

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES

	<p>President Joe highlighted his participation in the Governor and First Lady Tammy Murphy's economic mission to East Asia, where memoranda of understanding for student exchange programs with Sookmyung Women's University in South Korea were signed, and an agreement establishing student exchange opportunities between the two institutions was signed.</p> <p>The report concluded with an invitation to view the State of the University Address on the website and an announcement of a town hall meeting in February to provide updates on University plans and future initiatives. President Joe thanked everyone for their continued support and engagement, extending holiday wishes to the Board and wishing students success in their finals.</p>
<p>Academic Affairs & Planning Committee Report</p>	<p>Chair Valentin called upon Trustee Gonsalves to provide the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report.</p> <p>Committee Chair Trustee Gonsalves began her report by summarizing the committee meeting. During that meeting, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Education Claudine Keenan provided insights into Academic Program decision-making and prioritization. Additionally, Dr. Keenan discussed the assessment of the committee's activities and how to prepare for the upcoming strategic phase. Trustee Gonsalves noted the eleven (11) faculty members advancing in ranks, with one tenure instructor becoming an Assistant Professor, two Assistant Professors progressing to Associate, seven Associates moving to full, and one new Distinguished Professor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Peter Straub, Distinguished Professor of Biology and Coastal Zone Management, an invited guest, shared insights into the significance of artificial reefs in marine technology. • Distinguished Professor of Business Law, Dr. Audrey Latourette, presented her research on sex discrimination, challenging Title IX directives, and the First Amendment Rights and the Professorate. • Interim Provost Marissa Levy outlined potential upcoming curricular changes, including two new pathway programs like the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences leading to an MBA or MPH, the transformation of the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice into a Bachelor of Science, and the introduction of a Bachelor of Science in Cannabis Management and a new minor in Archaeology. • New appointments were acknowledged, with Dr. Patricia Suppes joining as the Director of Global Engagement and Senior International Officer, and Amber Gihorski as the Associate Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Additionally, four professors recommended for Emeritus status were recognized. <p>Trustee Gonsalves concluded the report by expressing excitement about the upcoming spring and looking forward to sharing the impressive work of the Division of Academic Affairs.</p>
<p>Student Success Committee Report</p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Davis began her report by sharing appreciation for the committee's enthusiasm and highlighting the</p>

presence of the student Trustee and three students who shared their Stockton experiences related to career readiness at the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Davis and seconded Trustee Days, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda resolutions.

Trustee Ellis presented another resolution to the Board:

- FY24 Bid Waiver Contracts
 - Alia Innovations Corporation – 1 year, \$281,415
 - Phenios Creighton Koellhoffer Media (PCK Media) – 1 year, \$300,000

Upon a motion made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Deininger the Board approved the resolution with one abstention EYUXWHH/RZU

Trustee Ellis presented an additional resolution to the Board:

- FY24-FY28 Increase in Bid Waiver Contracts
 - StarRez Inc.– 1 year - \$57,291 increase
 - Modern Campus USA, Inc.– 5 year - \$52,000 increase

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded Trustee Davis the Board approved the resolution with one abstention E\ 7UXWHH/RZU

Furthermore, Trustee Ellis relayed the details of the Committee's discussion on the fiscal 2024 operating and capital budget. As of October 31st, 43% of the operating revenue budget and 63% of the operating expense budget were realized, aligning with a 5-year trend. Capital expenditures, including encumbrances, totaled \$4.1 million. Efforts to address a forecasted operating and capital deficit of \$15 million resulted in significant improvement, reducing the forecasted deficit as of October 31st to \$8.4 million.

The Committee also reviewed the University's FY25 State Budget Request which included the following budget priorities:

- \$2.306 million for Atlantic City Campus Phase II
- \$5.15 million for Atlantic City Campus Phase III
- \$9.5 million for the Atlantic City Coastal Resiliency Institute and Marine Science Center
- \$1.5 million for the Student Health Equity and Success Initiative
- \$600,000 for Ospreys RISE

Lastly, Trustee Ellis noted that there were several informational items that the Committee reviewed as follows:

- Two administrative approvals on bid waiver increases \$20,000 and below:
 - Bennett Brothers Mechanical Inc.
 - Reading & Language Arts Centers Inc.
- Four contracts awarded following competitive bidding:
 - Bennett Brothers Mechanical Inc.

- \$450,000 contract over 3 years to provide HVAC services for all University campus locations on an as needed basis.
- Bluestone Communications and Kane Communications, LLC
 - \$500,000 contract over five years, to provide internal and external communication wiring services for all University campus locations on an as needed basis including installation, testing, and ongoing maintenance and repair.
- Falasca Mechanical, Inc.
 - \$199,150 contract that will provide mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades in Housing 1, E-Court laundry room.
- Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc.
 - \$300,000 contract to provide a feasibility study regarding the future expansion and programming for a Phase III project in Atlantic City 4.3 (A)12.9 (t)Q 5bapp10.6 (p89 (t)-2 (a<ix)-2 (t)* [(a10 progriand prp89 (8 0 Td 2l2 (e141 T90-6.6 (udy)8.9 ()TJ -0.004 Tw T*

**Advancement
Committee Report**

Atlantic City Task Force:

- Feasibility consultant engaged for study initiation.
- The committee met last week, and intensive research will take place from January to March.
- Draft report expected in April, with a final report in June.
- Various focus groups planned during the research period.

Library & Learning Commons Project:

- Architect retained, and preliminary schematic diagrams submitted.
- Committee led by Tom Kinsella, academic professionals involved in multiple groups.
- Evolution of the committee over the next six to eight months.
- Communication concept starting in January, finalized designs anticipated in May.
- Emphasis on a threefold increase in student space for enhanced resources and traditional library experience.
- Logistics plan for service relocation during library closure from Summer 2024 to Summer 2026, to be presented in January.
- Assurance of uninterrupted services during the relocation.
- More detailed communications are expected in January.

Committee Chair Trustee Days provided an update on the

**Board Comments
and Comments
from the Public**

**Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Dr. Terricita Sass.
Trustee Ciccone abstained from the vote.**

Interim Provost and Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Marissa Levy, highlighted the achievements of faculty members, particularly those who were promoted and those who will become emeriti upon retirement.:

- Dr. Deanna Button: Proud of balancing a successful career while starting a family.
- Dr. Jordan Corson: Published and released the book "Reconceptualizing Education for Newcomer Youth" this fall.
- Dr. Anthony Dissen: Recognized nationally for advocating for LGBTQ+ competency in nutrition and allied health.
- Dr. Michael Hayes: Directed the Holocaust Survivors of South Jersey Project under the auspices of the Sarah and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center.
- Dr. Nazia Kazi: Proud of the success of "Islamophobia Race and Global Politics" in both classes and public facing settings.
- Dr. Michelle McDonald: Key figure behind the Engleberg Leadership Scholarship Program and Stockton's Atlantic City based education opportunity fund (EOFAC), and contributor to Stockton's Transfer PT484 556.92(t)-6.7 (oc)-07 (5.9 (p)2.6 (Hal)2.6 (t)-6.6

**New Business:
Mission Moment**

Furthermore, returning to the public comments after the Mission Moment, Christine Tartaro, Chair of the MACJ Program and Professor of Criminal Justice at Stockton, shared that Academic Program chairs, including herself, were tasked with budget cuts to allocate funds back to the university due to financial constraints. Despite challenges, her program and another found \$1,000 to contribute. However, Christine expressed frustration over the decision to use this money for the moving expenses of a highly-paid individual, highlighting a perceived lack of sensitivity to faculty and lower-level staff concerns. She urged thoughtful consideration of such decisions, emphasizing their impact on those with lower incomes.

President Joe introduced the meeting's Mission Moment, which centered around the importance of enrolling and graduating transfer students to fulfill the mission of developing engaged and effective citizens. Kevin Kusion, a Stockton alumnus who transferred from Ocean County College and is now working at Google, was introduced. Dr. Pamela Monaco, President of Ocean County College, was also welcomed. The focus was on the impact of their work in

**Next Regularly
Scheduled Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held
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