

**Profiles of Candidates for  
Standing Committee Chairs**

**Term: 2022 – 24**

**Election: May 2 – 6, 2022**

## **Candidate Profile – Emma Witt**

**Name and Title:** Emma Witt, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies

**School:** NAMS

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on Academic Policies

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 8

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2020

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

I have served as chair of APC since October and have found the position to be rewarding. My goal as chair is to consider any proposed changes to policies and procedures from as many perspectives as possible and using data to guide our recommendations. I also hope to encourage open dialogue among the committee and other campus stakeholders in the process.

## **Candidate Profile – Elizabeth Pollock**

**Name and Title:** Elizabeth Pollock, Associate Professor of Chemistry

**School:** NAMS

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Planning

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 16

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2011

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

Having served on APP for several years, I understand the importance of this committee in ensuring that new majors, minors, etc. are well-articulated and the needs of these programs thought through prior to coming to the faculty senate. During my time on the committee, we have strengthened the feedback process and I look forward to continuing to improve communication between all stakeholders moving forward.

## **Candidate Profile – John O'Hara**

**Name and Title:** John O'Hara, Associate Professor of Critical Thinking & First - Year Studies

**School:** GENS

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on General Studies

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 10

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2017

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

As chair of the GENS committee I hope to bring my commitments to general education and interdisciplinary liberal arts education to this committee, to help faculty new and old understand the tradition and role of GENS, and to foster interdisciplinary teaching and learning institution-wide. My interest in this aspect of the curriculum and my experience on the committee will help me best represent the faculty's commitment to GENS as Stockton continues to grow and change.

## **Candidate Profile – Duo (Helen) Wei**

**Name and Title:** Duo (Helen) Wei, Associate Professor of Computer Science

**School:** BUSN

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on Information Technology and Media Services

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 10

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2016

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

I am interested in continuing serving as a chair for the Information Technology and Media Services (ITMS) Committee. I wish my service to the committee can have positive impacts to the school and community. Here are my reasons to service as the chair of the committee: First, the issues on information technology and media service are very challenging, ITMS would dedicated to explore strategies/guidelines/solutions to assist faculty members to meet their information and technology needs. My experience as a professor in computer science and past service experience as at-large Faculty Senator and a variety of committee members will allow me to better serve this committee. Second, as Stockton values the model of "shared governance," faculty members are encouraged to be involved decision making processes. As the chair of the ITMS, I would be happy to commitment to a transparent dialogue encouraging open discourse on complicated and challenging ITMS issues from a variety of viewpoints.

## **Candidate Profile – Vasundhara Chakraborty**

**Name and Title:** Vasundhara Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of Business Studies, Accounting

**School:** BUSN

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on the Library

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 3

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2025

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

I have had the honor of serving as the Library Committee chair in the past two years. I can use that experience. I can also bring the perspective of a faculty member outside of the library in relation to library matters.

## **Candidate Profile – Eric Hoyt**

**Name and Title:** Eric Hoyt, Assistant Professor of Economics

**School:** SOBL

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on the Library

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 1

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2025

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

My name is Eric Hoyt and I am a first year assistant professor of economics at Stockton.

I worked for three years, 2007-2010, at the Memorial Library of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, while a undergraduate student there, in jobs in stacks, circulation desk, and card desk. I have experience and passion for supporting libraries, knowing how important they have been and can continue to be for the US economy and society. To this end, I'd like to serve in support of the Stockton University library as an important resource for students and faculty.

For all of these reasons, I would be honored to serve as Chair of Library Committee.

## **Candidate Profile – Justin Ostrofsky**

**Name and Title:** Justin Ostrofsky, Associate Professor of Psychology

**School:** SOBL

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on Research and Professional Development

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 9

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2018

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

In continuing my leadership of the RPD committee, I would like to work to make the evaluation process more consistent and transparent so that internal grant applicants clearly understand how their applications are being evaluated by the committee.



## **Candidate Profile – Thierry Saintine**

**Name and Title:** Thierry Saintine, Assistant Professor of Math, First-Year Studies, GENS

**School:** GENS

**Position sought:** Chair, Committee on Student Affairs

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 4

**Expected Tenure or Tenure Year:** 2023

**Why do you want to be a Senator or Committee Chair? What would you bring to this position? (150 words or less)?**

I was fortunate to be elected as an At-Large senator and a member of the Senate Executive Committee two years ago. Both positions taught me a tremendous amount about the institution, the policy decision process, and the importance of shared governance. Now, that I am (hopefully) a few months away from being a tenured faculty member, I'd love to continue serving on the Faculty Senate and continue to fight on behalf of colleagues and students whose voices and experiences aren't always represented or factored into policy decisions and "shared governance." As a soon-to-be tenured faculty member, I feel ready to take on more of a leadership role. I am eager to work with other faculty members, staff, and other stakeholders, especially student government and under-represented student groups to find ways to keep moving Stockton toward a more diverse and inclusive space; in other words, further away from "The Other Stockton."