

# News from the Board of Trustees

## May 24, 2022 and June 23, 2022 Board of Trustees Meetings

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Following is a summary of matters discussed at the May 24th meeting:

### University Updates

- The President provided updates on key issues for the University including the status of student enrollment, faculty hiring, research, finances, development activities and facilities matters. He also noted accomplishments of Stevens' Athletics programs and student athletes and media coverage of the University. For Spring 2022 highlights, please see the President's [Spring 2022 Report](#) and [Stevens Institute of Technology: Spring 2022 End of Semester Address from President Farvardin](#).
- The Provost presented an update on the proposed Strategic Plan for 2022-2032, reviewing feedback from the Board and the Stevens Community.

### Academic Matters

- The Board reviewed and approved amendments to the Faculty Handbook.
- Following the successful completion of the appropriate review processes required by the University's procedures, the Provost recommended, and the Board approved, the following:
  - appointment of Dr. Keith Sheppard of the School of Engineering and Science as Emeritus Professor, effective June 1, 2022;
  - appointment of Professor Lei Wu to the Anson Wood Burchard Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the School of Engineering and Science, effective June 1, 2022 until May 31, 2027; and
  - promotion to Associate Professor with award of Tenure to Paul Grogan of the School of Systems and Enterprises.
- Following approval by the Faculty, the Board approved the issuance of degrees to students who completed their relevant courses of study in Spring 2022.
- The Board approved the following Honorary Degrees to be conferred during the 2022 Commencement ceremonies:
  - Hongjun Wang – Master of Engineering, *Honoris Causa*;
  - Cal Ripken, Jr. – Doctor of Philosophy, *Honoris Causa*; and
  - Dean Kamen, Doctor of Engineering, *Honoris Causa*.

### **Board Matters**

- The Board elected recent graduate Emily Kovelesky '22 as an alumni trustee to serve a three-year term.
- The Board elected Frank J. Semcer, Sr. as an Emeritus Trustee in acknowledgment of his countless contributions and valued service to Stevens over the years. Mr. Semcer joined the Board in October 2010 and served on several Committees throughout his term including the Academic and Student Affairs, Audit and Risk and Finance Committees.
- SAA President, Victoria Velasco '04, whose term as a Trustee will expire in September 2022, addressed the Board regarding her service and thanked the Board for their part in strengthening relations between Stevens and the SAA. The Chairman presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation to thank her for all she has done in her role and for her service on the Board and as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs and Alumni and Development Committees.
- The Chairman presented Alumni Trustee Cristian Collado '19, whose term expired with the May meeting, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Collado also served on the Academic and Student Affairs and Alumni and Development Committees.

### **Finance, Governance Matters and Other Reports**

- The Board approved the FY23 budget for the University.
- The Board approved updates to the University's Emergency Operations Plan which is filed with the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.
- The Board received a presentation regarding the oversight of the University's ERISA funds.
- Robert Ubell, Vice Dean Emeritus of Online Learning at NYU's Tandon School of Engineering and a Senior Advisor to Stevens, provided a presentation on online education to the Board.

Following is a summary of matters discussed at the June 23rd meeting:

### **Strategic Plan 2022-2032**

- The Board approved the University's 10-year strategic plan, *Stevens 2032: Inspired by Humanity, Powered by Technology*. For more information, please visit the website ([Strategic Plan | Stevens Institute of Technology](#)).

### **Board Matters**

- The following faculty were elected by the Board to serve as Faculty Participants on committees for the period June 2022 through May 2024:
  - Jennifer McBryan to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee;
  - Jon Miller to the Facilities Committee; and
  - Elaine Henry to the Finance Committee.

### **Other Matters**

- The Board approved the commissioning of a new Campus Police Officer, John A. Rolli.

Questions regarding Board matters should be directed to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at [Kathy.Schulz@stevens.edu](mailto:Kathy.Schulz@stevens.edu).