

Stockton University

Faculty Senate Resolution

Elimination of December Graduation

Whereas, The Faculty Senate was elected to serve as an advisory body to the Provost and President of the University and to provide a Faculty voice in the formulation of University policy;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate tasked three Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate to investigate the question of the December commencement ceremony;

Whereas, those three Standing Committees, namely Academic Policies, Administration and Finance, and Student Affairs have spent more than two months investigating the question of December commencement by surveying faculty, staff and students and interviewing key stakeholders in the process;

Whereas, the results of the investigation demonstrated a significant monetary and human cost to the University in holding a December commencement ceremony; and

Whereas, Stockton University is the only New Jersey four-year, public institution to hold two annual commencement ceremonies; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Stockton University recommends the elimination of the December commencement ceremony and that the University moves to a single set of commencement ceremonies held at the conclusion of the Spring semester.