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Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Ms. Madeleine Deining
Chair, Board of Trustees
Stockton University
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Dear Chairperson Deining

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I'm writing today to share the results of two votes held during the Faculty Assembly meeting on September 29, 2015. I'm confident you are aware that in my position as Faculty Senate President, I also preside over the Faculty Assembly meetings in that same role. Unlike the Faculty Senate, however, all Stockton faculty are able to propose motions and are eligible to vote at Faculty Assembly meetings.

A motion was introduced, amended and subsequently voted on in Faculty Assembly that concerned Interim President Harvey Kesselman. The final language of that vote reads as follows:

The Faculty Assembly recommends that the Board of Trustees offer Interim President Harvey Kesselman a three-year contract effective this year.

The vote was supportive of Dr. Kesselman, having passed with 51 Yes, 10 No votes and 3 Abstentions. Nearly 80% of the Assembly members voted in support of offering Interim President Kesselman a three-year contract.

Some concern was expressed both prior to and during the meeting that the faculty were not involved in the Board's decision to begin negotiating with a permanent contract with Interim President Kesselman. As such, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommended a motion to the floor of the Assembly.

ensuring no fewer than three faculty members will be involved in all aspects of that decision. Further, one of those faculty members will be chosen by Stockton Federation of Teachers and two will be chosen by the Faculty Senate.

Additionally, in the event that a presidential search is initiated, no fewer than three faculty members, one chosen by Stockton Federation of Teachers and two chosen by the Faculty Senate, will be made full voting members of the search committee.

I would ask that the above is addressed at the December Board of Trustees meeting. It is my hope that this information helps to make the institution ~~stronger~~ moving forward. Thank you for all you do for Stockton University, and please express the same to your fellow Board of Trustees members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Tyrrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brian J. Tyrrell, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate President

cc:

Susan Davenport, Ph.D.
Brian K. Jackson
Patricia Collins
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