

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

<p><b>Trustees Present (*via Zoom)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Chair          Trustee Andy Dolce, Vice Chair          Trustee Nelida Valentin, Secretary          Trustee Nancy Davis          Trustee Collins Days, Sr.          *Trustee Mady Deininger          Trustee Stan Ellis          Trustee Sonia Gonsalves          *Trustee Michelle Keates          Trustee Leo Schoffer          Trustee Meg Worthington          *Trustee Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee          Trustee Liliana Morales, Student Trustee Alternate          Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio</p>
<p><b>Absent</b></p>	<p>Trustee Jose Lozano</p>
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 on the Galloway Campus in the President’s Conference Room (K-203r). On December 1, 2021, a notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings 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, the Galloway Township Clerk’s Office, and the Atlantic County Clerk’s Office.</p>
<p><b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustees Davis, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the December 8, 2021 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Schoffer and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:45 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Chair’s Remarks</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged and thanked the University community for the</p>

	<p>numerous Black History Month’s events and celebrations.</p>
<p><b>President’s Report</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman asked for a moment of silence for two long-time faculty members who recently passed: Dr. Lucinda Jassel, Professor Emerita, Political Science; and Dr. Jamie Cromartie, Associate Professor Emeritus, Environmental Studies.</p> <p>President Kesselman welcomed guests from the Galloway Township Council, who presented a proclamation in recognition of Stockton’s 50th anniversary.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged the success of the University’s women’s and men’s basketball teams.</p> <p>President Kesselman thanked the faculty and staff for attending his bi-annual address on February 18, 2022.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report (AA&amp;P)</b></p>	<p>Trustee Davis, Committee Chair, provided a summary of the February 22, 2022, committee meeting, which included four resolutions as part of a consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsement of Middle States Commission on Higher Education 2021-2022 Self Study Report.</li> <li>• Endorsement of the Academic Year Calendar for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 terms.</li> <li>• Conferral of Honorary Degree to Dr. Brian K. Bridges, Stockton University’s Commencement Speaker for May 2022.</li> <li>• Conferral of Honorary Degree to Mr. Jon F. Hanson</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions.</b></p> <p>Trustee Davis called on Leamor Kahanov, Provost &amp; Vice President for Academic Affairs, who reported on the following information items:</p> <p>A new pilot program called “Live, Work, Learn” will provide undergraduate students the opportunity to live in the Atlantic City residential complex during the summer with room costs paid for by a local partner who will employ the student during the summer. The students will also take a four-credit work-readiness course for free. The program hopes to have 40 students participate this summer.</p> <p>The Academic Affairs Division is undertaking market analyses for potential new academic programs.</p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Valentin, Committee Chair, provided a summary of the February 22, 2022 committee meeting, which included discussions about racial equity performance gaps, student resilience, the Stockton Cares program, and the importance of clubs and organizations to student success.</p>

	<p>Trustee Valentin called on Bob Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, to report. Bob first thanked the student admissions ambassadors who assist prospective students and their families when they visit campus. Bob then provided an update regarding the Spring 2022 enrollment figures along with a multi-year analysis of overall student headcount and full-time equivalency.</p> <p>Chris Catching, Vice President of Student Affairs, summarized the committee’s discussions on student health equity, including Stockton’s participation in a nationwide Healthy Minds survey designed to assess the mental health and well-being of Stockton’s students (almost 2,000 Stockton students participated). Catching acknowledged the work of Haley Baum, Dean of Students, and the staff in the Dean of Students office as well as the University’s counseling staff, the Stockton Cares team, and Zupenda Davis-Shine Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Health and Wellness, and the Student Health Services team for their efforts regarding student health equity.</p> <p>Chris also announced the University has been named one of “The Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs” for 2022 by the national publication <i>Diverse: Issues in Higher Education</i>.</p> <p>President Kesselman stated that, at the recent New Jersey President’s Council (NJPC) meeting, the number one topic of conversation was the mental health of students and how the issue is impacting college campuses. President Kesselman (as chair of the NJPC) said he is working with the State Secretary of Higher Education to create a statewide task force to study this issue and develop recommendations.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged the work undertaken by the University community for the Middle States reaccreditation process, particularly the efforts of the Self Study co-chairs: Robert Heinrich, Claudine Keenan, and Manish Madan.</p>
<p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Ellis, Committee Chair, identified two resolutions as part of a consent agenda that were endorsed at the committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY23 Housing Rents. The weighted average increase will be \$84 per semester, which represents an approximate 1.8% increase.</li> <li>• FY22-FY23 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract for Accuspec for the upgrade of 15 additional fume hood control systems in the Unified Science Center I.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Ciccone, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions.</b></p> <p>Trustee Ellis stated the recent update to the State College Contracts</p>

	<p>Law (SCCL) increases the bid waiver threshold for certain categories from \$35,000 to \$100,000 and also adds several new exceptions to the public bidding requirement. It is expected these changes will result in an approximate 20% reduction in the number of bid waivers the Board will need to consider. The updated SCCL also enables state colleges and universities to establish a cooperative pricing system whereby Stockton can utilize pricing obtained by one of the University's peer institutions.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis acknowledged the leadership of Jennifer Potter, Vice President for Administration &amp; Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Chris Howard, Director of Procurement, Contracting &amp; Risk Management, and their teams to expand the University's competitive bidding process.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis stated a revised budget forecast for FY22 projects a slight surplus in the overall budget due to expense savings.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis stated the committee received updates on various campus services from Diane Garrison, Executive Director of Budget, Financial Planning, &amp; Campus Services, including dining, bookstore, mail services, and the Osprey card program. Overall, these services are performing at or better than original fiscal projections.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis stated that at the Board's Executive Committee meeting on February 4, 2022, the committee approved an increase of \$131,000 for Backes &amp; Hill to extend their services as the University's interim director of Title IX and Equal Employment Opportunity while the University continues its national search for a permanent director.</p>
<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Dolce, Committee Chair, acknowledged the work of Jennifer Potter and her team in managing the University's finances under difficult conditions during the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>Trustee Dolce reported on the following two information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Audit Committee is waiting for pension information from the State in order to complete the University's FY21 audit.</li> <li>• The University's internal auditors, Baker Tilly, completed their review of the Athletics' Office time and attendance reporting. The report has been circulated to the Cabinet and leadership team for review and will be presented at the April Audit committee meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer, Committee Chair, called on Don Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities &amp; Operations, who reported on the following information items:</p> <p>Construction of the new Atlantic City residential building (Phase II) remains on schedule for a May 2023 completion.</p>

	<p>Planning for the new Multicultural Center remains on schedule for a fall 2022 completion.</p> <p>The new athletic and recreation center expansion project remains on schedule in its schematic and design phase, with construction slated to begin in late fall 2022</p> <p>New bids will be opened in March 2022 for several projects, including traffic construction work at the intersection of Pomona Road and Vera King Farris Drive, renovations to Parking Lot 7, renovations to various athletic fields, and a new classroom in the Sara &amp; Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Schoffer, Committee Chair, called on Dan Nugent, Chief Development Officer, who reported on the following information items:</p> <p>The Development Office has secured nearly \$4.5 million in new gift commitments and \$2.1 million in cash, both exceeding outlined goals. Recent notable gifts include several to the University’s Marine Science program, including new scholarships, a new research vessel, and an endowed professorship.</p> <p>New activities and events are being planned, including several that will take place in-person, including special events at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage.</p> <p>The annual Stockton Foundation Scholarship Benefit Gala will return to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Atlantic City this year on Saturday, May 14. All members of the Stockton community are welcome. Special discounted tickets are available for faculty, staff and recent graduates.</p> <p>The Foundation scholarship process is underway, and all students are encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Dan acknowledged Jennifer Kosakowski’s work with donors and her impact with the Foundation, especially in establishing the Corporate and Foundation Relation Program and Planned Giving Program. Dan congratulated Jennifer on her new position in Academic Affairs.</p>
<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Worthington, Committee Chair, said the committee met on February 15th and reported that the University’s investment portfolio balance was approximately \$112 million, which includes a loss in the fiscal year of about \$1.7 million.</p>
<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following revised policies as a first reading:</p>

	<p>VI-10 Applicability of Civil Service Rules and Regulations  VI-10.2 Faculty and Unclassified Staff Represented by the Stockton Federation of Teachers  VI-10.3 Performance Evaluation  VI-10.6 Agreements Resulting from Collective Negotiations  VI-11.1 Office Hours, Work Week, Lunch Period, Breaks and Emergency Closing  VI-12 Supplemental Compensation Upon Retirement  VI-23 Managerial Hours of Work</p> <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following revised policies following their second reading:</p> <p>I-70 Publications  I-112 Public Information  VI-44 Payment of Tuition, Fees, and Indebtedness to the University  VI-46 Delinquent Accounts</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Schoffer and seconded by Trustee Days, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b></p>
<p><b>Board Comments and Comments from the Public</b></p>	<p>The Board members had no additional comments.</p> <p>Don Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities &amp; Operations, Al Handy, the University’s new Associate Director of Campus Safety.</p> <p>Michael Angulo, Vice President for Personnel, Labor, &amp; Government Relations, introduced Joseph Horan, Interim Director of Human Resources.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov, Provost &amp; Vice President for Academic Affairs, made the following announcements regarding the Division of Academic Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced Jennifer Kosakowski, as Executive Director of Research and Sponsored Programs;</li> <li>• Announced the retirement of William Lubenow, who will be receiving Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History status;</li> <li>• Announced Carra Hood will be receiving Associate Professor Emerita of Writing status;</li> <li>• Recognized Joe LoSasso, who will be retiring in June after 35 years of service.</li> </ul> <p>Chris Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, Chris Catching made the following announcements regarding the Division of Student</p>

	<p>Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced Parth Thakkar as Coordinator of Student Life Programming;</li> <li>• Introduced Seth Richards as Interim Associate Director, Office of Student Conduct;</li> <li>• Announced the promotion of Anthony Thomas as Director of Learning Access Programs</li> <li>• Announced the promotion of Dr. Zupenda Davis-Shine to Director of Student Health Services and that she is also serving as Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Health and Wellness</li> </ul> <p>Brian Jackson, Chief Operating Officer for the Atlantic City Campus, announced Stockton’s Community Day Cleanup and Party on April 23, as part of the University’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.</p> <p>Student Max Murphy presented his concern about the appeal process following a Title IX investigation. Chair Ciccone replied that the Board cannot comment on personnel matters and acknowledged the Board will take the student’s comments under advisement.</p>
<p><b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at the Galloway Campus in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</b></p>