

**Profiles of Candidates for
Faculty Senate Officer Positions
Term: 2023 – 2025**

Election: March 27 – 31, 2023

Candidate Fact Sheet – Michael Law

Name and Title: Michael Law, Assistant Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: Senate 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.

- Faculty Senator, member-at-large 2018-date
- Academic Programs and Planning committee, Vice-Chair 2019-date
- Health Professions committee 2020-date
- Pilot Program to Facilitate Academic Advising to first time full-time students committee member 2022
- Senate Task Force on Stockton's Approach to Precepting 2022-23
- Senate Task Force on Faculty Funding Accessibility and Purchasing 2022-23

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

The role of the Faculty Senate President is vital to ensure that faculty interests across all schools are represented when important academic and logistical decisions are considered. As a Stockton alumnus, I appreciate the inherent value of faculty in providing students with impactful learning opportunities and shaping the mission of the institution. Stockton's push to 10,000 students and sustained growth have put new burdens on the faculty and placed "The Stockton Idea" at risk. As the university welcomes a new President, it is critically important that faculty voices are heard so that we can maintain our unique identity while continuing to grow. We can accomplish this by relying on the collective strengths and perspectives of our faculty colleagues.

As the next Faculty Senate President, my priorities would be to integrate the expertise of Stockton faculty into clearly communicated ideas that would facilitate shared governance for key university decisions. I will utilize my training as a scientist to be proactive about identifying potential issues with university policies and encourage open discourse of challenging issues, especially those that impact the ability of faculty to continue developing their pedagogy and scholarship. My experiences at Stockton University as a student, adjunct, and tenure track faculty member, combined with my previous position as an Assistant Professor at Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine, provide me with insight into what makes Stockton special and how this can be maintained through well-planned university initiatives. Additionally, my experiences as Vice Chair of the Academic Programs and Planning committee and as a member of the Task Forces on Precepting and on Purchasing have helped me understand how faculty ideas can drive important university practices. As the next Senate President, I will continue to work my hardest to ensure a productive and sustainable approach to our short- and long-term success.

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: 10

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

- Currently serving as Faculty Senate President
- Faculty Senate Vice President: 2019 – 2020
- Faculty Senate Executive Member At-large: 2017-2019
- Served on the Presidential Search Committee
- Co-Chair: Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee
- Co-Chair: Strategic Enrollment Management Planning (SEMP) Council
- Chair, Information Technology & Media Services, Faculty Senate Standing Committee
- Chair, Student Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate Standing Committee

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I am currently serving as Senate President and grateful for the opportunity to serve our fellow faculty and the University in this role. During my early years in the current role, we all witnessed COVID-19 pandemic. That meant immediately pivoting the Senate through online monthly meetings and continuing to steer Senate voice in a challenging environment. Over the years, working closely with the Senate executive, Senate, Union, and the administration, we have continued to strengthen Faculty Senate as an important voice in university matters.

With the upcoming transition in university top leadership, I look forward to continuing providing a stable leadership within the Senate alongside our current exec, pushing the faculty agenda that constructively helps our university move forward. My leadership philosophy revolves around building "Team Stockton" that includes open communication, transparency, and pursuit to strengthening shared governance. I also focus on inculcating collegiality and developing mutual trust, respect and building confidence between different divisions such as enrollment, academic affairs, student affairs etc. and take everyone along recognizing multiple viewpoints that exists across the aisles. I am grateful for the community's support over the past couple of years and look forward to continued support to my leadership in the capacity of Senate President. Thank you.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Brian Tyrrell

Name and Title: Brian J. Tyrrell, Professor, Hospitality, Tourism & Event Management

School: BUSN

Position sought: Senate 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.

- President, Faculty Senate and Faculty Assembly at Stockton University, Summer 2015 to Summer 2017.
- Executive Committee Member, Faculty Senate at Stockton University, Fall 2013 to Spring 2019.
- Faculty Senator, Faculty Senate at Stockton University, Fall 2011 to Spring 2019.
- COPE Director, Stockton Federation of Teachers at Stockton University, Fall 2015 to Spring 2022.
- Secretary, Stockton Federation of Teachers at Stockton University, Fall 2019 to Spring 2021.
- Steering Committee Member, Stockton Federation of Teachers at Stockton University, Fall 2013 to Spring 2022.
- Vice Chair and Member, Academic Policies Committee at Stockton University, Fall 2009 to Spring 2011 (member) and Fall 2014 to Spring 2015 (vice chair).
- Galloway Township Councilman, January 2012 to January 2016.

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Having served in the role of President of the Faculty Senate/Assembly, I believe my experience serving stands to benefit the faculty through a pivotal time at Stockton University. Faculty at the university need strong leadership and experience with the arrival of a new President to the university. My experience serving in the Senate spanned nearly a decade, to include additional years on the executive committee even following my time served as the President.

Beyond my experience in the Senate, I have dutifully served in leadership positions on another of the universities pillars of shared governance, the faculty union. I've served on the steering committee of the Stockton Federation of Teachers for a decade, including leadership roles as Secretary and COPE (Committee on Political Education) during much of that time. The role of Stockton Faculty Senate President demands excellent communication between the senate and union. I made this communication a priority as President, and then subsequently served the role of union representative to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for two additional years past the presidency. That experience will allow undoubtedly serve to bolster shared governance moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

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: 20

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

University-wide highlights of service include Senate membership from 2006-present. I have held many roles including Graduate Studies Chair (06'-08'), APP Chair (09'-10'), At-Large (10'-18'), Executive Committee (18'-20'), & Senate Vice President (21'-present). Other university-wide service includes the Compass Fund Review Board (22'- present); SEMP Advisory Council (22'- present); Middle States Working Group- Standard IV (21'-22'); Student Success Team of SEMP (17'-19'); Presidential Email Communications Taskforce (20'-21'); Test-Optional Task Force (17'-18'); and Faculty Review Committee (13'-15'). I further serve as a long-standing faculty leader for the Teacher Education Program of the School of Education (Program Chair/Coordinator- 10'-present) including work as the primary author of the self-study for two accreditation cycles (2013 & 2020).

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

I have extensive experience as a long-standing member of the Faculty Senate (2006-present). During this time, I've served in many roles learning the importance of shared governance and capturing faculty voice as part of the collective work we do as a university. Recent Senate roles include three years on the Senate Executive Committee and the past two years as Faculty Senate Vice President.

Beyond Senate, I am also involved in my school (School of Education) and program. As the Program Chair of a licensed and accredited program (Teacher Education), I have a deep knowledge of the university and many of the majors and programs here. Work includes extensive collaboration with faculty of other programs and forging relationships beyond Stockton on behalf of the School of Education.

Serving in varied university-level roles has further built my repertoire and skills, including FRC, the QUAD committee, several university-level taskforces, and search committees (Co-Chair Director of Advising 21-22 & President 22-23). Through each of these experiences, I have developed a strong sense of what our institution stands for, what we believe in, and the importance of working together to align with a saying used often at Stockton... "Students First".

The role I'm most proud of and an asset when serving in a position like this one is as a mother of two college-age children. I have one son who is an active and proud Osprey and another who has finished his journey at Stockton and is doing advanced study at Rowan University. I've learned a tremendous amount through their eyes and use their perspective and experiences to enhance what I do every day here at Stockton.

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: 10

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

Chair, Administration and Finance, 2019- present, Vice Chair, Policies and Procedures, 2019- present (also grad and sft rep), SIPET task force, 50 Years beyond task force, Police task force, SEMP Research Co Chair, MSW program Assessment chair

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As a long time active member of the Senate, I have served as an at large member for about 9 years. Recently, I was elected to the Executive Committee as an at large member and have found the work to be of great importance, especially in ensuring the faculty are represented in the shared governance of the university. I love Stockton and my colleagues and want to help ensure during this time of transition with a new president, our voices remain a core factor in the university's overall well being.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Kristen Hallock-Waters

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

School: NAMS

Position sought: Senate Secretary

Number of Years at Stockton: 22.5

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

- Faculty Senate Secretary, 2022-2023
- Chemistry Program Chair, 2021-2024
- Chemistry Program Coordinator, 2018 – 2020
- Faculty Senate (at-large Senator) 2022-2024
- Faculty Senate (at-large Senator) 2020-2022
- Faculty Senate (at-large Senator) 2016-2018
- Faculty Senate (at-large Senator) 2014-2016
- University Restart Operations Committee (UROC) – covid-19 re-opening Task Force, Facilities, Events & Athletics Team, 2020
- University Restart Operations Committee (UROC) – covid-19 re-opening Task Force, Facilities, Events & Athletics Team, Union Representative, 2020
- University Restart Operations Committee – covid-19 re-opening Task Force, Academic Affairs Team consultant for NAMS labs, 2020
- School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Facilities and Space Management standing committee, Chemistry Program Representative – 2020-2024
- School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Laboratory Operations and Practice standing committee, 2020-2024
- Salem County College, Chemistry & Biology Program Professional Reviewer, 2019
- Bayada Nurses Homecare Specialists, Professional Advisory Committee, 2008 to date
- Middle States Committee, Faculty 10 sub-committee, 2010-2011
- QUAD Task Force, 2007-2010
- Internal Funding Review Task Force, 2003-2004
- Faculty Steering Committee, Assessment Subcommittee, 2002-2004
- Stockton Day of Scholarship Committee, 2002, 2003
- Modules Task Force, 2003
- Air & Waste Management Association, 95th Annual Conference & Exhibit Local Host Committee, Student Program Chair, Baltimore, MD, 2002
- Air & Waste Management Association, Higher Education Division, Education Council, University/College Education Committee co-chair, 2002-2006.

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

I am an experienced faculty member with long-term institutional knowledge having served 4 terms as an At-Large Faculty Senator and currently serving a one-year term as Faculty Senate Secretary following the special election in September 2023. Having served a number of years as Program Coordinator/Chair for a large NAMS Program, and specifically during the covid-19 pandemic, I have good collaborative relationships with faculty colleagues, administrators, as well as other Schools. Balancing teaching, scholarship, and service obligations, I have developed strong organizational skills and efficiency necessary to serve as Faculty Senate secretary.