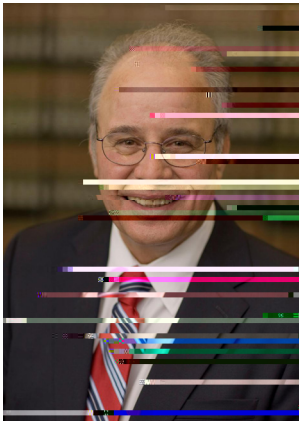


## Dr. Harvey Kesselman to Remain Acting President at Request of Board of Trustees

Dr. Harvey Kesselman has agreed to a request by the Board of Trustees that he remain as Acting President of Stockton University, providing continuity and valuable leadership while the University resolves challenges which have thwarted



Dr. Harvey Kesselman

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Stockton moving forward on all fronts.”

- Senate President Steve Sweeney, Senator Jim Whelan and Senator Christopher Connors [Wednesday, May 21, 2015] all praised the agreement to have Dr. Harvey Kesselman remain Acting President of Stockton University.
- “Dr. Kesselman has the experience, the skills and the commitment to educational excellence that will enable him to provide Stockton with the leadership needed to meet the university’s challenges and continue its progress,” said Senator Sweeney. “He possesses an entrepreneurial spirit and a thorough knowledge of the school’s assets. He will provide top
- “Stockton’s importance to the region has grown over the years with key contributions in education, the economy and the quality of life,” said Senator Whelan. “He has a complete knowledge of the school and the region and he has demonstrated an ability to work well with the entire university community. And his energy and enthusiasm are a positive

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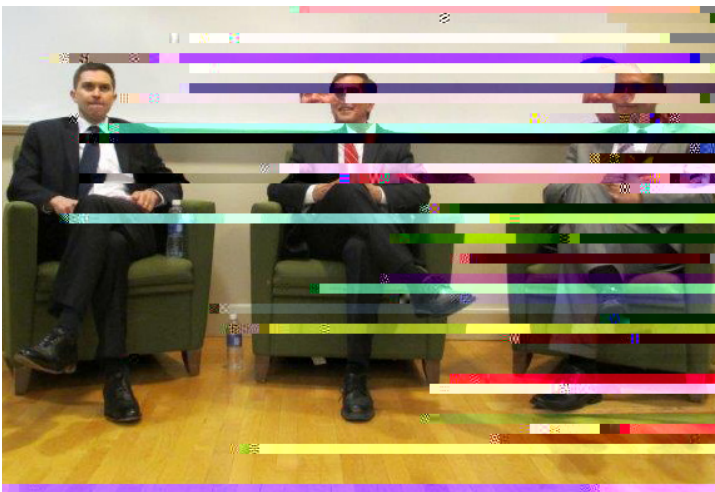
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- “Dr. Kesselman’s institutional knowledge of Stockton as well as the region, coupled with the tremendous respect he has earned, will ensure that Stockton will thrive under Dr. Kesselman’s leadership and that the university will remain a leader in the state’s higher education community.”

### NEXT STEPS:

- As acting president, Dr. Harvey Kesselman will maintain the executive leadership at Stockton while President Herman Saatkamp is on medical leave. The Board of Trustees will continue working closely with Acting President Kesselman.
- Acting President Kesselman will continue negotiating on behalf of the Board of Trustees to address and/or resolve issues involving the Showboat property. He will also respond to the state Senate’s questions and aid in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Showboat purchase.
- Stockton is committed not only in maintaining its presence in Atlantic City, but in expanding it. Atlantic City presents significant opportunities for the growth of Stockton and the region as a whole. It is important to remember that Stockton and Atlantic City already have many longstanding and successful partnerships.
- Interim Provost Dr. Susan Davenport has assumed responsibility for the operations of Academic Affairs. Dr. Kesselman and Dr. Davenport have worked closely together, enabling a smooth transition.
- Once Dr. Saatkamp’s resignation takes effect and after the immediate needs of the University have been resolved, the Board of Trustees will re-evaluate the process for naming a new president, with input from the Stockton community.

## LIGHT Hosts Seventh Annual Jersey Shorecast at Carnegie Center



Dr. Oliver Cooke, Dr. Michael Busler and Dr. Brian Tyrrell participated in the seventh annual Jersey Shorecast, sponsored by the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism on May 15 at the Carnegie Center in Atlantic City.

and moderated by Dr. Israel Posner, executive director of LIGHT.

The second, with industry experts Diane Wieland, director of the Cape May County Department of Tourism; Lori Pepenella, president of the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, was moderated by LIGHT’s research associate, Felicia Grondin. The panelists agreed the way forward for Atlantic City is to diversify its economy.

LIGHT also issued its **quarterly report** on Atlantic City Tourism Performance Indicators that day, which found despite the closing of casinos in the last year, much of the gaming-related business remained “captured” in the Atlantic City market.

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strong tourist season, while Atlantic City should move to diversify.

Low gas prices and visitors’ strong desire to relax at the shore after a tough winter should translate into a 4 percent to 5 percent increase in tourism at most Jersey Shore communities if the weather cooperates - but probably not in Atlantic City, the experts said.

Busler, professor of Business Studies; Dr. Brian Tyrrell, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies; and Dr. Oliver Cooke, associate professor of Eco-



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