

Stockton Trustees Authorize Negotiations with Harvey Kesselman Regarding Presidency

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Trustee Raymond Ciccone added, in reference to Kesselman's reputation for starting work very early: "You used to email me at 5 a.m., then it was 4, then it became 3:30 - please can we go back to 5 a.m.?"

Kesselman is a nationally known educator who has served Stockton in many leadership roles over the past 35 years. He became interim president on Sept. 1. Originally set to become president of the University of Southern Maine in July, he agreed to remain at the University as acting president following the medical leave and resignation of former President Herman Saatkamp.

"I am honored and humbled by the board's support," said Kesselman. "My wife, Lynne, and I are both Stockton graduates and we consider this a very special place. Most of all, I'm inspired by the people of Stockton, and our 40-plus years of shared principles and traditions. Together, we will continue to build on Stockton's legacy and move forward."

"We really do have to focus on the students, and then all good things will happen," he added.

Kesselman previously served as provost and executive vice president, a role in which he implemented Stockton's Essential Learning Outcomes to combine classroom education with real-