

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES
December 7, 2016**

Trustees Present	Mrs. Mady Deininger, ('80), Chair Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., Vice Chair Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone, CPA ('79), Secretary Ellen D. Bailey, Esq. Mr. Andy Dolce Mr. Stanley M. Ellis Michael Jacobson, Esq. Mrs. Meg Worthington Mr. Cristian Moreno, Student Trustee Mr. Ike Ejikeme, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio Dr. Susan Davenport, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board
Absent	None
Call to Order	Board Chair, Mady Deininger called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 in the President's Conference Room, K-203k. On November 1, 2016, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act was (a) posted on the University's Website; (b) forwarded to the Business Services/Bursar's Office at the University, the editors of the <i>Press of Atlantic City</i> , <i>the Daily Journal</i> ; and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, the Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and the Atlantic County Clerk's Office. Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.
Comments from Faculty Leadership	The Board heard from Anne Pomeroy (representing the Stockton Federation of Teachers) about the union's continuing frustration and difficulties due to their expired contract with the State. There is no indication of when a new contract will be signed. The union is considering its options. Also, the union along with the Stockton University Faculty Senate issued a joint statement reinforcing their position of tolerance, inclusion, social justice while condemning all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and sexism.
Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2016	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the September 21, 2016 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.
Approval of Open Public Retreat Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2016	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Retreat Meeting minutes of the November 10, 2016 Board of Trustees retreat.
Resolution to Meet in Closed Session	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvene of Open Public Meeting	Chairperson Deininger reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
Moment of Silence	President Kesselman asked for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Cameron W. Hardy, a Stockton University senior and communications major from Sparta, NJ; and for those who died in the historical attack on Pearl Harbor.
Oath of Office to Ms. Nelida Valentin, new Board of Trustee member	<p>Chairperson Deininger and President Kesselman administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Nelida Valentin. Ms. Valentin is the Vice President of Grants and Programs for the Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) in Lawrenceville, NJ, and an alumna of Stockton University. Dr. Kesselman provided a brief overview about her history at Stockton, and took great pride in welcoming her as the newest member of the board. Ms. Valentin, a former Equal Opportunity Funding (EOF) student and 1986 Stockton graduate, commented she is extremely honored and delighted to serve on the Board of her alma mater, and looks forward to working with the Trustees, students, and serving the community.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger commented she is pleased to have another alum on the Board.</p>
Report of the Chair	Chairperson Deininger welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.
President's Report	<p>President Kesselman requested Board approval for the appointment of Ms. Sydney Sykes as the Student Trustee on the Board of Directors of Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park (SARTP) of New Jersey from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Trustee Moreno commented he has known Ms. Sykes for several years and was proud of her accomplishments. He was very pleased that she has been appointed as the Student Trustee on the SARTP Board of Directors.</p>
Report of the Academic Affairs & Planning Affairs Committee	<p>Dr. Lori Vermeulen, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs reported that the Academic Affairs & Planning Committee met earlier in the day and discussed several informational items.</p> <p>Provost Vermeulen called upon Dr. Theresa Bartolotta, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Professor of Communication Disorders, to present the 2016 School of Health Sciences Leadership Award to Dr. Adeola Sonaike, National Director, GetFit Program, Family Network. The award is presented annually to an individual for their outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence. The local GetFIT initiative at Stockton is an exercise and nutrition program geared to help individuals with developmental disabilities live healthier lives.</p> <p>Dr. Sonaike stated she was honored to receive this award and looked forward to her continued relationship with Stockton. Trustee Deininger congratulated Dr. Sonaike on her award.</p> <p>Provost Vermeulen discussed additional information items including the Research and Professional Development Reports, Sabbatical report and the External Funding Booklet for 2015-2016, which illustrates the diverse projects and programs underway at the University.</p>

<p>Report of the Student Affairs and Planning Committee</p>	<p>Trustee Bailey, Student Affairs and Planning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on December 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. She called on Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Vice President of Student Affairs, to give a brief report. Dr. Gonzalez noted the committee had reviewed the Stockton Board of Trustees for Distinguished Students; and called upon Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students to announce Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students. The following recipients received awards:</p> <p>Christina Comuso, a senior, majoring in Geology, received a \$1,000 fellowship for a project titled, “Fluid Inclusion Analyses of the Rose Blanche Quartz-Gold Body.” Casey Cuff, a senior, majoring in Biology, received a \$500 fellowship for a project titled, “Emotions of the Holocaust: Photos from March 2017 Study Tour.” Gina Irizarry, a sophomore, majoring in Health Sciences, received a \$250 fellowship for a project titled, “Antisemitism in France.” Aurora Landman, a senior, majoring in Literature, received a \$750 fellowship for a project titled, “Digitizing Alliance’s History.” Donald Maute III, a junior, majoring in Geology, received a \$1,000 fellowship for a project titled, “Bulk Rock Isotopic Analysis of Lamprophyre Dikes and Mantle Xenoliths from Westerly, Rhode Island.” Trevor Teehan, a sophomore, majoring in Mathematics and Pre-Engineering, was awarded a \$500 fellowship for a project titled, “Dynamic Density: Aviation Research.” Morgan Vukicevich, a junior, majoring in Biology, received a \$250 fellowship for a project titled, “Benefits of Animals to Communities at Large.”</p> <p>Dean Santana asked the committee and faculty members to stand for recognition.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger and President Kesselman congratulated the students for their fine work, and thanked the committee and faculty members for their dedication.</p> <p>Dr. Gonzalez then called upon Ms. Christy Cunningham, Associate Director of the Career Center, to make a presentation on Stockton Graduates’ Employment Data.</p> <p>Ms. Cunningham provided an overview on the Class of 2015 Employment Data. Students were surveyed six months after graduation to answer the question: <i>Have you landed somewhere?</i> The data included the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey taken with graduates in August 2014, December 2014 and May 2015 included 709 participants, a response rate of nearly 40%. The 2017 survey will include graduate students. • Of the 2015 graduates, 88% reported being employed or enrolled in school within six months of graduation, a 2% increase over 2014. • In a national comparison, 87% of Stockton graduates were either employed or enrolled in school within six months of graduation; the national average is the 84%. • Relationship between occupation and program/area of study: 70% of employed graduates reported that their occupation was related or very related to their area or program of study. • Job Satisfaction: 74% of graduates are somewhat satisfied or very satisfied with their employment. • Employment by state: 84% of employed graduates reported working in New Jersey. • Advanced Studies (further education/degrees pursued): 68.9% of the students are pursuing graduate degrees.
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	<p>Ms. Cunningham thanked Dr. Kesselman and the Board for the opportunity to present this valuable information. She also thanked Dr. Kesselman for his commitment for permanent funding to continue this research.</p>
<p>Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee</p>	<p>Trustee Ellis, Finance and Professional Services Committee Chair, reported the following items were presented under the consent agenda, and recommended by the committee for Board approval: FY17 Bid Waivers and FY17-21 Increases in Bid-Waivered Contracts. Recommendation was also requested for the Tuition and Fees Effective for 2017 Summer Session at Stockton University's Instructional Site, Confirmation of Actions Taken by the Executive Committee on November 7, 2016 (FY18 Capital Budget Submission).</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the FY17 Bid Waivers and FY17-21 Increases in Bid-Waivered Contracts. Trustee Worthington abstained from voting for Underground Energy, LLC on the FY17 Bid Waiver. Trustee Valentin abstained from voting on the FY17 Bid waivers and the FY17-21 Increases in Bid Waivered contracts.</p> <p>Tuition and Fees Effective for 2017 Summer Session at Stockton University's Instructional Site: Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>Confirmation of Actions Taken by the Executive Committee on November 7, 2016 (FY18 Capital Budget Submission): Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Bailey, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>President Kesselman reported we are extremely aggressive when requesting appropriations, to recognize and help fund Stockton's growth as an anchor institution in the State of New Jersey. The FY18 Capital Budget is important because it identifies institutional priorities for capital projects.</p> <p>Mr. Charles Ingram, Vice President of Administration and Finance, and President of Stockton Affiliation Services, Inc. (SASI), gave a brief presentation about SASI, to include the SASI Board's composition and a review of its mission statement. Highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ingram commented that SASI provides graduate housing, transportation, food service, bookstore, vending services (beverage and snack), Dante Hall Lease, Seaview Report Operations, Azeez Museum, and Woodbine Instructional Site. • Stockton has implemented a parking system whereby all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and guests are registered to park on campus. SASI also purchased additional buses in anticipation of the Atlantic City campus. • Stockton Seaview earned an operating income of \$1.3 million this year. As of June 30, 2017, SASI has given over \$14 million back to the University since inception. <p>Chairperson Deininger reported the Board had reviewed the Operating Budget Status Report and posted the document on the Board's website.</p>

<p>Report of the Audit Committee</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone, Audit Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on October 28, 2017. The meeting included an update by the University's external auditors, Grant Thornton. The University received an unqualified opinion (clean audit), no findings were reported, and no concerns were identified regarding internal controls. Trustee Ciccone thanked Vice President Ingram and his staff. PKF also completed a special cyber security audit at the University. The results were favorable, and implementations are ongoing from the company's recommendations. The committee also met with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP on October 28th. They performed an internal audit of the Athletic Department, and their recommendations will be reviewed and implemented as appropriate.</p>
<p>Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee</p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, called upon Mr. Don Hudson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction to give a brief report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee received an overview of nearly 25 projects including the progress of the Atlantic City Project. The Academic Quad Area project is on target. He thanked Mr. Skip West, Director of Facilities for his support. • Sidewalk Renovations – from K-Wing Plaza to N-Wing (includes adding a new accessible handicap ramp) will be underway soon. • Restrooms Renovations in A, D & H Wings (gender neutral, lactation and accessible bathrooms) continue. • New Signage - presented and approved; the signage will roll out sometime in the next fiscal year. • Repairs were completed to a damaged well in our Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (ATES) system. Next year, we will be performing maintenance on all of the wells to optimize the system. Stockton is the first and one of the largest systems in the country. <p>Trustee Schoffer commented the campus requires a lot of maintenance and care for the on-campus projects.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Heinrich, Chief Information Officer for Information Technology, reported that Stockton is actively engaged in negotiations with American Tower and the State of New Jersey for the placement of two cell towers on either side of the main campus. The State House Commission will review the proposal on December 12, 2016 for approval of the lease agreements. If approved, Stockton can move forward with due diligence, Pinelands Commission approval, and other permits to begin construction this summer, with a roll out projected for next fall. President Kesselman stated that Stockton would not incur any costs for this project.</p>

<p>Report of the Development Committee</p>	<p>Trustee Jacobson, Development Committee Chair, reported the committee had not met since the last Board meeting. He called upon Dr. Philip Ellmore, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of College Foundation to give a brief report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundation Board received a clean audit, resulting in no findings. • Form 990 is in process of completion; will be finalized and filed accordingly. • Foundation’s net assets at end of FY2016 were \$29,970,000 (up \$800,000 from previous year). • Through November 30, 2016, gifts totaled \$3,062,000 (including \$1.8 million from the Noyes Museum acquisition).
<p>Report of the Investment Committee:</p>	<p>Trustee Ellis, Investment Committee Chair, reported the committee met on November 2, 2016 (he was unable to attend that meeting). He called upon Vice President Charles Ingram to give a brief report. The committee met with Wells Fargo and Ashford Consultants and received investment fund updates. Stockton is currently undergoing the Request for Proposal process and will begin reviewing approximately 13 proposals for investment managers on December 9, 2016. The interview process will begin in January 2017 because the current five-year contract expires in February 2017.</p>
<p>Approval of Actions for University Policies</p>	<p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following policy, which was a Second Reading:</p> <p>Division of Administration and Finance—Deleted Policy: VI-88: Posting and Removal of Announcements.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p> <p>President Kesselman presented the Board with two policies as First Readings. These items will be recommended for Board approval at the February 22, 2017 meeting.</p> <p>Division of Administration and Finance (New Policies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VI—60: Real Estate Transaction Committee • VI—61: Notifications, Warnings, and Prohibitions—Consumer Electronic Products. <p>Dr. Kesselman noted that the formation of the Real Estate Transaction committee is important because the members will go through a systematic process when looking at the many opportunities that will be available in the coming years and will provide strategic direction to the Board.</p>
<p>Personnel Actions Resolutions</p>	<p>Chairperson Deininger announced the Board reviewed the Personnel Actions Resolution, which was posted on the Board’s website for the public’s review. Approval of management reappointments have been moved from the spring, in order to better tie managerial evaluation to fiscal year goals and objectives. Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Jacobson and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>No other business came before the Board.</p>

<p>Comments from the Board</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone wished everybody a happy holiday season. He remarked Stockton was always a special place around the holidays. Trustee Worthington welcomed Trustee Valentin to the Board.</p> <p>Chairperson Deininger thanked the Board for their dedication, loyalty, and service. She wished everyone a happy holiday season.</p>
<p>Comments from the Public</p>	<p>Vice President Vermeulen asked all promoted faculty present to stand for recognition. She congratulated the entire faculty body, and acknowledged their accomplishments. Dr. Vermeulen also recognized the SRI/ETTC, and announced a grant they received that would provide K-12 teachers professional development on strategies to teach the core curriculum to English language learners. They will also develop a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to provide the same training for up to 500 teachers throughout New Jersey during the 2017-2018 school year.</p> <p>President Kesselman asked Ms. Patricia Weeks, Executive Director of SRI/ETTC to stand for recognition for her outstanding work.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman also congratulated the faculty members receiving Emeriti status (Dr. Henry VanKuiken, Dr. Bess Kathrins, Dr. David Carr, Dr. Sonia Gonsalves, and Dr. Melaku Lakew). He remarked that he would miss all of them, as would the entire Stockton community. He stated Dr. Gonsalves would be the December 2016 Commencement speaker.</p> <p>Dr. Carr thanked the Board and President Kesselman for all of their support given during his time as an administrator. He remarked he has enjoyed working with everyone, and looks forward to the next phase of his life.</p> <p>Dr. Anne Pomeroy, President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT), and Professor of Philosophy, congratulated her colleagues and retirees. She read a statement into the record from the Stockton Federation of Teachers and the Stockton University Faculty Senate, which reads as follows:</p> <p>“The Stockton Faculty Senate serves as the representative body that provides the faculty voice in the development of University policy. Senate members are also members of the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT), the union of faculty and professional staff of Stockton University. As members of the American Federation of Teachers we uphold the principles of the AFT mission statement and champion ‘fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.’ We intend to adhere to these principles, and to carry them out to the best of our abilities, to ensure that all members of our community are treated with equality, fairness, and above all, respect.</p> <p>These principles and our educational mission are properly expressed by our dedication to the members of our Stockton family: students, staff, faculty, and the members of the communities in which we live and work. Especially in these trying times, we reaffirm our support of women, people of color, Jews, Muslims, members of the LGBTQIA community, those with disabilities, the poor, and immigrants, regardless of documented status. The SFT deplors and condemns any and all acts of prejudice, and we offer support and solidarity to any individuals or groups targeted by them. We will stand up to all forms of sexism, racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, homophobia,</p>

	<p>transphobia, and any forms of hatred and discrimination based on ability, class, sexual or gender identity, immigration status, or beliefs.”</p> <p>She also reported that SFT was still working without a contract; faculty and staff have not had an increase since 2015. She thanked Dr. Kesselman for freezing managerial salaries during this time; this act of solidarity with our Unions is the right and good thing to do. She hoped this act encouraged members of the administration to stand with Union members in their contract dispute, and to write the Governor and legislators to assist with the struggle. Membership has determined if there is no movement on the contract at those January meetings, activism will begin on the campus in the spring.</p> <p>Mr. Brian K. Jackson, Chief Operating Officer, Atlantic City Campus, provided an update on Stockton’s Employee Charitable Campaign. Last year Stockton ran a successful campaign and broke the previous record, raising \$52,450 and 196 donors participated from the University. This year, Dr. Kesselman serves as the Co-Chair of the statewide campaign. To date Stockton has raised \$51,306; and has 186 donors thus far. The goal is \$55,555. Mr. Jackson asked everyone to consider participating in the campaign.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson also invited everyone to participate in the 13th Annual MLK Day of Service on January 16, 2017. Stockton hosts the largest MLK Day of Service in southern New Jersey; and has upwards of 1,000 participants annually. Service projects will be located at our main campus, institutional sites and throughout the state. We look forward to seeing our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.</p> <p>Dr. Kesselman invited everyone to attend Stockton basketball games this evening, from 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. He also reported Stockton’s Annual Holiday Party is Friday, December 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., and wished everyone a happy holiday season.</p> <p>Trustee Deininger thanked Information Technology for their support and assistance.</p>
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:	The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, Campus Center.
Adjournment:	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Bailey and seconded by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

For the Board,

Susan Davenport, Executive Vice President,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 22, 2017.