

**Profiles of Candidates
for Senator At-Large**

Term: 2016 – 18

Election: April 11 – 15, 2016

Candidate Profile – Adam Aguiar



Name and Title: Adam Aguiar, Assistant Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: I am not currently tenure-track

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I would like to represent the needs and concerns of both my department and program to the University Faculty and Administration when important issues arise. Through heightened communication and enthusiasm, I plan to use this stage of collaboration to reach our common goals and/or at least content compromises between faculties. Primarily, my goal is contributing to shared governance and the proper representation of faculty who are not the traditional tenure track.

Candidate Profile – Norma Boakes



Name and Title: Norma Boakes, Associate Professor of Education

School: EDUC

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 13

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2006

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

The Senate is an opportunity to be involved at the institution level. Often in our own programs, we don't necessarily hear or know of major items that are happening beyond our School. I enjoy and appreciate the chance to stay informed of major institution level initiatives and offer input as a faculty member and representative of my School. To date, I have been a part of Senate for nearly 10 years. In that time I have served many roles from At Large member to chair of a standing committee. I hope to continue my contributions and offer my support of institution matters as a faculty member of Stockton University.

Candidate Profile – John Bulevich



Name and Title: John Bulevich, Assistant Professor of Psychology

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2016

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

As a senator for the previous four years, the role has provided me with an opportunity to better understand the interactions between the faculty and the administration of the University. As a representative of the faculty at-large, I emphasize and advocate for increasing scholarship opportunities at Stockton and preserving autonomy for faculty. I hope the faculty will grant me the opportunity to continue in the Senate for the next term.

Candidate Profile – David Burdick



Name and Title: David Burdick, Professor of Psychology; Director, Stockton Center on Successful Aging

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 32

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1987

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I believe that a strong faculty senate is a pivotal key to shared governance. I have been a senator since the Senate's inception, watched it grow in stature and function under four presidents, and contributed to discussions on several key issues, representing the entire faculty but especially bringing a sense of institutional history and memory.

Candidate Profile – Elizabeth Calamidas



Name and Title: Elizabeth Calamidas, Associate Professor of Public Health

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 29

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1992

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I would be honored to serve as an At Large Senator. As a Senator, I will fairly represent the interests of my colleagues. In addition, I will encourage and support the development and implementation of positive, productive policies and procedures that align with the mission of the University and enable the progressive growth of the Stockton community.

Candidate Profile – Jiajin Chen

Name and Title: Jiajin Chen, Assistant Professor of Finance

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 1

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2021

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I hope I can serve the Faculty Senate and have some college wide service opportunities that utilize my background and skills.

Candidate Profile – Arnaldo Cordero-Román



Name and Title: Arnaldo Cordero-Román, Associate Professor of Spanish

School: ARHU

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 17

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2006

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

Throughout my stay at Stockton I have always been dedicated to service. It is a great way to meet and collaborate with a wide variety of people: students, staff, faculty and administration. Working closely with colleagues from different divisions also adds perspective, range, purpose and intentionality to projects that affect us all. Having served for the past two years as a faculty senator has also helped me better understand the mission of shared governance.

Candidate Profile – Susan Fahey



Name and Title: Susan Fahey, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2014

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I have served as an at-large Faculty Senator for two terms thus far. Over these terms, I have worked hard to provide serious consideration and thought to all proposals and agenda items that have come before us. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to have a role in the faculty governance structure and to have a very tangible impact on the institution with my service. I have also learned a great deal over these four years of service, and I feel that I now have a sizeable working knowledge of Stockton, its policies and procedures, and its culture. I hope to continue my service to the faculty and to the institution with an additional term as an at-large Faculty Senator if I am elected.

Candidate Profile – David Furgione



Name and Title: David Furgione, Instructor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 2 as a 3/4 instructor 18 as an adjunct instructor

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: My current position is a non-tenure track

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

When I was an Adjunct Instructor, I participated in the Senate as a non-voting Adjunct Liaison to the Senate. During this time I was able to experience how the Stockton Faculty worked together for the benefit of the faculty and students. I watched a concerned faculty work to ensure Stockton's expansion did not change the student-faculty environment. As an At-Large Senator I would be able to represent faculty and students interests. I would be able to provide service to the Stockton Faculty and Community. Being a part of shaping the future of an expanding University is exciting. I enjoyed my experience as the Adjunct Liaison and would like to continue serving the Stockton faculty and community as an At-Large Senator.

Candidate Profile – Arleen Gonzalez

Name and Title: Arleen Gonzalez, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 30

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1990

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

It would be a privilege to continue serving as a Senator at Large. I am currently finishing my first term, and I believe I have contributed fully to the discussions on the important issues that the Senate has addressed. During my tenure I have served as Vice-Chair of R & PD and as Vice-Chair of Student Affairs. As Vice-Chair of Student Affairs, working under Dr. Cordero-Roman, we studied the issue of Spring/Fall graduations and made recommendations to the Senate that formed part of the discussions that resulted in having only one graduation ceremony per year.

If given the opportunity to serve a second term, I will continue to be an active Senator dedicated to representing faculty interests. I would also love to continue in the footsteps of my dear friend Arnaldo, by chairing the Student Affairs committee and keeping student needs at the forefront of what we do.

Thank you.

Arleen Gonzalez

Candidate Profile – Christy Goodnight



Name and Title: Christy Goodnight, Outreach Librarian

School: LIBR

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

As a junior faculty member, I hope to serve as a Senator and bring a fresh voice to the table when addressing the needs of the University community. As a faculty member from the library, I am in a unique position to help represent the views of all faculty, staff, students and alumni from Stockton as I'm invested in working for the betterment of all these parties on a daily basis providing access to resources in the library and enhancing the availability of information for all our constituents. I currently serve on both the Faculty Senate Administration and Finance committee and Programs and Planning committee as a representative elected by the library and wish to expand my service to the University as a member of the Faculty Senate.

Candidate Profile – Kristen Hallock-Waters



Name and Title: Kristen Hallock-Waters, Associate Professor of Chemistry

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 15

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2005

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I am running for a second term as an At-Large-Faculty Senator because I believe it is an important service to review policies and procedures that effect faculty and students. I also believe it is important to give faculty involved in the development of new degree programs, certificates, and tracks vital feedback throughout the development of proposals. Additionally, I want to serve as a voice for NAMS as future changes to our course modules may have a great impact on lab teaching in NAMS and as new programs come on-line demands for certain NAMS course offerings will increase.

Candidate Profile – Nathaniel Hartman



Name and Title: Nathaniel Hartman, Assistant Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I want to continue serving my colleagues as a thoughtful and reflective voice in the Faculty Senate during these times of anticipated expansion in the student body, geography (Atlantic City campus) and academic programs. I also believe it is important that we, as a faculty, enthusiastically support and advance our own self-governance to ensure that Stockton's future reflects our own goals and ideals.

Candidate Profile – Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen



Name and Title: Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen, Assistant Professor of Social Work

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3.5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2018

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I am pleased to have been an At-Large member this past year as I learned an extraordinary amount about the University's overarching mission and operations. I am hopeful to spend many more years here at Stockton, and being an instrumental part of shared governance is core to my beliefs, and necessary for the ongoing success of our University. In my role as an At-Large member, I hope to add insight to discussions and represent faculty, program, and school level ideas.

Candidate Profile – Manish Madan



Name and Title: Manish Madan, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2018

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

At Stockton, I have served on a few committees such as Academic Program and Planning committee, the Distinguished Research Fellowship for Graduate Students, and Stockton Space Management Committee. Each of these committees have been unique in their missions, and participating actively in them has allowed me to represent Stockton students' and faculty interest to the best of my abilities. I have also had an opportunity to serve in leadership positions in my hay days of being a 'graduate student.' Now, as an early career junior faculty, I would love to continue my engagement within Stockton by serving the Senate as an At-Large member and also hope to serve the "Committee on Student Affairs" as its Chair, pending the approval of my colleagues. This committee is entrusted to serve as an oversight and has an advisory responsibility for all matters of student life and discipline. As the Chair of this committee and as an at-large member on the Senate, I hope to serve the growing Stockton Community by sharing my professional experiences, objectivity, and expertise. I look forward to continue making a positive contribution to Stockton University.

Candidate Profile – Amit Mukherjee



Name and Title: Amit Mukherjee, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Marketing

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 10

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2010

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

At the University-wide level, I have served as a member of the Finance & Administration Committee, the Internationalization Committee and as a Senator-at-large. I would like to continue serving the university community in this capacity because I enjoy the tasks and contribute meaningfully.

Candidate Profile – Thomas Nolan Jr.



Name and Title: Thomas Nolan Jr., Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 27

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1994

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I want to continue to be a Senator to represent the concerns and aspirations of all faculty in a forum where our collective voice will be heard. The Faculty Senate must be a part of inclusive governance of the University. I have the dedication and passion to fight for our inclusion in all matters that affect our institution. I have been a member of the faculty at Stockton since 1988, and I appreciate where we have been as an institution, where we are now, and where we should be in the future. My experience on many College/University committees, task forces, and my current 2-year term on the Senate provides a strong foundation for input at Senate meetings and deliberations. I will serve as a voice for my colleagues at all Senate activities, and I will provide feedback regarding Senate decisions and outcomes. Faculty can count on me to represent them and provide the leadership needed for an effective University Faculty Senate.

Candidate Profile – Justin Ostrofsky

Name and Title: Justin Ostrofsky, Assistant Professor of Psychology

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2018

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I would like to serve as a faculty senator as I believe this role would provide me an opportunity to learn about and weigh in on important issues that will affect the future direction of the university. Since I am a relatively new faculty member, I have a vested interest in the successful future of Stockton, and I would like to be in a position to directly contribute to the sustained improvement of our institution.

Candidate Profile – Monika Pawlowska

Name and Title: Monika Pawlowska, Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 1.5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2020

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

As a relatively new faculty member, I hope that being a Senator will allow me to become more familiar with issues relevant to Stockton faculty and to contribute to discussions and decisions that affect the entire university.

Candidate Profile – Ron Tinsley



Name and Title: Ron Tinsley, Associate Professor of Education

School: EDUC

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 11

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2009

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I believe that the true measure of the quality of a university and its administration is the overall well-being of its faculty members and students. Shared governance and distributed decision making, inclusive of everyone with a stake in the university, are essential for supporting our well-being, as well as for the sustaining the institution's quality. Giving service to the senate and its committees are ways I can help ensure our well-being and sustainability.

Candidate Profile – Manuela Tripepi



Name and Title: Manuela Tripepi, Assistant Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: Not tenure-track

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

After 3 years working at Stockton as a 3/4 time Faculty, I would like to give my contribution in building a university that truly is a university of its faculty and students. Particularly Faculty in different categories than tenure track lines.

Candidate Profile – Joseph Trout



Name and Title: Joseph Trout, Assistant Professor of Physics

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2016

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I am interested in being a Senator-at-Large because I want to provide service to Stockton University by being an active member of the senate, researching proposals and evaluating the positive and negative aspects of each. I also want to propose new ideas to the senate, including the proposals of my colleagues. I have a broad background that I believe gives me a perspective that will help me make difficult decisions. I am a Stockton alumni, served in the US Navy, worked in academic staff positions, worked in industry, and have been an adjunct professor. I am active in STEM activities and student involved research. I want to influence the development of the university as it continues to grow, while keeping the small college feel. I want the students to be able to interact easily with the faculty, have an excellent academic experience, be involved in service activities, and complete research.

Candidate Profile – Meg White



Name and Title: Meg White, Assistant Professor of Education

School: EDUC

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I am seeking re-election for an At-Large Senator seat. As much as I represent the School of Education, I also serve to represent my non-tenured colleagues, and offer them a voice on the Faculty Senate. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve again.

Candidate Profile – Emma Witt

Name and Title: Emma Witt, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 2

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2020

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I feel the position of At-Large Senator is a good fit for me because it will allow me to learn more about the various aspects of the Senate while representing NAMS and ENVL at the University level. I have a better sense of Stockton after being here for two years, but would like to be more involved.

Candidate Profile – Kerrin Wolf



Name and Title: Kerrin Wolf, Assistant Professor of Business Law

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

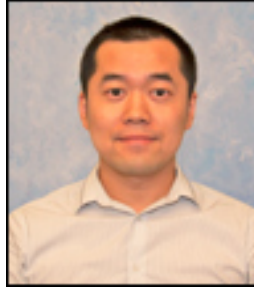
Number of Years at Stockton: 2

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2020

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I am excited by the prospect of serving in the Faculty Senate. I look forward to becoming more involved in faculty governance as I continue to learn about all of the wonderful things happening here at Stockton. I believe some of the skills I have developed as an attorney will be useful in various aspects of Faculty Senate business (though I realize that mentioning my experience as an attorney may lead some to question whether they actually want me mucking around in Faculty Senate business).

Candidate Profile – Chenyan Xu



Name and Title: Chenyan Xu, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

After joining Stockton in 2013, I received a lot of helps from my colleagues to help me settle in and get familiar with the culture here. Inspired by their efforts in contributing to Stockton not only in teaching and research but also in services, I want to join them to serve the university. I want to be a senator for two major reasons. First, it will be a valuable education for me that I can meet faculty from other programs, thus gaining an appreciation of diverse perspectives from different fields, and learn from experienced faculty about faculty governance. Second, entering my fourth year in Stockton, I believe my expertise in big data, social media and other technologies and my cross-cultural background allow me to provide a voice needed by the university in formulating the university policy.

Candidate Profile – Suyu Yin



Name and Title: Suyu Yin, Associate Professor of Communications

School: ARHU

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 12

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2009

Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair (150 words or less)?

I have served on a number of Committees within the Stockton Faculty Assembly since 2004, but I have never worked as a faculty senator. I am interested in learning the responsibilities of an At-Large-Senator and better understand the functions of the Faculty Senate . I believe this position will broaden my vision and help me gain new experience in academic community services. I understand that working as an At-Large-Senator requires commitment and dedication to the faculty body, I am willing to take the challenge.