

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

<b>Trustees Present (*via Zoom)</b>	Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Chair Trustee Andy Dolce ( <i>Absent</i> ) Trustee Nelida Valentin Trustee Nancy Davis Trustee Collins Days, Sr. ( <i>Absent</i> ) *Trustee Mady Deininger Trustee Stan Ellis Trustee Sonia Gonsalves Trustee Michelle Keates Trustee Jose Lozano Trustee Leo Schoffer ( <i>Absent</i> ) Trustee Meg Worthington *Trustee Liliana Morales, Student Trustee Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
<b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2022</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Valentin and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the revised minutes of the September 21, 2022, Board of Trustees Regular Open Public Meeting.
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Lozano, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:36 p.m.
<b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>	Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 3:34 p.m.
<b>Chair's Remarks</b>	Trustee Ciccone welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.
<b>Oath of Office: Shalayby Parsons</b>	Trustee Ciccone shared that the Oath of Office for Student Trustee Alternate Shalayby Parsons is postponed to the February Board meeting due to illness.
<b>Resolution for Board of Trustees Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Beverly J. Vaughn</b>	President Kesselman presented to the Board the resolution for Dr. Beverly J. Vaughn, Professor of Music to receive the Distinguished Service Award. Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve this resolution. Trustee Davis gave some congratulatory remarks for Dr. Vaughn.
<b>President's Report</b>	President Kesselman began his remarks by giving everyone an overview of the many accomplishments of Dr. Vaughn and why she

	<p>was chosen to receive the Distinguished Service Award. He presented Beverly with a certificate commemorating the honor. Beverly expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Stockton community for the award.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged Dr. John Froomjian, Executive Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, and his team for their inclusion in the Real Clear Politics ranking for polling outlets; the Stockton Polling Institute, which John oversees in conjunction with the Hughes Center, was ranked #1 in State Pollsters for 2020 for the Presidential and Senate battleground elections.</p> <p>President Kesselman reminded everyone about the start of the Men and Women’s Basketball season, sending well wishes to all the players and coaches for another remarkable season.</p> <p>On November 17<sup>th</sup> President Kesselman attended the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Student, Faculty, &amp; Staff Dinner. If not for COVID it would have been the 40<sup>th</sup> year for the annual event. During the dinner, President Kesselman presented two Community Impact Awards. Jessica Grullon, Associate Director of Admissions Services and Stockton Senior Alicia Jenkins. Other awardees were Assistant Professor of Political Science Lauren Balasco for Faculty Member of the Year and Chartwells staff member Ribon Kareem received the Staff Member of the Year award. President Kesselman thanked the Hillel/Jewish Student Union, the Student Senate, Campus Religious Council, and the Office of Student Development for their continued involvement in the event and Atlantic City campus COO, Brian Jackson for serving as the emcee.</p> <p>President Kesselman gave a final shout-out to Dr. Vaughn, Dean Ian Marshall, and the entire School of Arts and Humanities for their exceptional work on the December 4<sup>th</sup> production of Handel’s Messiah held at the Borgata Hotel &amp; Casino, where the President was also recognized for his years of Service to the University. President Kesselman shared with the audience the gift he received: a framed map of the original Stockton campus as it was when it opened in 1971.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Chair Ciccone called upon Trustee Gonsalves to provide the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report.</p> <p>Committee Chair Trustee Gonsalves began her report by discussing the recent changes in programming in the School of Business. Three previous program concentrations, Accounting, Business Analytics and Finance, are being converted to full-degree programs. Trustee Gonsalves made a motion seconded by Trustee Valentin for the Board to approve the resolution by consent agenda for the three new Business degree programs.</p>

	<p>Trustee Ciccone, an alum of Stockton’s School of Business expressed his thanks to all involved with getting the new programs established.</p> <p>Trustee Gonsalves continued her report by giving an overview of the other items discussed at the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee meeting, including: student decorum and professionalism while attending various academic and cultural events; and proposed concentrations for the Masters in American Studies program in the area of Philosophy, Religion, and Political Science in the model of a 4 plus 1 program. Provost Leamor Kahanov also shared with the committee the list of upcoming faculty sabbaticals, updates on the Study Abroad program, which included a language and cultural studies trip to Greece where the students met with the President of Greece, information on the Day of Scholarship and the Pappas Visiting Scholar Series. Dr. Robert Heinrich, VP for Enrollment Services, gave an enrollment update and spoke about the positive impact that events such as Instant Decision Day and Open House have had on our trending enrollment numbers.</p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Davis began her report by thanking Dr. Chris Catching for keeping her well-informed on the student experience outside of the classroom through the work of in the Division of Student Affairs. She asked Chris to complete the Student Success committee report.</p> <p>Chris summarized the committee’s discussion about lessons learned as faculty and staff supported students throughout the Fall semester and initiatives they are looking forward to for the Spring. Bob Henrich, who was also in attendance, shared with the committee details surrounding the recently held Discover Stockton days and the Latino Visitation Day. The committee also debriefed about the number of cultural heritage month programs that occurred over the course of the Fall semester and the upcoming completion of the Multicultural center.</p> <p>Concluding his summary, Chris called upon Dr. Ana Edmonson, Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Transitions, Access and Retention Programs to announce the four newest Board of Trustees Fellows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gurtej Singh</b>, Sophomore – <i>“Turning Champions Inside the Classroom and Beyond,”</i> Advisor: Tomas Itaas</li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Kusi Bamfo</b>, Senior – <i>“Shop with AtlantiCare! Project and Initiative,”</i> Advisor: Dr. Lisa Cox</li> <li>• <b>Mary Rose Keane</b>, Senior – <i>“Perceptions of Relationship Legitimacy,”</i> Advisor: Dr. Kimberley Schanz</li> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Myers</b>, Senior – <i>“Assessing the Role and Value of College Newspapers,”</i> Advisor: Dr. Craig Stambaugh</li> </ul>

	<p>Trustee Davis concluded the report by congratulating the students on their Board of Trustees Fellowship projects.</p>
<p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Dolce was not in attendance. Trustee Ciccone asked Jennifer Potter, Vice President for Administration &amp; Finance and Chief Financial Officer, to give the committee report.</p> <p>Jennifer presented four items for the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees' approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment of two student directors to the Board of the NARTP, Erik Armstrong and Rocco Mancuso. Both will serve a two-year term, December 2022 – December 2024.</li> <li>• Increases to five bid waiver contracts as follows: 1) Joyce James Consulting LLC for \$90,000 to allow Stockton's Child Welfare Education Institute to conduct an additional set of workshops for an ongoing training series, 2) South Jersey Gas for \$250,000 to cover the increased usage and cost of natural gas that is supplied and delivered to all Stockton campuses as well as an additional payment for the Atlantic City campus due to a meter adjustment, 3) NJ State Colleges and Universities Risk Management Programs for \$60,000 to cover the increased cost of the state auto liability program to the University, 4) CBORD Group, Inc. for \$65,000 to cover the Odyssey PCS upgrade to the University identification card printing system, and 5) Atlantic County Utilities Authority for \$10,000 to cover the monthly fee increase and any additional repairs not covered by the maintenance contract for the University's five pumping stations.</li> <li>• A tuition and fees discount for the 2023 summer academic session of 20% per credit for any undergraduate student who lives on campus during the summer in a 12-month or 3-month contract. This discount will bring the in-state per credit cost down from \$463 to \$370 and the out-of-state per credit cost down from \$682 to \$546.</li> <li>• FY23 Managerial Merit Pool authorization for the establishment and use of a merit pool up to 3% for managerial increases and reclassifications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda resolutions.</b></p> <p>Jennifer concluded her report by briefing the Board on the following items discussed at the Finance and Professional Services Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY23 Operational and Capital report as of October 31<sup>st</sup> – It was noted that 42% of the revenue budget was realized and</li> </ul>

	<p>62% of the expense budget was realized. Additionally, \$10.2 million was expended/encumbered for internal capital projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY24 State Budget Request – This is an annual request submitted to the State to support new University operating initiatives. Five University priorities were included in the request as follows: two expansion projects in Atlantic City, additional support needed for the University’s athletic programs, the new Multicultural Center, and the Ospreys RISE initiative.</li> </ul> <p>After the conclusion of the committee report President Kesselman remarked that he received notification from the State Office of Management and Budget that the full \$39.4 million in appropriations that Stockton received for FY23 is being recommended again to the Governor for FY24 which will help ensure the University’s financial stability.</p>
<p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Lozano reported that the Audit Committee met on November 29<sup>th</sup>. External auditor Grant Thornton gave an update on the FY22 audit which is nearly complete. The Committee is awaiting additional information from the State and upon receipt of that information the audit will be issued as final with no misstatements or internal control deficiencies. Internal auditor Baker Tilly provided an update on the sponsored research infrastructure audit which is expected to be complete by January 2023. Trustee Lozano concluded his report by applauding Jennifer Potter and the Division of Administration &amp; Finance for their great work.</p>
<p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Worthington, called upon Don Hudson, Senior Vice President of Facilities and Operations, to provide updates on several projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Atlantic City Phase II residential project is on schedule with costs currently under budget. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 3, 2023, the same day as the May Board of Trustees meeting.</li> <li>• Multicultural Center: The construction for the Multicultural center is progressing as scheduled: walls are complete, the electrical and mechanical infrastructure is complete, finishes will be installed within a few weeks with furniture and fixtures expected in early January. The opening is expected to occur on February 22, 2023, the same day as the February Board of Trustees meeting.</li> <li>• Pomona Road: there is a slight delay on the Pomona Road intersection. Paving and the installation of the traffic light should be completed by the end of December and will be followed by road striping which will mark the completion of the project.</li> <li>• Athletic Recreation Project: The plans and designs on the project are completed and is being reviewed for permit approvals. Final State approval for the project has been received. The project will go out to bid and is expected to be</li> </ul>

	<p>awarded in January, at which time construction will begin in late January or early February with a completion date sometime in the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Athletic Campus: This would be first phase in a series of small projects in that area that will also include an open pavilion to provide seating during inclement weather. Stockton is in the early stages of securing the engineering and architecture designs; if the project remains on schedule, construction will begin this academic year and the structures will be utilized as early as the Spring 2024 athletics season.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Worthington thanked Don for the additional information and concluded her report.</p>
<p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Days was absent, so committee member Trustee Keates provided the report. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> Stockton held its Annual Golf Classic at the Seaview resort which raised just over \$100,000 for students. The Annual Osprey’s Day of Giving took place on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and this year’s theme was “Give for Good.” The campaign was a great success, with over 900 individual donors, 187 of whom were first-time donors which is a sizable increase over last year’s event. Trustee Keates thanked everyone in the University community who gave. She also reported that more than a dozen major gifts have been received since the start of the fiscal year and to date over 600 alumni have attended or participated in various events organized by the Alumni Relations team. The Development team is currently working on finalizing year-end solicitations on several major gifts in progress. The year-end alumni giving mailer will go out shortly featuring a message from President Kesselman highlighting the University’s increased ranking and national prominence in the public university arena. Trustee Keates concluded her report by thanking Dan Nugent, Vice President for University Advancement, and his entire team for their continued fundraising efforts.</p>
<p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Keates provided an updated from the Investment Committee, which met on November 15, 2022, with investment managers Wells Fargo and Windmark. The University’s total portfolio balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$98,313,929. The return on investment for the first four months of the fiscal year was a loss of \$1,175,746. However, as of November 30<sup>th</sup> the portfolio balance was \$102,568,443 which is a gain of \$3,076,586 for the first five months of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Trustee Keates concluded her report by sharing additional details on the discussion topics from the meeting which centered around the financial markets and economic outlook, concerns over persistent inflation, and rising interest rates.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Investment Committee will be on February 8, 2023.</p>

<p><b>University Policies</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following policies for a first reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I-9 Board of Trustees By-Laws</li> <li>- II-6.1 Registration (<i>recommended for deletion</i>)</li> <li>- II-30 Course Attendance Policy</li> <li>- VI-20 Managerial Employee Appointments</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval for the following policies after second reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I-5 Organizational Structure</li> <li>- I-11 Office of Development and Alumni Relations (<i>recommended for deletion</i>)</li> <li>- I-20 Stockton University Foundation (<i>recommended for deletion</i>)</li> <li>- VI-11 Holidays</li> <li>- VI-13 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace</li> <li>- VI-13.2 Employee Disciplinary Guidelines</li> <li>- VI-26 Disciplinary Matters for Managerial Employees</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board unanimously approved the revised policies.</b></p>
<p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board unanimously adopted the Personnel Actions Resolution.</b></p>
<p><b>Board Comments and Comments from the Public</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman opened the public remarks by congratulating Scott Huston on his title change to Vice President for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer. President Kesselman also acknowledged Dr. Marissa Levy, Dean for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences on her work with the CityStat and CompStat projects. This is work for which she was previously involved in New York City and is now continuing this work with Stockton and the Atlantic City Campus. President Kesselman congratulated Lauren Fonseca, Tutoring Center Specialist &amp; Coordinator of Academic Support on her newly elected role as President of the Staff Senate.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone also congratulated Scott on his new title and thanked Marissa for the work that she is doing.</p> <p>Chris Catching announced several personnel changes within the Division of Student Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Jovin Fernandez, newly hired Director of the Multicultural Center.</li> <li>- Jestina Drysdale in her new role as Assistant Director in the Office of Student Conduct.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Ana Edmonson, newly appointed Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Transitions, Access, and Retention Programs</li> </ul> <p>Dan Nugent announced two personnel changes within the Division of University Advancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sue Werner, Director of Individual Giving;</li> <li>- Nikki Strothers, Director of Communication and Stewardship.</li> </ul> <p>Leamor Kahanov announced the following faculty promotions within the Division of Academic Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Tom Kinsella, Distinguished Professor of Literature;</li> <li>- Dr. Adam Miyashiro, Professor of Literature;</li> <li>- Dr. Javier Sanchez, Professor of Spanish;</li> <li>- Dr. Jane Bokunewicz, Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies;</li> <li>- Dr. Amit Mukherjee, Professor of Business Studies and Marketing;</li> <li>- Dr. Stacey Culleney, Assistant Professor of Education;</li> <li>- Dr. Meg White, Professor of Education;</li> <li>- Dr. John O'Hara, Professor of Critical Thinking and First Year Studies;</li> <li>- Dr. Jess Bonnan-White, Professor of Criminal Justice.</li> </ul> <p>Jennifer Potter congratulated Administration and Finance staff member Regina Rosenello who is now serving as the University's Risk Manager. She will oversee the University's insurance policies and claims in addition to playing a role in our food safety protocol and international travel.</p> <p>Bob Heinrich, welcomed two new staff members to the Division of Enrollment Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alexis Jenkins, Director of the GOALS/Gear-Up Program;</li> <li>- Rawan Maarouf, Counselor, GOALS/Gear-Up Program;</li> <li>- Ryan Terrell on his promotion to Assistant Vice President or Enrollment Management.</li> </ul> <p>Peter Baratta, Chief Officer for Strategic Planning and Effectiveness announced two promotions in the Office of Planning and Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Samantha Bamberger, Institutional Research Analyst</li> <li>- Nicole Suprun, Associate Director of Planning</li> </ul> <p>Emari DiGiorgio, Professor of Writing and First-Year Studies announced and congratulated Dr. Linda Wharton, Professor of Political Science and Dr. Rob Nichols, Professor of History on their awarded Emeritus status.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	N/A

<b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b>	The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Galloway Campus in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.</b>  <b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Lozano, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.</b>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 22, 2023