiver contracts (detailed in **Resolution 26-15**) and increases to bid-waiver contracts for PageUp People, Inc. and Center for Helping Professionals (**Resolution 26-16**). The committee also presented a resolution for approval of the University's participation in the New Jersey Medicaid Access to Physician Services (MAPS) Program in collaboration with AtlantiCare Health System, Inc. (**Resolution 26-17**)

Action: On motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board approved the Finance consent agenda — continuation of the FY26 budget into FY27; academic term fees effective for FY27; bid waiver contracts (Res. 26-15); increase in bid waiver contracts (Res. 26-16); and approval of participation in the MAPS Program in collaboration with AtlantiCare Health System, Inc. by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.

Audit Committee — Trustee Deininger

Trustee Deininger reported that the University is required to issue an RFP for external audit services every three years. The RFP process was initiated in March and seven firms responded. After careful evaluation of all proposals, three firms were selected to present to the committee on April 29, 2026. The committee unanimously recommended re-engaging Grant Thornton for an initial one-year term with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

Action: On motion duly made by Trustee Hanselmann and seconded by Trustee Roy, the Board approved the appointment of Grant Thornton as the University's independent outside auditor by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.

Buildings and Grounds Committee — Trustee Hanselmann

Trustee Hanselmann presented the resolution to rename and rebrand campus housing: Housing I as The Courts; Housing II as Oak Hall; Housing III as Pine Hall; Housing IV as the North Village Apartments; Housing V as Talon Heights; and Chris Gaup Drive as Osprey Hall. She also updated the Board on the Library Learning Commons (TCO expected by month's end; furniture installation the week of May 18) and noted a proposed annual allowance of \$5 million for deferred maintenance and campus improvements.

Action: On motion by Trustee Deininger, duly seconded by Trustee Roy, the Board approved the resolution renaming and rebranding campus housing, including new signage by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.

Advancement Committee — Trustee Deininger

Reporting on the April 27, 2026, meeting, Trustee Deininger described discussion of the complementary roles of the Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees. The Foundation has raised nearly \$5.5 million against its \$4.5 million fiscal-year goal. The Scholarship Benefit Gala was held on campus April 18, and the Director of Government Relations updated the committee on state-level advocacy for the University's budget priorities. No action item.

Investment Committee — Trustee Keates

Reporting on the April 29, 2026, meeting, Trustee Keates stated that the University's total portfolio balance was \$135,014,216 as of March 31, 2026, with a nine-month gain on investments of \$4,682,489 (fiscal-year-to-date returns of 3.32% for Wells Fargo and 3.69% for Windmark). The total portfolio balance was \$140,464,209 as of April 30, 2026, with FY2026 investment gains of \$10,125,076. No action item.

University Policies

President Bertolino presented Policy II-17, Sufficient Academic Progress, as an information item requiring no action. He presented the following policies for second reading and approval: Policy VI-11.1, University Hours of Operation, and Policy VI-69, Procurement and Contracting.

Action: *On motion duly made by Trustee Hanselmann and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board approved Policies VI-11.1 and VI-69 on second reading by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.*

Personnel Actions

President Bertolino presented the resolution for personnel actions, which had been reviewed by the Board and presented to the public as an information item in advance of the meeting.

Action: On motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Kennedy, the Board approved the personnel actions resolution by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.

Mission Moment: Stockton–AtlantiCare Partnership

The Board recognized a milestone strategic support agreement between Stockton University and AtlantiCare. Provost Michael Paladino described a central component: an initial \$15 million

investment by AtlantiCare toward the creation of the Stockton AtlantiCare College of Community Health in Atlantic City, aligning academic programs in nursing, public health, and allied health fields with regional workforce needs and projected to generate an estimated 200–250 additional health care workers annually. Remarks were offered by AtlantiCare President and CEO Michael Charlton, President Bertolino, State Senator Vince Polistina, Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Assemblywoman Maureen Rowan, and former State Senator Bill Gormley. Presidents Bertolino and Charlton signed the agreement. No Board action was required.

Recess

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board recessed for approximately five minutes by unanimous voice vote, then reconvened in open session.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

The Chair opened the public comment period, with speakers limited to three minutes each. The following members of the public addressed the Board. The predominant theme was objection to the pause on reclassifications and promotions for professional staff while faculty promotions continue, a request that any further cost-saving measures begin with administrative and executive spending, and a request that union leadership be included in the decision-making process.

- **Tara Luke** — Professor of Biology and President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT): stated the VSIP was a collaborative first step and objected to freezing staff promotions and reclassifications while faculty promotions continue.
- **Emari DiGiorgio** — Professor of Writing & First-Year Studies and President of the Council of New Jersey State College Locals: argued that shared responsibility must mean shared sacrifice, beginning with management priorities and administrative spending.
- **Maria Spade** — Coordinator of Adaptive Technology Services and SFT Executive Vice President: stated the decision was made without union input and drove a wedge between represented groups.
- **Eddie Horan** — Writing Center Coordinator and SFT Vice President for Professional Staff: asked the President to reconsider and to bring the union in to discuss the decision.
- **Tina Zappile** — Associate Professor of Political Science and SFT lead negotiator: requested that the suspension of staff reclassifications and promotions be tabled pending further collaboration, a clearer plan, and consideration of other measures first.
- **Brooke Rollman** — Athletics Administration and Financial Operations and Chair of the Staff Senate Administration and Finance Committee: raised concerns about the burden falling disproportionately on frontline staff and called for shared sacrifice at senior levels.

- **Lauren Fonseca** — Academic Support Coordinator, Tutoring Center: suggested the cabinet consider voluntary pay reductions.
- **Monica Viani** — President of the Staff Senate: formally requested that non-managerial staff input be integrated into the University's planning process for addressing the structural deficit.

President Bertolino responded, thanking the speakers, acknowledging the feedback received over recent days, stating that no final decisions had been made and that shared sacrifice would extend beyond frontline staff, and committing to meet with union leadership soon to clarify points and continue the conversation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Hanselman, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 6:36 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. and will be held virtually.

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Held remotely (Zoom)

Present (via Zoom): Chair Jose Lozano, Trustee Ciccone, Trustee Collins Days, Trustee Madeleine Deininger, Trustee Gonsalves, Trustee Keates, Trustee Lutz, Trustee Tjournakaris, Trustee Valentin.

Also present: President Joe Bertolino, Trustee Ciccone joined following the opening roll call.

Absent: Trustee Lowry, Trustee Hanselmann, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Roy, Trustee Laing

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jose Lozano called the special meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. The General Counsel, Ellen Bailey, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Resolution to Meeting in Closed Session

Action: *On motion duly made by Trustee Lutz and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the board voted to meet in Closed Session at 11:45 a.m.*

Reconvene the Open Public Meeting

Chair Lozano reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 1:05 p.m. The Board Liaison, Heather Watkins-Jones, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Chair Remarks

Chair Lozano welcomed those present to the special meeting, which was called principally to consider tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year.

Committee Reports and Action Items

Finance and Professional Services Committee — Trustee Tjournakaris

Trustee Tjournakaris, Vice Chair of the Finance and Professional Services Committee, reported on behalf of the committee. He noted that four resolutions had been reviewed during the Executive Committee meeting and were being presented to the Board for approval as a consent agenda:

- **Academic term tuition and fees effective FY2027 and 2027 winter and summer session tuition and fees.** Includes a proposed 3% average increase in tuition and fees for the 2026–2027 academic semesters and winter and summer sessions. This is a \$503 annual increase for in-state, full-time undergraduate students. Approval is subject to the inclusion of the University's anticipated state appropriation of at least \$41,892,000 in the approved State of New Jersey FY2027 budget.

- **FY2027 housing rents.** Proposed increases range from 1% to 3% depending on the housing option. The average increase is 1.88% or \$110 per semester.
- **FY2027 meal plan rates.** Proposed rates reflect an average increase of approximately 6.2%.
- **FY2026 tuition rate for fully online master's degrees, graduate educational endorsements, and graduate certificate programs.** Includes a proposed 3% increase in the fully online tuition rate. This is a \$23 increase, bringing the online rate to \$781 per credit hour.

Action: *On motion by Trustee Gonsalves, seconded by Trustee Days, the Board approved the consent agenda resolutions by roll call vote. All members present voted in favor.*

Financial Update (Discussion Items — No Action)

The committee also reviewed an FY2026 finance update. Through May 31, 2026, the forecasted operating and capital deficit was \$10.1 million, a notable improvement from the original budgeted deficit of approximately \$20 million. The University is forecasting a year-end cash balance of \$13.9 million, meeting its goal of \$10–\$15 million. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Tjoumakaris thanked the University community for its efforts managing the FY2026 structural deficit and acknowledged the financial challenges ahead, and thanked Jennifer Potter and the finance team for their work.

Public Comment

The Chair opened the public comment period, with speakers limited to three minutes each. No members of the public requested to speak, and no public comment was offered.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Tjoumakaris, seconded by Trustee Lutz, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 1:20 p.m. The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is a regularly scheduled virtual meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

MEET IN CLOSED SESSION

- WHEREAS,** the Open Public Meetings Act (P.L. 1975, Ch. 231) permits public bodies to exclude the public from discussion of any matter as described in subsection 7(b) of the Act, provided that the public body adopts a resolution at a public meeting indicating its intent to hold a closed session; and
- WHEREAS,** subsection 7(b) of the Act permits a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses, among other things, personnel matters; terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements; pending or anticipated litigation; matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real estate property; and public safety matters, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees shall meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters, terms and conditions of collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending or anticipated litigation, public safety matters, including recommendations of the President contained in the Personnel Resolution, and other matters permitted under subsection 7(b) of the Act; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the discussion of matters discussed in closed session may, or may not, be disclosed to the public during that portion of the meeting which convenes at 3:30 p.m.

August 11, 2026

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

TO OFFER PROGRAM OPTIONS WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY (BS Biology/AAS Medical Laboratory Technology (3+1) Dual Degree, BS Biology-Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration, BS Biology-Pre-Health Professions Concentration, BA Biology-Pre-Health Professions Concentration, BA Biology-Pre-Health Professions Concentration, and Interest in Pre-Health

- WHEREAS,** the Stockton University mission statement affirms a goal to “help our students develop the capacity for continuous learning and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances in a multicultural and interdependent world;”
- WHEREAS,** the proposed Program Options within the Bachelor of Science in Biology and Bachelor of Arts in Biology programs provide guided pathways to a laboratory technology program and preparation for application to graduate/professional programs – BS Biology/AAS Medical Laboratory Technology (3+1) Dual Degree, BS Biology-Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration, BS Biology-Pre-Health Professions Concentration, BA Biology-Pre-Health Professions Concentration, and Interest in Pre-Health;
- WHEREAS,** the program options build on agreements with graduate and professional schools in the region to align biology knowledge and skills with specialized coursework and hands-on learning opportunities, equipping students with the competencies needed to excel in a variety of medical, veterinary, and other health-focused fields. The programs ensure that graduates are well-positioned for laboratory technology careers or for application to graduate/professional programs that lead to careers in medicine (MD, DO) dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, physician assistant, and related fields;
- WHEREAS,** Stockton University’s School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics leverages the expertise of its faculty to offer students a meaningful educational experience with real-world applications and specialized pre-health advising. This supports the development of well-rounded students prepared for application to graduate/professional programs leading to meaningful contributions to healthcare delivery and community well-being;
- WHEREAS,** the Biology program options will provide Stockton graduates with essential skills and experiences that will prepare them to be laboratory technologists

or applicants into professional programs in various medical and veterinary disciplines in the state of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the shared governance bodies of the University recommend the proposed Bachelor of Biology Program Options to the Board of Trustees for its endorsement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves and authorizes the Stockton University administration to notify the New Jersey higher education community of Stockton's intent to offer the Biology Program Options through the Academic Issues Committee and the New Jersey Presidents' Council.

August 11, 2026

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED FY27 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET AND ADOPTION

- WHEREAS,** Stockton University has prepared a proposed FY27 Operating & Capital Budget for consideration by the Board of Trustees for adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** the Finance and Professional Services Committee of the Board of Trustees has met to discuss the proposed FY27 Operating & Capital Budget and has recommended that the proposed budget, with any modifications, be presented to the Board for its consideration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the proposed FY27 Operating & Capital Budget is accepted by the Stockton University Board of Trustees and is hereby adopted.

August 11, 2026

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

BID WAIVER CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the State College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64-52 et seq., authorizes college and university Boards of Trustees to approve waivers of the public bid process for procurement of specified goods and services in furtherance of the missions of the state colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Stockton University finds the following purchases, contracts and agreements have met the criteria for award without public bid under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Stockton University Board of Trustees authorizes the President or the President's designee to enter into contracts with the vendors indicated below, under the bid waiver provisions of the State College Contracts Law.

Vendors & Categories

FY and Amount

Entertainment

Degy Booking International Inc. (527016)

FY27: \$250,000

This bid waiver will allow the University to engage an event services intermediary to coordinate and secure third-party vendors for campus events. Under this arrangement, Degy will serve as the provider of musical talent for the annual musical concert hosted by the Stockton Entertainment Team (S.E.T.) for the student body. Artist selection is guided by student survey data identifying preferred genres and performers, ensuring that the final choice reflects student interests while remaining within budget. In addition to this role, Degy will work directly with performers and secure artists for smaller campus events throughout the year. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[16]).

Information Technology

Technolutions Inc. (527015)

FY27-FY29: \$275,000

This bid waiver covers a three-year subscription to Slate, a cloud-based SaaS enterprise Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform. The agreement includes software licensing, hosting, maintenance, technical support, and related services. Slate supports a wide range of institutional functions, including student recruitment, admissions, communications, application processing, enrollment workflows, and constituent relationship management. As a CRM platform, Slate consolidates constituent data, tracks interactions, and automates workflows across key operational areas. Its purpose is to strengthen engagement, streamline processes, enhance retention, and support institutional growth. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[19]).

August 11, 2026

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

INCREASE IN BID WAIVER CONTRACT

- WHEREAS,** the State College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64-52 et seq., authorizes college and university Boards of Trustees to approve waivers of the public bid process for procurement of specified goods and services in furtherance of the missions of the state colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Stockton University has previously approved a waiver of public bidding for the below named vendor; and
- WHEREAS,** the contract with the below named vendor must be increased to accomplish the purposes of the bid waiver as specified below; and
- WHEREAS,** the increase in the contract with the below named vendor requires the approval of the Board of Trustees; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees authorizes the President or the President's designee to enter into a contract with the vendor indicated below, under the bid waiver provisions of the State College Contracts Law.

Vendor & Category

Information Technology

Evisions LLC (525011)

Additional Amount Requested FY27-FY29:	\$113,995
Previously Approved Contract Amount FY25-FY29:	<u>\$289,005</u>
New Recommended Contract Total FY25-FY29:	\$403,000

This bid waiver increase adds three Evisions Argos Data Agent licenses, one Core seat and two Advanced seats, expanding Stockton's use of the AI-powered conversational tool built into Argos X that delivers immediate, plain-English answers from existing Evisions DataBlocks. Core seats extend secure, permission-based access to validated institutional data, while Advanced seats enable deeper analysis through complex queries, trend exploration, and visibility into data lineage and logic. By broadening access to the Argos Data Agent, the purchase accelerates data-driven decision making, reduces reliance on report developers, and lightens technical workload. Analysts and researchers gain enhanced capabilities for exploration and validation, improving the accuracy and transparency of institutional reporting. Overall, this investment increases operational efficiency, expands secure self-service data access, strengthens analytical capacity, and promotes data driven decisions across the institution. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[19]).

August 11, 2026



TO: Joe Bertolino, President

FROM: Terricita Sass, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff

DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Revise/Delete/Add University Policy

I am requesting a revision/review of the following policies as recommended by policy administrators:

- I-67 Disability, Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodations
- II-31 Skills Competency Requirement

I recommend that the Board of Trustees conduct a First Reading of the policy at the August 11, 2026, meeting, followed by approval of the recommendation for a Second Reading and a vote on the policies at the September 10, 2026, meeting of the Board.

Policy I-67: Disability, Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodations Summary of Key Changes

The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Suggested change of Policy Administrator to Office of the President for consistency with Digital Accessibility & Communication Procedure
- Adding digital accessibility language
- Changed report of complaints of discrimination to OHR

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

POLICY



Disability, Accessibility, and Reasonable Accommodations

Policy Administrator: Office of the President

Authority: The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213;
The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.

Effective Date: May 3, 2017; December 9, 2020; TBD

Index Cross-References:

Policy File Number: I-67

Approved By: Board of Trustees

Stockton University values diversity and seeks to promote access to employment and educational opportunities. As such, it is committed to full compliance with Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq. ("Section 504") and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1201-12213 as amended ("ADA"), and provides reasonable accommodations to qualified employees and students with disabilities to allow for full participation in the University's employment and educational programs and activities.

Stockton University is also committed to ensuring digital accessibility and the usability of electronic and information technology, including websites, online services, digital documents, instructional materials, and software applications.

Employees seeking accommodations must contact the Office of Human Resources. Students seeking accommodations must contact the Learning Access Program.

The University's Disability, Accessibility and Accommodation webpage provides information concerning campus resources.

Complaints of disability discrimination, or failure to provide reasonable employment or academic accommodations, should be reported to the University's Director of Title VI, Title VII and Title IX Coordinator. Reports should be submitted using the Incident Report Form (preferred), available on the University's website, by calling 609.652.4733, or by sending an email to Joshua.Hayes@stockton.edu.

Review History:

	Date
Procedure Administrator	03/25/2026
Divisional Executive	03/31/2026
General Counsel	04/01/2026
Senior Leadership	05/21/2026

President	06/11/2026
Board of Trustees	

Policy 2029: Academic Competency Requirements Summary of Key Changes

This is a new Policy outlining undergraduate competency requirements to ensure students are prepared for college-level coursework and long-term academic success.

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

POLICY



Academic Competency Requirements

Procedure Administrator: Provost and Vice
President for Academic Affairs
Authority:
Effective Date: TBD
Index Cross-References: Procedure 2019: Student Status; Procedure 2031: Skills
Competency Requirement
Policy File Number: II-31
Approved By: Dr. Joe Bertolino, President

I. POLICY:

All undergraduate students are required to demonstrate competency in mathematics, writing, and critical thinking/reading to ensure readiness for college-level coursework and long-term academic success. Refer to the University Bulletin for detailed standards and approved methods of demonstrating competency. The Bulletin is updated annually.

Review History:

	Date
Procedure Administrator	09/25/2025
Faculty Senate	11/21/2025
AA Council	12/15/2025
AA Leadership	01/23/2026
Divisional Executive	02/24/2026
General Counsel	06/24/2026
Senior Leadership	07/09/2026
President	07/09/2026
Board of Trustees	

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF ACTION FOR UNIVERSITY POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the policies of Stockton University; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the University continue to be reviewed by appropriate offices and individuals, with updates and revisions proposed as needed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development of policies of the University have been further reviewed utilizing input from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the review of policies resulted in a recommendation to adopt the following updated policies on Second Reading:

II-17: Sufficient Academic Progress

The Board of Trustees previously completed a First Reading of these policies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the adoption of these policies as recommended on Second Reading.

August 11, 2026

Policy II-17: Sufficient Academic Progress Summary of Key Changes
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The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Updated academic standing terminology and progression (Academic Alert, Academic Intervention, Suspension, Final Dismissal) for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Added explicit language on FRST competency requirements, timelines, consequences (FRST Suspension/Dismissal), and final dismissal after multiple reinstatements.
- Aligned policy language with program-specific academic and non-academic standards and cross-references operational details to Procedure 2120.

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POLICY

Sufficient Academic Progress

Policy Administrator: Registrar

Authority:

Effective Date: September 16, 2015; February 22, 2017; TBD

Index Cross-References: Procedure 2120: Academic Progress, Dismissal, and Reinstatement

Policy File Number: II-17

Approved By: Board of Trustees

I. Academic Alert, Intervention and Suspension

A. Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students must have at least a 2.00 term and a 2.00 cumulative GPA to be considered making minimum academic progress. When a student's term GPA is below 2.00, but the cumulative GPA is at least 2.00, the student will be notified of an Academic Alert. Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 will be placed on Academic Intervention. Students placed on Academic Intervention who subsequently earn term GPAs of at least 2.00 will be continued on Academic Intervention for a maximum of 32 attempted credits. If an undergraduate student's cumulative GPA is below 2.00 in two consecutive (or three cumulative) semesters, the student is subject to Academic Suspension. In addition to this minimum GPA requirement, each academic program may have non-academic standards to which students must adhere in order to remain enrolled. Students should refer to their respective program handbooks to learn more about non-academic grounds for suspension/dismissal.

All students with fewer than 32 transfer credits must demonstrate math proficiency. This competency can be met by (i) placement test scores, (ii) transfer credit in these curricular areas, (iii) passing FRST 1000 level courses. Students who place into FRST 1000 level classes are required to take them in their first semester at Stockton and are allowed two attempts at each course. If students fail to pass these courses with a C or better within two semesters, they are placed on FRST Suspension from the University.

Students are subject to Final Dismissal if they have been reinstated twice and failed to meet the minimum GPA requirements as outlined in Procedure 2120 Academic Progress (Alert, Intervention, Suspension and Reinstatement).

B. Graduate Students

In general, a graduate student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 to be considered as making minimum academic progress; however, due to external licensing or credentialing, some graduate programs may have other minimum GPA requirements that exceed a 3.00. Students should refer to their respective program handbooks to learn more about both academic and non-academic grounds for dismissal. Whenever the GPA for a given semester is below 3.00 or below the requirement for their program, but the cumulative GPA is at or above 3.00 for minimum academic progress, the student will be placed on Academic Alert. A graduate student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 is placed on Academic Intervention. A graduate student on probation, who does not make minimum academic progress as outlined by their graduate program, may be dismissed from the University. Additionally, each graduate program may have non-academic standards to which students must adhere.

Review History:

	Date
Policy Administrator	10/27/2025
Faculty Senate	11/21/2025
AA Council	12/15/2025
AA Leadership	01/23/2026
Divisional Executive	02/24/2026
General Counsel	03/05/2026
Senior Leadership	04/09/2026
President	04/09/2026
Board of Trustees	

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

August 11, 2026

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the following recommendations concerning personnel actions, subject to and contingent on the appropriation of funds by the State of New Jersey and receipt by the University

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION FOR PERSONNEL ACTIONS
AUGUST 11, 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the following recommendations concerning personnel actions, subject to and contingent on the appropriation of funds by the State of New Jersey and receipt by the University:

NEW APPOINTMENTS – FACULTY/PROFESSIONAL STAFF/MANAGERS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Aiello, Stephan	Interim Director of Event Services and Campus Center Operations	SA	8/24/26	\$105,000	
Bermudez, Jovina	Director of Financial Aid	EM	7/11/26	\$138,000	Appointed permanent from Interim. Preauthorized 6/22/26
Blair, Heidi	Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning Design	AA	7/27/26	\$143,000	Preauthorized 7/13/26
Bordonaro, Caitlyn	Associate Director of Alumni Engagement and Philanthropy	UA	5/18/26	\$81,000	Preauthorized 5/4/26
Clifford, Shannon	Dean, School of Health Sciences	AA	7/13/26	\$230,000	Preauthorized 5/5/26
Hinman, Michael	Assistant Professor in the Master of Arts in Education	AA	9/1/26-6/30/28	\$79,782	

Howdyshell, Stanford	Teaching Specialist, Philosophy	AA	9/1/26-6/30/27	\$68,482	
Ingram, Jerome	Director of Academic Advising	AA	8/10/26	\$120,000	Preauthorized 7/13/26
Medio, Brittany	Deputy General Counsel	OP	8/1/26	\$180,000	Appointed permanent from Interim. Preauthorized 7/29/26
Qin, An	Assistant Professor of Finance/Financial Planning	AA	9/1/26-6/30/28	\$99,423	

GRANTING TENURE

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Palladino, Michael	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Tenure Professor of Biology	AA	7/1/26	\$302,848	

STRUCTURED RECLASSIFICATIONS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Hrybava, Darya	Professional Services Specialist 3	AA	5/30/26	\$82,999	CWA to AFT
Jones, Ashley	Military and Veteran Success Center Coordinator and Success Coach	SA	4/8/26	\$79,804	

STATUS CHANGE

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Albertson, Sarah	Professional Services Specialist 3	AA	5/30/26	\$86,193	CWA to AFT

EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Cavezza, Renee	Manager, Health Science Accreditation and Clinical Placements	AA	1/1/26	\$81,000	Processing delay

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Notes
Amoriello, Daivd	Athletic Events Coordinator	SA	7/1/26	
Dickerson, Kimberly	Assistant Dean, School of Education	AA	7/11/26	
Hagerty, Barbara	Associate Director for Technology Innovation Southern Regional Institute	AA	7/30/26	
Klein, Kathleen	Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning Design	AA	7/11/26	
Rivera Santiago, Margarita	Teaching Specialist, Critical Thinking and First Year Studies	AA	7/1/26	

Robinson, Tyre	Goals Gear Up Counselor	SA	7/18/26	
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RETIREMENTS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Notes
Ackerman, Amy	Associate Professor of Instructional Technology	AA	7/1/26	
Caplan, Ronald	Associate Professor of Public Health	AA	7/1/26	
Collins, Patricia	Community Engagement Liaison and Site Supervisor and Adjunct Instructor	CE	8/1/26	
Furphy, Kimberly	Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy	AA	7/1/26	
Glass, Amy Beth	University Registrar	AA	9/1/26	
Gove, Cynthia	Director Facilities Management and Plant Operations	FO	8/1/26	
Gregg, Robert	Professor of American Studies	AA	7/1/26	
Griscom, Laurie	Executive Director of Event Service and Campus Engagement	SA	8/1/26	
Gussman, Deborah	Professor of American Literature	AA	7/1/26	
Haines, Jeffrey	Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation	SA	8/1/26	
Hayes, Michael	Professor of History	AA	7/1/26	

Hayes, Valerie	Chief Office for Diversity and Inclusion Diversity and Inclusion	OP	8/1/26	
Jackson, Mark	Director of Production Services	UA	8/1/26	
Jaworski, Eva	Professional Services Specialist 3	AA	7/1/26	
Julien, Valerie	Athletics Facilities and Special Activities Coordinator	SA	7/1/26	
Lee, Jung	Professor of Instructional Technology	AA	2/1/27	
Loefflad, Joseph	Director of IT Infrastructure and Communications	ITS	2/1/27	
McGinnis, Patricia	Professor of Physical Therapy	AA	7/1/26	
McKenna, Kimberly	Interim Executive Director Coastal Research Center	AA	8/1/26	
McShea, Elizabeth	Associate Professor of Mathematics and First Year Studies	AA	2/1/27	
Perks, Joan	Associate Professor of Nursing	AA	7/1/26	
Privitello, Lucio	Professor of Philosophy and Religion	AA	7/1/26	
Reardon, Karen	Ombuds Officer 50%	OP	8/1/26	
Ricci, Marie	Executive Assistant for Government Relations	UA	8/1/26	
Stalling, Diane	Assistant Director of Multicultural and Interfaith Center	SA	7/1/26	

Stamatopoulos, Konstantinos	Director Library and Learning Commons Operations	AA	10/1/26	
Tizol, Eileen	Director of Marketing University Relations and Marketing	UA	8/1/26	
Trama, Richard	Assistant Director, Academic Affairs	AA	7/1/26	
Vaughn, Beverly	Professor of Music	AA	7/1/26	

EMERITUM STATUS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Notes
Ackerman, Amy	Associate Professor of Instructional Technology	AA	7/1/26	
Bokunewicz, Jane	Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies	AA	7/1/26	
Caplan, Ronald	Associate Professor of Public Health	AA	7/1/26	
Furphy, Kimberly	Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy	AA	7/1/26	
Gregg, Robert	Professor of American Studies	AA	7/1/26	
Gussman, Deborah	Professor of American Literature	AA	7/1/26	
Hayse, Michael	Professor of History	AA	7/1/26	

Lee, Jung	Professor of Instructional Technology	AA	2/1/27	
McGinnis, Patricia	Professor of Physical Therapy	AA	7/1/26	
Perks, Joan	Associate Professor of Nursing	AA	7/1/26	
Privitello, Lucio	Professor of Philosophy and Religion	AA	7/1/26	
Vaughn, Beverly	Professor of Music	AA	7/1/26	

CONTRACT & SALARY CORRECTIONS

Name	Title	Division	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
Cox, Lisa	Professor of Social Work	AA	9/1/26	\$169,268	Corrected salary step
Ludovich, Joe'l	Associate Professor of Communications	AA	9/1/26	\$139,257	Corrected salary step
Spinella, Marcello	Professor of Psychology	AA	9/1/26	\$169,268	Corrected salary step
Yin, Suyu	Associate Professor of Communications	AA	9/1/26	\$139,257	Corrected salary step

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ELIMINATION OF POSITION:

Title	Division	Effective Dates	Notes
Assistant Vice President for Student Health & Wellness	SA	8/9/26	

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

Stephan Aiello

Recommendation For

Interim Director of Event Services and Campus Center Operations

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science, Communication Arts
St. John's University, Jamaica, New York

1994

Professional Experience

Business Manager
Diocese of Trenton, Lakehurst, New Jersey

2021 to present

President
EBF Consulting, Farmingdale, New Jersey

2017 to present

Director of Administrative Services
Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, New York

2005 to 2017

Director of Finance
University of Phoenix, Temple Terrace, Florida

2002 to 2005

Other Information

Certified Auxiliary Services Professional (CASP), National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS). Former member of the Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors International (ACCED-I), the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), the National Association of College Stores (NACS), and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). Served as the human resource official for two collective bargaining units, Local 30 (Operating Engineers) and DC 37 (Custodians), at Queens College. Advisor to Student Government and to student clubs and organizations on budget and event planning. Working knowledge of EMS, Resource 25, Archibus, Oracle ERP, Financial Edge, and MIP Fund Accounting.

Reasons for Recommendation

Mr. Aiello brings more than twenty years of senior administrative leadership in conference and event management, auxiliary services, and facilities operations, including twelve years as Director of Administrative Services at Queens College, City University of New York. In that role he led a conference services team responsible for approximately 5,000 annual bookings and increased net event and conference revenue from \$250,000 to more than \$625,000 through a new marketing plan and space utilization strategy, a record that speaks directly to the revenue generation, contract administration, and client relations responsibilities of this position. He developed pricing and chargeback schedules for reservations and audio visual services, negotiated vendor and lease agreements, and partnered with the Chief Information Officer to select and implement EMS event management software, replacing a

spreadsheet based reservation process with a system that integrated scheduling, accounting, and inventory. His supervisory experience is substantial and includes direct responsibility for a staff of more than forty union and non-union employees, approximately fifty student employees, and operating budgets in excess of six million dollars across multiple business units. He has coordinated large scale campus programs including Commencement, Homecoming, New Student Orientation, Club Day, and summer camp operations, and collaborated with the Dean of Students and the Director of Student Life to support co-curricular programming for more than 150 student clubs and organizations. Mr. Aiello holds a Bachelor of Science from St. John's University and the Certified Auxiliary Services Professional credential from NACAS. He meets the required qualifications for this position and brings the operational, financial, and supervisory depth to assume leadership of Event Services and Campus Center Operations immediately, without the ramp up period an interim appointment cannot afford. Appointing Mr. Aiello on an interim basis will maintain continuity of event and conference operations, protect external revenue during the vacancy, and provide steady supervision for the unit while a national search for the permanent Director is conducted.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

Jovina Bermudez

Recommendation For

Director of Financial Aid

Educational Background

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Stockton College, Galloway, NJ	2006
Associates of Arts, Psychology Burlington County College (RCBC), Mt. Laurel Twp, NJ	2002
Associates of Arts, History Burlington County College (RCBC), Mt. Laurel Twp, NJ	2001

Professional Experience

Interim Director of Financial Aid Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2025 – Present
Associate Director of Financial Aid Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2023 – 2025
Financial Aid Director Rowan College at Burlington College, Mt. Laurel Twp, NJ	2013 – 2023
Financial Aid Associate Director Rowan College at Burlington College, Mt. Laurel Twp, NJ	2009 – 2013
Financial Aid Administrator Rowan College at Burlington College, Mt. Laurel Twp, NJ	2007 – 2009

Other Information

Standards of Academic Progress, Cost of Attendance, Needs Analysis, Federal Work Study, Verification, Awarding & Disbursing, Return of Title IV Calculations, FISAP, Student Outreach, Federal and State IPEDS, Reconciliation of Federal & State Funding, Ellucian Colleague, Informer, Google Suite Products, Microsoft Office, OD/CPS/NSLDS/DHS-SAVE, Record Information Management System (RIMS)

Reasons for Recommendation

Jovina Bermudez is recommended for the position of Director of Financial Aid for her knowledge, skills and experience in federal and state financial aid programs. Jovina Bermudez has been serving as Interim Director of Financial Aid at Stockton University since 2025 and as Associate Director of Financial Aid at Rowan College at Burlington County from 2023-2025, giving her more than sixteen years of financial aid experience.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

Heidi Blair

Recommendation For

Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning Design

Educational Background

Ph.D. Educational Technology Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	2006
M.A. Learning and Instructional Technology Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	1994
B.A. Early Childhood Education University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC	1989

Professional Experience

Director of Instructional Design AU Online, Augusta University, Augusta, GA	2024 - Present
Associate Professor & Associate Provost of Academic Affairs Regis University, Denver, Colorado	2021 - 2024
Director of Instructional Design and Technology Regis University, Denver, Colorado	2019 - 2024
Deputy Director, Innovative Design and Development Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia	2015 - 2019
Director of Educational Technology Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona	2010 -2015

Other Information

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Reasons for Recommendation

Dr. Heidi Blair is recommended based on her experience in higher education administration, faculty development, instructional design, and online learning. Her background and leadership experience make her well qualified to lead the Center for Teaching and Learning Design and support the University's academic mission.

 STOCKTON
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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

Caitlyn Bordonaro

Recommendation For

Associate Director of Alumni Engagement & Philanthropy

Educational Background

Master of Science, Event Leadership University of Central Florida, FL	2025
Bachelor of Arts, Communications & Marketing Coastal Carolina University, SC	2016

Professional Experience

Events and Engagement Manager Orlando Magic, Orlando, FL	2024 – 2025
Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement & Annual Giving University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	2021 – 2025
Administrative Assistant III University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	2021 – 2021

Other Information

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Reasons for Recommendation

Ms. Bordonaro was selected due to her strong background in alumni relations and advancement, including success in annual giving, volunteer leadership, and communications. She brings a relationship-focused approach, experience managing leadership giving portfolios, advising alumni boards, and collaborating with development teams to grow engagement and participation. Her recent work with the Orlando Magic and prior leadership at the University of Central Florida demonstrate her ability to execute impactful engagement strategies, lead large-scale campaigns, and deliver high-quality donor stewardship, making her well-qualified to advance the University's alumni and philanthropic goals.

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Candidate Name

Shannon Clifford

Recommendation For

Dean, School of Health Sciences

Educational Background

Doctor of Philosophy, Rehabilitation Sciences University of Pittsburgh	2009
Master of Physical Therapy University of Pittsburgh	2002
Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science and Movement Science University of Pittsburgh	1999

Professional Experience

Acting Dean/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Scholarship and Strategic Initiatives, Monmouth University	2022 - Present
Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy Monmouth University	2022 - Present
Sr. Academic Program Director, Physical Therapy University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2020 - 2021
Associate Dean- School of Health Professions and Nursing Long Island University- Post	2019 - 2020
Founding Executive Director- School of Physical Therapy Kean University	2014 - 2019

Other Information

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Reasons for Recommendation

Shannon Nicole Clifford is recommended based on her experience in academic leadership, institutional impact, and scholarship in health professions education. She brings over two decades of experience leading academic units, with a clear ability to manage accreditation, align strategy with institutional priorities, and support faculty and student success. In her current role as Acting Dean, she has guided program growth and built meaningful academic partnerships, while maintaining stability through periods of transition. Her experience and approach make her well-suited for the role as Dean of the School of Health Sciences.

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Candidate Name

Michael Hinman

Recommendation For

Assistant Professor in the Master of Arts in Education

Educational Background

Doctor of Education, Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, Northeastern University, MA	2019
Master of Education, Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, NJ	1997
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, NJ	1990

Professional Experience

Director and Advisor, Alternate Route to Teaching Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2018 – Present 2015 – 2018
Adjunct Professor, Elementary Education Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2017 – Present 2000 – 2009
Director of Curriculum Galloway Township Schools, Galloway, NJ	2018 – 2023
Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Galloway Township Schools, Galloway, NJ	2002 – 2018
Instructor, Alternate Route to Teaching Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2001 – 2017

Other Information

Certifications: NJ Elementary Teacher, HQT ELA, SS, & Math; NJ Supervisor; NJ Principal/Director; ETTC Trainer; Member of New Jersey State Program Approval Council (SPAC).

Reasons for Recommendation

Dr. Hinman's extensive experience as a teacher, supervisor, curriculum director, and adjunct instructor in higher education makes him an ideal candidate for the position in this rapidly growing alternate route program. He will be a valuable addition to the Master of Education faculty.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

Stanford Howdyshell

Recommendation For

Teaching Specialist, Philosophy

Educational Background

Ph.D., Philosophy University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2023
M.A., Philosophy Kent State University, Kent, OH	2018
B.S., Mechanical Engineering University of Akron, Akron, OH	2016

Professional Experience

Teaching Specialist, Philosophy Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2025 – Present
Instructor of Record, Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in the Humanities Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh	2023 – 2025
Graduate Assistant/Instructor of Record University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2019 – 2023
Graduate Assistant Kent State University, Kent, OH	2016 – 2018

Other Information

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship Grant, NJ, 2023-2025
Member of AUW International Program Board, 2024-Present
Coordinator of the AUW Humanities Lecture Series, 2024-Present

Reasons for Recommendation

Stanford Howdyshell is an innovative philosopher whose areas of competence include Applied Ethics, Logic, and African Philosophy, which he teaches to women from underserved communities throughout Southeast Asia. In the classroom, he creates space for students to engage course material alongside their own beliefs, equipping them with tools to think critically about the world and preparing them for a life-long pursuit of learning. His record reflects both scholarly rigor and a deep commitment to accessible, transformative education.

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Candidate Name

Jerome Ingram

Recommendation For

Director, Academic Advising

Educational Background

M.A., Liberal Studies Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, NJ	2023
B.A., Social Science Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, NJ	2014
A.A., Liberal Arts Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ	2004

Professional Experience

Director, Center for Student Success, Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ	2025 – Present
Assistant Director, First Year Experience Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ	2024 – 2025
Student Service Navigator Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ	2021 – 2024
Admission Assistant Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ	2018 – 2021
Logistics Staff Officer, New Jersey Army National Guard Woodbridge, NJ	2005 – Present

Other Information

Mr. Ingram brings a strong skill set in strategic enrollment management, academic advising leadership and student success Initiatives. In addition he is well-versed in retention strategy, data-driven decision making and staff supervision and development. He is a part of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, National Associate for College Admission Counseling, National Academic Advising Association and National Guard Association of the United States and NJ.

Reasons for Recommendation

Mr. Ingram is a higher education leader specializing in academic advising, student success, and retention strategy, with over seven years of progressive experience leading cross-campus advising initiatives, improving student persistence, and implementing data-informed solutions that improve student outcomes and institutional performance.

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Candidate Name

Brittany Medio

Recommendation For

Deputy General Counsel

Educational Background

Juris Doctor Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA	2013
Bachelor of Arts Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA	2009

Professional Experience

Interim Deputy General Counsel, Ethics Liaison Officer Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2026-Present
Interim Title IX Coordinator Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	2025-2026
MEDIO LAW FIRM, LLC Vineland, NJ	2021-2025

Other Information

Ms. Medio is admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and has focused on higher education law since 2012. Her experience includes advising colleges and universities on Title IX, Title IV, Title VII, VAWA, the Clery Act, ADA, FMLA, and employment matters, as well as representing institutions and employers in discrimination and employment-related litigation.

Reasons for Recommendation

As the current Interim Deputy General Counsel, Ms. Medio is already performing the role effectively. Her continued service would maintain stability, preserve institutional knowledge, and prevent disruption to essential legal operations.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Candidate Name

An Qin

Recommendation For

Assistant Professor of Finance/Financial Planning

Educational Background

Ph.D. Management Concentration: Finance Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, E. Brunswick, NJ	2025
M.S. Economics Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China	2019
B.S. Accounting Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China	2016

Professional Experience

Research Associate (FinTech and AI) Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ	2025 – 2026
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Other Information

Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers Business School 2023-2024

Reasons for Recommendation

Dr. An (Serena) Qin is a recent graduate from Rutgers Business School and spent the last year there as a Research Associate. She has experience in the classroom having been a TA in several courses from Fall 2020 through Fall 22. She currently has 7 papers in the process for publication and has a strong desire to continue her research. Dr. Qin would be a much needed and valuable asset to both the School of Business and Stockton University as a whole.