

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

Term: 2018 – 2020

Election: April 9 – 13, 2018

Candidate Profile – Mark Adelung



Name and Title: Mark Adelung, Assistant Professor of Nursing

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2021

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

There are so many exciting things happening at Stockton and I welcome the opportunity to become more involved at the University level. I look forward to meeting and collaborating with various members of the Stockton community and be a voice for my colleagues.

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: 16

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2007

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

Serving on the Faculty Senate allows me to take part in and offer input on behalf of my fellow faculty on topics that impact our institution and the University students we serve. As an active member since 2010, the items reviewed and acted upon guide our collective future at Stockton. For this reason, I hope to continue my service on this important institution level faculty body.

Candidate Profile – David Burdick



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

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 34

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1988

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

I believe that my years of experience on the faculty and in a wide variety of leadership roles provides me with a valuable perspective to add to various Senate deliberations.

Candidate Profile – Betsy Erbaugh



Name and Title: Betsy Erbaugh, Assistant Professor of Sociology

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

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 increase the diversity of voices contributing to faculty decision-making and shared governance of the university. I bring experience and perspective as a newly tenured faculty member with scholarly and service commitments to community engagement and the recruitment and retention of faculty of color. I hope to promote equitable policies and inclusive campus culture through service as at-large senator.

Candidate Profile – Christy Goodnight



Name and Title: Christy Goodnight, Outreach Librarian, Instructor in the Library

School: LIBR

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2018-2019

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

I have served as an At-Large Senator for the past two years and in the past as the representative to Faculty Senate for the Library. I feel it is important for the Library to be represented by more than one Faculty member which is why I'm running for an At-Large position. The Library serves everyone at the University from every college, and it is important that we have multiple voices at the table so that we can better serve everyone here at Stockton no matter what their school or major. We are the only faculty members who have this type of function, and we are happy to serve in a position that can allow everyone a better understanding what we do and how important the library, librarians, and library resources are to everyone at Stockton.

Candidate Profile – Doug Harvey



Name and Title: Doug Harvey, Associate Professor of Instructional Technology

School: EDUC

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 19

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2005

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

In my time at Stockton, I have seen the importance of reasoned faculty input on matters important to us all. As your colleague I have served as chair of the MAIT program, as a member and chair of the Faculty Review Committee, was a Senator from EDUC, been a member of the R&PD committee, and most recently served as chair of the AP&P committee. My experiences reiterate the need for clear faculty voices as the institution continues to grow.

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: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: Fall 2019

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

Faculty Senate constitutes an opportunity for me to represent faculty and student voices while integrating an empirical perspective. I am passionate about Stockton's future, and believe faculty input is vital to the University's success. The Senate plays a crucial role in shaping policies and procedures that impact everyone affiliated with our success, and it is important to have objective and balanced perspectives informing our work. I hope to fulfill a critical role in offering the voice of faculty and students in the decision making. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the senate the past three years. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate Profile – Wooseok Ki



Name and Title: Wooseok Ki, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 2

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2021

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

I am excited at the opportunity of serving on an at-large senator. This will be a great opportunity for me to be involved in Stockton University and contribute to the mission of the university. I will be committed to listening and learning from the faculty about important issues that are raised by the community. I'd like to be a voice to support junior faculty in their career goals (teaching, research, and service). I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with colleagues in the senate to foster an atmosphere of open communication and help shape a prosperous future for all of us at Stockton.

Candidate Profile – Michael Law



Name and Title: Michael Law, Assistant Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 1

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2023

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

I would like to contribute to the decision-making process at Stockton University. In addition, I want to understand how other programs and schools operate across the university.

Candidate Profile – Kory Olson



Name and Title: Kory Olson, Associate Professor of French

School: ARHU

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 11

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2011

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

I hope to serve all faculty members as a senator-at-large. During my first term, when Stockton first switched to the faculty senate model, I helped draft the proposal to introduce a double-major. This enhancement has helped many students broaden their educational experience and also become more marketable when they enter the work force. As a senator, I will seek out ways to collaborate with fellow faculty in all schools and with administrators in order to help students enrich their education and improve faculty interactions with them.

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: 5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: Fall 2018

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

Having had two years experience of being a Senator, I found this experience to be very valuable in that it allowed me to be exposed to important issues that affect the University community and to be in a position to vote for policies that I (and the SOBL members that I represent) think would benefit the faculty, student and staff members of University. I want to ensure the continued success of Stockton, and I feel being a Senator is a great and effective way for me to contribute to such success.

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: 4

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 would like to join the Faculty Senate in order to learn about and actively contribute to its charge of formulating University policy. I would like to collaborate with colleagues across campus to make sure that voices of faculty in all schools are considered in the decision making process.

Candidate Profile – Lori Prol



Name and Title: Lori Prol, Assistant Professor of Nursing

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 4

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

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

I had the privilege of serving as the Graduate Representative on the Academic Policies committee at Stockton in the academic years 2015-2017. This committee was busy and attended to a variety of issues that impact program curriculum, university policies, and academic advising for undergraduate and graduate education. For example, during my time on the committee, I addressed charges regarding student evaluation of teaching, academic honesty, early registration for student athletes, and participation in graduation ceremonies.

I also had the privilege of preparing a proposal for Stockton's third doctorate degree, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). I worked with the Academic Programs and Planning committee to develop and present the proposal. I also attended several Faculty Senate meetings to prepare and advance the proposal within the Faculty Senate. During this time of involvement, I gained an appreciation of the diverse faculty member's experiences outside of the School of Health Science. This proposal was approved by the Faculty Senate and the NJ President's Council.

I hope to participate in the important work of the Faculty Senate at an At-Large Senator. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate Profile – Shanthi Rajaraman



Name and Title: Shanthi Rajaraman, Associate Professor of Chemistry

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 14

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2008

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

Being a senator offers a unique platform to understand and influence policy changes that could potentially impact and/or benefit the programs within various schools in fundamental ways. I view this role as that of communicating unique perspectives from the school one represents, and at the same time, foster an understanding about issues from differing perspectives to find common ground without adverse impact on a school or the programs within a school. I would like to be your voice and bring your feedback to the larger university and help institute policies or facilitate policy changes for the benefit of all of the faculty. I would be honored to serve in this capacity if elected. Thank you for your time.

Candidate Profile – Lisa Rosner



Name and Title: Lisa Rosner, Distinguished Professor of History

School: ARHU

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 30

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 1992

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

I would like to support the Senate's many admirable goals, including the innovative new schedule. I am also a data and procedures wonk, and I hope that being an at-large Senator will allow me to use these skills in support of the wider Stockton community.

Candidate Profile – Larider Ruffin



Name and Title: Larider Ruffin, DNP, APN, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 6 months

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2023

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

I am interested in becoming a faculty senator to bring my organizational skills to the table. I have served as President for the Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association and brought some significant changes to the organization. I understand the importance of an active faculty senate, which is crucial for a dynamic and innovative University.

I recognize the faculty senate deals with important issues affecting students and the community. I look forward to being a voice influencing policies affecting our faculty through the consultation with senior administrators, while remaining openminded in understanding their areas of responsibility and perspectives. I have the ability to bring innovation and the energy needed to support the mission and vision of the University.

Candidate Profile – Amee Shah



Name and Title: Amee Shah, Associate Professor of Health Science

School: HLTH

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 4.5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2019

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

Having served on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and as an at-large senator for the last two years, I have learned a lot (and been able to contribute to the discussions and decisions) about academic governance at Stockton. I would like to continue making my contributions by building on the past experiences. I believe it is a very important role that can serve the betterment of one's own school and also of the whole university. I am passionate about the impact we can make that affects students, faculty, curricula, and various other facets of academic and university operations. If selected as an at-large senator, I believe I can serve the role well by utilizing my various experiences having been a faculty for 15 years spanning two universities, and being a strong, informed, and reasonable voice that represents a diverse array of faculty.

Candidate Profile – Emmanuel Small



Name and Title: Emmanuel Small, Assistant Professor Business Studies

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2021

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

As the senate seeks ways to improve communication and collaborative decision making across the University, I want to play a critical role to improve educational matters, including curriculum, student policies, admissions, and retention/graduation requirements to attain the educational objectives of the University. Faculty members should speak together often about the central issues in the institution to achieve the highest standards of pedagogy that fosters creativity, skill development, critical inquiry, and active learning. I am ready to stand up for individual faculty if and when the institutions polices have been incorrectly applied within the academic unit and throughout the University. It would be an honor to serve as one of the faculty selected or elected by departments across the campus to promote the appreciation of our diversity in the wider community in respect to academic and educational policies and other affairs of student and faculty well-being.

Candidate Profile – Christine Tartaro



Name and Title: Christine Tartaro, Professor of Criminal Justice

School: SOBL

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 17

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2005

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

I would like the opportunity to continue to serve as a member of the faculty senate. I think that it is very important for faculty voices to be heard as the university contemplates changes to academic policies, the addition of new programs, etc.

Candidate Profile – Joseph Trout



Name and Title: Joseph Trout, Associate Professor of Physics

School: NAMS

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 6

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2016

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

My main reason for wanting to continue as a member of the faculty senate is my deep concern and affection for the students at Stockton University. I feel that being a member of the faculty senate keeps me current with the issues that effect our students. I want to be fair and impartial, and research the issues that we will be deciding. I also want to represent my fellow faculty and staff members, and present their concerns to the senate. I am very interested in service learning, science education, active learning, and undergraduate student research, and I will promote the ideals necessary to strengthen these interests. I completed my undergraduate degree in Applied Physics at Stockton University, and as an alumni, I have a vested interest in the future of Stockton University. I hope to help guide Stockton University to a future that is best for the students.

Candidate Profile – Kerrin Wolf



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

School: BUSN

Position sought: At-Large Senator

Number of Years at Stockton: 3.5

Expected Tenure or Tenure Year: 2020

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

I really enjoyed serving as an at-large senator over the past two years. I hope to continue in this position so I can play an active role in the governance decisions at Stockton. Through service on the APP and A&F Committees, I have gained valuable experience that will help me perform the duties of an at-large senator. As an untenured faculty, I also look forward to voicing the perspective of a relatively new member of the Stockton community.