Dr. Harvey Kesselman to Remain Stockton's

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getting to know Dr. Kesselman and looked forward to working together, we respect his decision and admire his devotion to Stockton. We wish Dr. Kesselman and the entire Stockton University community all the best."

Dr. Kesselman praised the USM leadership for their support.

"I want to acknowledge Chancellor Page's extraordinary sensitivity and understanding of my need to remain at Stockton at this time in the institution's history," he said. "This decision allows the Chancellor and his staff to come up with the best solution for USM and permits me to concentrate my full attention on the issues facing Stockton."

Deininger stated that, since Dr. Kesselman has agreed to remain Acting President for the immediate future, the University is under no time constraint to commence a costly, national search for an Interim President. She added that Stockton's executive leadership situation will be re-evaluated, with input from the Stockton community, after President Saatkamp's resignation takes effect.

Kesselman stressed that Stockton will maintain its unequivocal commitment to teaching, learning, research and community service. "I will work with all the stakeholders: Stockton students, faculty and staff, local, county and state officials and other interested parties, to ensure that Stockton continues to provide the highest quality education, as well as economic, civic and cultural resources to the region," Acting President Kesselman said.

"Stockton will come out of its current challenges as a stronger institution, proud of its traditions and positioned for an exceptionally bright future," he said.

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