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Stockton Presidential and Trustee Performance Review Earns High Marks

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Galloway Twp., NJ –Richard Stockton College of NJ President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. and the Board of Trustees, which is the governing body of the College, received high marks in a recently completed performance review.

The review was launched last June under the auspices of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB), which is based in Washington, D.C. Consultant and AGB President Emeritus Richard T. Ingram met with the president and Board of Trustees recently to discuss his final report and recommendations.

Confidential interviews were conducted with 45 members of the internal and external communities of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to seek their candid views of how the College was faring under the Board's and president's leadership, including their joint and distinctive responsibilities to advance the College's mission. The process was requested by the president and overseen by an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees led by Board Chairman Dr. Clarence C. Hoover.

"We value the informed views of members of the College community and its many publics and expect to learn from them," Dr. Saatkamp said when the performance reviews were announced. The Board of Trustees and I value this process as part of its accountability to those who care deeply about the progress of the College."

Interviewees included local and state civic and elected officials, community leaders, College foundation leaders, faculty members, union leaders, College officers and Deans, student leaders, and all members of the governing board among other groups and individuals. Participants were asked for their suggestions on how the president and Board of Trustees could strengthen their effectiveness in the service of the institution and New Jersey's citizens.

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Furthermore, many interviewees noted, President Saatkamp has been called upon by his peer presidents within New Jersey to be one of their key spokespersons on a wide range of pressing public policy and funding issues, a testament to his leadership statewide. Several good suggestions for his consideration were captured by the consultant and were also shared with the president and the Board of Trustees.

Commenting on the process and its results, Board Chairman Clarence C. Hoover said, "The trustees, the president, and I are gratified to learn that there is confidence in our work together, but especially for the helpful insights and suggestions received from those who made themselves available in the review process. We pledge to consider them seriously and through our continued commitment, we pledge to be accountable to the College and its many constituencies."

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