

**Profiles of Candidates for
Faculty Senate Officer Positions
Term: 2021 – 2023**

Election: March 29 – April 2, 2021

Candidate Fact Sheet – Manish Madan



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

School: SOBL

Position sought: Senate President

Number of Years at Stockton: 7

List the most relevant Committees and Task Force Appointments Served, Offices Previously Held, and other service at Stockton.

I have served on multiple committees and task forces in the last few years. For example,

1. Senate President (2020-2021)
2. Co-Chair, Middle States Accreditation
3. Co-Chair, Presidential Task Force on Campus Security
4. Member, Presidential Task Force on Gender-Based Violence.

Why do you want to be a Senator Officer? What would you bring to this position?

I have been at Stockton for more than 7 years and participated in various service activities in pursuit of achieving Stockton's mission and values. Faculty senate gives every Senator a unique responsibility to represent faculty voice and institution's best interest. I look forward to continue serving the institution and the Senate.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Norma Boakes



Name and Title: Norma Boakes, Professor of Education

School: EDUC

Position sought: Senate Vice-President

Number of Years at Stockton: 18

List the most relevant Committees and Task Force Appointments Served, Offices Previously Held, and other service at Stockton.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee At Large (3 yr); Faculty Senate At Large member (11 yr); Academic Programs and Planning Committee Chair of Faculty Senate (1yr); Graduate Studies Standing Committee Chair of Faculty Senate (1 yr); Faculty Review Committee (2 yr); Student Success Team of Strategic Enrollment Management Planning (SEMP) Council (1 yr); Middle States Self Study Team Member for Standard VII- Governance, Leadership, & Administration (current); Quantitative Reasoning Committee & Institute Mentor (6 yr); Taskforce/committee short-term involvement includes Presidential Email Communications Taskforce, Liberal Studies Taskforce, Dual Major Dual Degree Taskforce & Test-Optional Taskforce of Faculty Senate; School Level service includes Program Coordinator of TEDU Program (10 yr) and lead author of accreditation study (2013 & 2020).

Why do you want to be a Senator Officer? What would you bring to this position?

The Faculty Senate serves as the faculty voice on institution level matters. Our time together is spent considering, discussing, and taking action on items that have a direct impact on our students, university and surrounding community. We further seek to maintain a collaborative relationship in support of shared governance. This collaboration is critical to our future success as a university. Change lies ahead. How will we look and function post-pandemic? What steps will we take to support diversity, equity & inclusion? How will Strategic Plan 2025 take form? It's these kind of questions that motivated me to put my name in for consideration as Senate Vice President. My goal, if selected, is to support my fellow colleagues in ensuring our voice is heard as we move forward as a university.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen



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

School: SOBL

Position sought: Senate Vice-President

Number of Years at Stockton: 9

List the most relevant Committees and Task Force Appointments Served, Offices Previously Held, and other service at Stockton.

Chair, Administration and Finance

Vice Chair, Academic Policies

Co Chair, SEMP Research

Presidential Taskforce on Policing

Academic Honesty Appeals Board

Administrative Faculty Fellow

Chair, SOWK Assessment Committee

SOWK Curriculum Committee'

SOWK Admissions Committee

SIPET Peer Observer

Why do you want to be a Senator Officer? What would you bring to this position?

I have been fortunate to have been an at Large member to the senate for 6 years, and have learned a great deal about the University and its workings. I am hopeful to serve in a leadership position on the Faculty Senate to be able to integrate my skills and represent the the voice of Colleagues, students and the community in key decision making.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Jack Lewis



Name and Title: Jack Lewis, Assistant Professor of Social Work

School: SOBL

Position sought: Senate Vice-President

Number of Years at Stockton: 6

List the most relevant Committees and Task Force Appointments Served, Offices Previously Held, and other service at Stockton.

At Large Member of Senate Executive Committee 2020-present

At Large Senator 2018 to present

Faculty Senate Representative on Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee 2018 to present

Member IPE Committee 2016 to Present

Member Stockton University Simulation Initiative (SUSI) 2016 to present

Why do you want to be a Senator Officer? What would you bring to this position?

Through my experience as an At Large Senator and most recently as a member of the Executive Committee, I have garnered increased knowledge and awareness to the various that impact the faculty and the Stockton Community. These experiences have also provided an opportunity to gain insight into qualities and commitment of faculty who volunteer to pursue and serve in leadership roles on the Faculty Senate. I feel that I possess several of these qualities and that my previous experience serving the Stockton Community through various initiatives has prepared me to pursue this leadership role. Prior to starting at Stockton in 2015 I had 25 years experience as an educator, administrator and clinician which serves as a foundation as a member of the Stockton faculty.