

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

MAY 6, 2015

Trustees Present: Mr. Dean C. Pappas, Chair
Ms. Mady Deininger, Vice Chair ('80)
Ms. Emma N. Byrne, Secretary
Mr. Stanley M. Ellis
Mr. Raymond R. Ciccone ('79)
Michael Jacobson, Esq.
Mr. Dean C. Pappas
Leo B. Schoffer, Esq.
Mr. Kiyle Osgood, Student Trustee
Ms. Maryam Sarhan, Student Trustee Alternate
Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Acting President and Ex Officio

Trustees Absent: Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Ex Officio
Dr. James Yoh

Call to Order: Board Chair, Dean Pappas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 in Room K-203k. On January 14, 2013, April 28, 2014, and June 9, 2014, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act were (a) posted on the University's Website, (b) sent to the Business Services/Bursar's Office of the College, (c) sent to the editors of The Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, (d) filed with the Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and (e) filed with the Atlantic County Clerk's Office.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2015: Upon a motion by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Schoffer, the Board voted to adopt the special meeting minutes of April 1, 2015. Trustee Osgood and Dr. Kesselman abstained.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015: Upon a motion by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Byrne, the Board voted to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2015. Trustee Jacobson recused himself for the vote.

Resolution to Meet in Closed Session: Upon a motion by Trustee Deininger, and second by Trustee Schoffer the Board voted to meet in Closed Session.

Reconvening of the Open/Public Meeting: Chairman Pappas reconvened the open/public session at 5:00 p.m., upon the Board's return from the closed session.

Public Hearing on Academic Tuition and Fees – Effective for FY2016: Acting President Kesselman stated that discussion would include tuition, ENG fees, academic fees, other student support services fees, and the housing and the meal plan. He stated that tuition and ENG fees were closely aligned to the state appropriation. As has been the case in previous years, the Board would not approve any recommendation on tuition and certain fees today. Dr. Kesselman said he anticipated tuition and fees to be voted on by the board at the July meeting, once the state appropriation is finalized.

The University has a series of fees, with a mix of optional and mandatory fees, which will be discussed and moved forward for a vote today, including: Housing Rents, and the Meal Plan.

Comments regarding the Public Hearing were welcomed; however there were no additional comments from the public.

Report of the Chair: Chairman Dean Pappas began his report by reading the following statement:

“There are times when people or institutions are determined to do something important for the right reasons. In December of last year, this Board attempted to do something important in Atlantic City. We believed it was for all the right reasons – and those reasons are still true today. The benefits of Stockton University to the immediate community in Atlantic City, and to the larger community of the region have been noted and endorsed by many people over these last months. Now, despite good intentions, the obstacles seem to be too large to overcome, and the ongoing costs too great to sustain. Our immediate objective is to complete the sale of the Showboat property according to our contract with K&K Ventures.”

“We want you to know that the Board of Trustees takes responsibility for what occurred, and will be working diligently to install safeguards to prevent a reoccurrence of what did occur. It is clear that you, our esteemed Stockton community, were not well served. The Board of Trustees is working to address these matters, some of which were brought up by the State Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee when Dr. Kesselman testified last week. Let me reflect for a moment: Dr. Herman Saatkamp arrived at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey just about 12 years ago. We cannot forget that he was a man of vision, energy, and relentlessness. He fostered academics scholarship, and was an important mentor and champion for members of the student body, faculty, administration, and staff. He has left this campus in magnificent form, and for that we will always be grateful. Now we must move on, and work through the challenges. We are thankful we have Dr. Kesselman, who has segued from Mayflower student to Provost of this University. He has stepped up as Acting President while we were in despite need of his heart and his head, which are Stockton. At a time when he was probably expecting to be packing boxes, he has made himself available to help us through these rough waters – thank you Dr. Kesselman.”

“Having said all of this, I must now turn to an announcement of my own. He continued to read what’s going to be put out in the Press. Stockton University, Board Chair, Dean C. Pappas today announced that while he will remain an active member of the Board of Trustees, he is stepping down as Chairman due to a serious health issue. Effective immediately, Vice Chair, Madeline Deininger (class of 1980), who has been actively partnering with Chair Pappas in leading the Board will serve as Chair. I believe that during this transitional period at Stockton, it’s important that the leadership of the Board of Trustees is able to give full attention to the University, as I need to concentrate on my health. Trustee Deininger is committed to provide that service, and I have every confidence that she will handle this position admirably, and that the University is well positioned for success.”

Trustee Pappas received a round of applause from the Board and the public. Trustee Pappas passed the gavel to the new Chairperson, Mady Deininger.

Announcement of new BOT Executive Committee:

The following board members were recommended as the new Board of Trustee Executive Committee:

- ***Mady Deininger, Chairperson***
- ***Leo B. Schoffer, Vice Chairperson***
- ***Emma N. Byrne, Secretary***

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to approve the new Executive Committee Officers.

Report of the New Chair:

Chairperson Deininger acknowledged Trustee Pappas, Acting President Kesselman, and she apologized for any inconvenience in the change in the start-time of today's open/public meeting because of the Board's need for additional time in closed session. She noted it was with a heavy heart that she accept the Chair position, and that the record of success Stockton was experiencing would not be compromised by recent events. She said that the Board took responsibility, understood the challenges ahead, was working to resolve the Showboat situation, and was committed to finding a path that was in the best interest of Stockton's future.

She noted there was much work ahead and assured the public that the board would listen to their voices and to your counsel, as she stated at the Employee Recognition Breakfast on May 4, 2015.

Chairperson Deininger concluded her remarks by noting that the Stockton community wished Trustee Pappas strength as he handles his health challenges, and she thanked him for his continued participation as a board member.

Acting President's Report:

Dr. Kesselman noted the institutional report which highlights the level of scholarship, service, and creative activities conducted by the faculty, staff, and students. He thanked Diane D'Amico, Education Writer for The Press of Atlantic City, for covering the University's creative works and scholarly endeavors.

Report of the Academic Affairs and Planning Affairs Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Schoffer extended his personal thanks to Trustee Dean Pappas for his leadership and commitment to Stockton and noted his appreciation of Chairperson Deininger for working with Trustee Pappas over the last month.

Trustee Schoffer called upon Dr. Susan Davenport, Interim Provost, who stated the committee discussed and recommended a number of action items, under the consent agenda, for Board approval: Conferral of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Dr. Arnold Rampersad, who will serve as the morning and afternoon Baccalaureate Commencement Speaker on May 9, 2015; conferral of Distinguished Service Awards upon Mr. Muhammad Ayub ('08), Mr. Ralph E. Hunter, Sr., Dr. Harvey Kesselman, and Mr. David P. Tilton (speaker for the May 7, 2015 Doctoral and Master's Degree Commencement Ceremony). She also reported the committee reviewed faculty retirements, of which 18 will receive Emeritus status at Commencement. She congratulated all retirees and asked that all present at the meeting stand and be recognized. Dr. Davenport noted the committee also discussed requests for Fall 2015 Course Releases, a Pilot Scholarship of Engagement, RP&D Funding Recommendations, FY 2016 F&PD Internal Grants Recommendations, and the R&PD Final Quarter FY2015 Funding Report. Dr. Kesselman thanked Dr. David Roessel, Professor of Greek Language and Literature and Dean Lisa Honaker, who were instrumental in getting Dr. Rampersad to Stockton for Commencement.

Trustee Schoffer recommended Board approval of the following action items – under consent agenda: **Conferral of Doctor of Humane Letters for Dr. Arnold Rampersad and Conferral of Distinguished Service Awards for Mr. Muhammad Ayub, Mr. Ralph Hunter, Sr., Dr. Harvey Kesselman (Revised), and Mr. David P. Tilton.** Upon a motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolutions.

Report of the Student Affairs Committee:

Trustee Ciccone, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, echoed the comments of Trustee Schoffer and thanked Trustee Pappas for his leadership and Chair and welcomed Trustee Deininger as the new Chairperson.

Chairman Ciccone reported the Student Affairs Committee met early today and he called upon Dr. Thomasa Gonzales, Vice President of Student Affairs, to make a brief report. Dr. Gonzalez reported the committee discussed the successful programs the University had during the Spring semester, new activities developed for the incoming class, and housing issues.

Dr. Pedro Santana, Dean of Students, announced the Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students. The program, established by the Board in 1986, has offered 237 student fellowships. The summer break/fall 2015 semester recipients include the following and each will receive a \$1,000 fellowship:

- Rebecca Claxton, a sophomore, Mathematics major, research title: *Symmetries of the Vicsek Fractal.*
- Leigh Fisher, a junior, majoring in Literature, research title: *The Kingdom of Wu.*
- Veniamin Smirnov, a senior, Literature major, research title: *Stability of Dynamical Systems.*

Report of the Finance and Professional Services Committee:

Trustee Byrne, Committee Chair, reported the Finance and Professional Services Committee met earlier in the day to review several financial issues and resolutions recommended by the committee for board approval. She recommended the Board confirm as part of the consent agenda: **Confirmation of Actions Taken by the Executive Committee on April 6, 2015 (Authorization of Bid Waivers: Contracts Related to Grants; and Bid Waiver: Eduweb, Inc.); Increase in Bid Waived Contracts; FY16 & Multiple Year Bid Waivers; and the Continuation of the FY2015 Budget into FY2016.** Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Osgood, the Board voted to approve the following resolutions.

Trustee Jacobson, abstained from voting on the Increase in Bid-Waived Contracts (for AtlantiCare Physician Group, PA), and Bid Waivers for B&B Parking, Atlantic City Electronic, South Jersey Gas Co., and South Jersey Energy Company because they are represented by his law firm. With the above exceptions, Trustee Jacobson vote in favor of the resolutions.

Meal Plan Rates for AY2015-16 was tabled until the July 8, 2015 meeting.

Bond Refunding Resolution: Upon a motion made by Trustee Deininger and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Academic Term Fees – Effective FY16. Trustee Byrne stated that the fees would increase in three areas (Transportation and Safety – from \$80 to \$90 to account for more students traveling longer distances on shuttles and for additional vans and equipment). Additional fees included Undergraduate Orientation (a mandatory fee – from \$120 to \$150), and a \$20 Per Use Fee for support group registration in the Speech and Language Program and SPAD Clinic for family counseling). Upon a

motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

FY16 Housing Rents Resolution: Trustee Byrne report a 2% increase in housing rents, with the acceptance of two accommodations (a five-person apartment in Housing I (3% increase); and in Housing IV (a single room would increase by 3.5%). Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

FY15-16 Bid Waiver: Trustee Byrne stated the Bid Waiver was reviewed in Closed Session: **Professional Services** with Gibbons P.C. to provide legal services for a comprehensive investigation of the matters relating to the acquisition and proposed sale of the Showboat Hotel and Casino, for a contract not to exceed \$350,000, and Pennoni Associates for engineering services related to surface parking construction at the Barlow Athletic Fields for approximately 857 cars in the amount of \$185,000. The proposed design is in compliance with the Campus Master Plan and the Pinelands Memorandum of Agreement. The final bid waiver item is for **Services Through Public Utilities** for Atlantic City Sewerage Company for \$302,000 for sewage services at the Stockton Island Campus (from April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016). This approval is pending the resolution of that property. Upon a motion made by Trustee Schoffer and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. Trustee Ellis recused himself from voting for Gibbons P.C., because of his involvement with the organization that retains the firm for services.

Vice President Charles Ingram reported that the Stockton ARTP is an auxiliary corporation set-up under the authority of the University's Board, and as such, they have to approve the appointments of ARTP Board Members. The two additional Board Members for consideration for appointments from January 1, 2015 – December 30, 2017 include: Sam Young, President of Tilton Fitness Management and John Wiley, Acting Director of the William J. Hughes Technical Center. Upon a motion made by Trustee Deininger and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution with an abstention from Trustee Schoffer.

Report of the Audit Committee:

Trustee Ellis, Audit Committee Chair, reported the group will meet ~~on~~ again on June 15, 2015 to discuss preparations for the upcoming audit for this year.

Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Deininger, called upon Don Hudson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction, who provided the following updates:

1. Additional Parking in Lot Zero, adjacent to the Arts & Sciences Building, is on schedule, with bids opening the previous week. Construction is expected within the next couple of weeks and will add nearly 200 additional spaces to the front access of campus. Project to be completed in fall 2015 semester.
2. Replacement of new stair towers and elevators across campus is ongoing and will help address ADA concerns.
3. Other projects include deferred maintenance of building exteriors including roof repairs.
4. On-campus physical therapy renovations are underway.
5. University signage transformation is in progress.
6. The County Dispatch Center and Police Station is underway, the programming is complete, and we have just released the architect to begin the design and schematics. Site needs for the transfer of ownership of the land where the facility will stand is underway, with an anticipated fall 2017 completion date.

7. The design of the Unified Science Center², and the Classroom Building is substantially complete and the specifications are finished. Ground breaking is expected by November 2015 with a targeted opening by fall 2017. In the fall of 2015 nearly 500 parking spaces will be taken off line to begin construction. However up to 850 new parking spaces are being planned at the Barlow Athletic Fields Site, which is being fast tracked.

Report of the Development Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Jacobson, reported the Development Committee met and he noted the progression in fund-raising, the expenditure of funds, and the overall growth in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations over the last three years.

Dr. Phil Ellmore, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation, noted the presence of Rick Walker, Esq., Chair of the Foundation Board. Dr. Ellmore reported the Foundation Board will hold its meeting on June 4, 2015, at which time the board will change its name to reflect the new university status. The Foundation Executive Committee met on April 2, 2015 and approved the appointment of Donna Buzby as Chair of the Finance Committee and John Overpeck as Chair of the Audit Committee. The Planned Giving Ad-hoc Committee is in the process of reviewing proposals for legal counsel, and will make a recommendation to the full Board at the June meeting. Dr. Ellmore reported that more than 500 people attended the 35th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala, held on April 25, 2015. Net proceeds will exceed \$330,000 to the Endowment. Through April 30, 2015, the Foundation received a record over \$2 million in gifts, compared to \$1.5 million through the same period last year. With two months to go in the fiscal year, the foundation has exceeded the total received in each of the previous two full years. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be meeting shortly, or in a two days' period, to award nearly \$600,000 in scholarships for next year's students.

Trustee Byrne inquired if the \$2 million were unrestricted gifts. Dr. Ellmore responded the Annual Fund gifts were both restricted and unrestricted pledges.

Ms. Sharon Schulman, Chief Executive Officer for External Affairs and Institutional Research, reported her office had been busy over the last few weeks with media. She noted that this year, media mentions were up to over 9,300 in the three-month period. This is also an active time of the year in support of Enrollment Management; however it is too early to measure the impact of the yield campaign. She also mentioned that the number of visits to the Admissions website reached 86,000 hits compared to 77,000 in 2014.

Report of the Investment Committee:

Committee member, Trustee Ellis, reported the committee had not met since May 6, 2015; however, the committee receives monthly reports on the funds, which have been meeting the set benchmark of inflation plus four percent.

Personnel Actions Resolutions:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the personnel resolution.

Other Business:

Dr. Kesselman congratulated all those who were appointed and reappointed, and he thanked the Board for approving the resolution. He also acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Kathy Franzese, Associate Director of Human Resources, Pensions, and Payroll.

Dr. Kesselman thanked Student Trustee Osgood for the role he has played in governance while on the Board. Dr. Kesselman noted Trustee Osgood's

contributions at the Finance and Professional Services Committee meeting regarding the Meal Plan Rates for AY2015-16 (which was tabled to July 8th).

Dr. Kesselman reported Stockton hosted the largest and most enthusiastic Employee Recognition Day in its history on May 4th.

In closing, Dr. Kesselman thanked the Board for their commitment to Stockton, particularly those traveling from as far as Florida and California, working for the betterment of the University. He noted also that with the Board's strength, Stockton will prevail and be stronger than ever.

Comments from the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Jacobson expressed his deep appreciation to Trustee Pappas for his leadership and thanked him for agreeing to remain on the board. He also acknowledged Trustee Deininger and pledged his support of her Chairpersonship.

Trustee Jacobson stated that the circumstances surrounding issues related to the purchase of the Showboat property and its impact on Dr. Saatkamp's presidency were unfortunate, particularly because he chaired the Search Committee that selected Dr. Saatkamp as President. Trustee Jacobson commended Dr. Saatkamp for his accomplishments over the last 12 years and for his entrepreneurial spirit and leadership, and noted how saddened he was to receive Dr. Saatkamp's resignation. In closing, Trustee Jacobson apologized for him having to recuse himself from discussions related to the Showboat property, and he reminded everyone that the university would be back on course in a matter of time.

Trustee Schoffer stated if it were not for Dr. Saatkamp, he would not be serving on the board, because it was Dr. Saatkamp who recruited him and nominated him to the Governor's Office for appointment. Additionally, it was during Dr. Saatkamp's tenure that his family received an opportunity to name the Holocaust Resource Center in honor of his parents, Sara and Sam Schoffer. He also thanked Dr. Saatkamp for encouraging all of us for being extremely proud of this institution, and for believing that no initiative was beyond our capability. He noted that in Atlantic City, Stockton did a good deed, and the University had the best of intentions. Unfortunately, because of certain circumstances, that good deed went punished. Trustee Schoffer concluded his remarks by thanking Dr. and Mrs. Saatkamp, who, he said, had been wonderful to him and his family over the years and for providing him with the opportunity to serve as a Trustee.

Trustee Byrne stated that she respected Trustee Pappas' thoughtfulness and loyalty to the University and then she thanked Trustee Deininger for accepting the chairmanship. She also acknowledged the university staff for their loyalty to the institution.

Comments from the Public:

A Stockton alum from the 1980's (who did not provide his name) commented on the tremendous changes happening to the campus over the 12 years, and he commended the board for their leadership.

Dr. Anne Pomeroy, President of the Stockton Federation of Teachers, and Associate Professor of Philosophy; and Dr. Rodger L. Jackson, President of Stockton University Faculty Senate, and Professor of Philosophy, read a statement in which they requested be included in the permanent minutes of the meeting.

"As you are aware, despite all of our hopes for establishing a campus in Atlantic City, the purchase of the former Showboat property did not turn out well. The

enforcement of the 1988 covenant by Trump Taj left the University in the untenable position of holding a property that could not be developed for its intended purpose and yet required ongoing funding to support its maintenance. The subsequent sale brought us into a relationship with a developer whose business and personal ethics are questionable to say the least.

As you may be aware, in response to these developments, many faculty and union members felt the need to voice their concerns. To facilitate this, the Stockton Faculty Assembly and Stockton Federation of Teachers, acting in solidarity and concert, held a series of joint meetings. Those meetings produced two resolutions that were subsequently decided by referendum votes conducted by the American Arbitration Association. We stand here today as representatives for the Stockton University Faculty Assembly and the Stockton Federation of Teachers to officially report the results of those votes to the Board and to place those results in the permanent record:

- First resolution: Those who voted in the referendum overwhelmingly affirmed some form of condemnation of the actions of President Herman Saatkamp in regard to his handling of the Showboat purchase and subsequent (yet to be accomplished) sale.
- Regarding this resolution: It should be understood that the vote did not reflect faculty or staff judgement on totality of Dr. Saatkamp's career at Stockton. We recognize therefore, his many accomplishments during his tenure at the College/University.
- Second resolution: Those who voted in the referendum overwhelmingly affirmed a demand for better shared governance. Furthermore, they affirmed doing so must include providing two seats on the Board of Trustees: one for a Faculty Senate representative and one for a representative of the Stockton Federation of Teachers.

Regarding this resolution: We recognize that achievement of such representation may require an act of legislation.

We thank you for your attention, for your diligence in protecting the quality and reputation of our University, and for having already enacted such measures as were necessary in order to adequately respond to the first resolution. We look forward to working with you and members of the legislature in order to realize the second. Finally, we ask that this statement and the records of the votes of the joint bodies of the Stockton University Faculty Assembly and Stockton Federation of Teachers provided on the accompanying sheet, be entered into the permanent record of this meeting.”

Dr. Christine Tartaro, Professor of Criminal Justice, and Director of the Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Program, noted the approval of a bid waivers for The Rodgers Group, L.L.C. for \$75,000 and said that as the program coordinator, she was not aware that the group would be working with the Criminal Justice Program.

Dr. Lewis Leitner Dean, School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, responded that the inclusion of an organization like the Rodgers Group was included in the original Statement of Purpose for the Center for Public Safety and Security. Dr. Leitner remarked that he and Dr. Frank Rogers extended an invitation to the Criminal Justice faculty to work closely with the center; however, the invitation was not

honored by those faculty members. Dr. Leitner said he would work with Dr. Tartaro if she wishes to move forward and help with the Center.

Dr. Kesselman remarked that the Rodgers Group would generate revenue to offset their expense. He thanked and welcomed Dr. Tartaro and Dr. Leitner for their comments and said the best way to resolve this would be to have both the program and Rodgers Group discuss how to work together to provide educational opportunities for police and others working in the criminal justice system in our region.

There are no further comments from the public at this time.

Next Regularly Meeting:

The next regularly meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board's Conference Room in the College's new Campus Center.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Byrne and second by Trustee Osgood, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

For the Board of Trustees,

Brian K. Jackson,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board

Minutes Approved by Board of Trustees on July 8, 2015