

## **Stockton Trustees Approve Flat-Tuition for Summer Courses at Instructional Sites**

Award, Retirement and Budget Actions Also Taken at December Meeting

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According to the agreement, signed by Madeleine Deininger, chair of the Board, Saatkamp had informed the board that he would retire and discontinue his sabbatical and all employment as of Dec. 31. He had resigned his position as president effective after Aug. 31, having been on medical leave prior to that since April.

“During Dr. Saatkamp’s 12-year presidency, Stockton attained university status and gained national recognition for academic excellence,” Deininger noted. “The main campus was transformed during his tenure, with the opening of the Campus Center and the Unified Science Center. Stockton also expanded by opening instructional sites in Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin and Woodbine in recent years. I know you all join me in wishing him well in retirement.”

The university also was authorized by the board to seek state funding of \$26,635,923 for Fiscal Year 2017 to maintain Stockton’s existing initiatives as well as provide resources to plan for expansion and growing student enrollment. Currently the proposed FY 2017 direct state appropriation for Stockton is \$17,649,000.

The full amount requested would restore Stockton to the appropriation level received from the state in 2006 and would enable the growing university to add faculty and staff and to expand the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy programs.

The trustees approved accepting financial awards from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to conduct a user survey of select Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), focusing on recreational use and land use; and to develop a wildlife education and demonstration project for the campus.

DEP funded the first proposal for \$452,942 through Aug. 31, 2018, with Stockton to provide \$179,235 to meet DEP’s match request. DEP provided \$24,900 for the second project through Dec. 1, 2016.

The trustees authorized the university to seek endorsement from the New Jersey Presidents Council to offer an online Genocide Prevention Certificate, developed by the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program in conjunction with the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. This would be the first academic certificate program of its kind in the world. Students would be recruited from governments, militaries, non-government organizations and businesses around the world as well as from undergraduate and graduate programs.

The N.J. Presidents Council is made up of the presidents of the state’s public, private and community colleges and universities that receive state aid.

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