

**Profiles of Candidates for
Faculty Senate Officer Positions
Term: 2025 – 2027**

Election: March 24 – 28, 2025

Candidate Fact Sheet – Thierry Elin-Saintine

Name and Title: Thierry Elin-Saintine, Associate Professor of First-Year Studies, Math

School: GENS

Position sought: Senate President

Number of Years at Stockton: 8

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

One of my most recent and relevant leadership positions at Stockton was chairing the Student Affairs Committee where, alongside other faculty and staff colleagues, I worked on a number of student-related issues such as the BOT Fellowship application process, CARE Referrals, HIPPA Vs. Attendance Policy and others. I currently serve as a member of the First-Year Studies' Program Review Committee (PRC) and share the responsibility of reviewing tenure files for tenure-track/non tenure-track faculty/instructors, mentoring, and advising colleagues applying for tenure/promotion. I also served one term as a member the Faculty Senate Executive Body in 2022; a position that I viewed as a unique opportunity to not only serve the Stockton community, but also to advocate for those fearful of speaking up or unable to share their concerns with the wider university community. For the past few years, I have served on the Compass Fund Review Board where a group of faculty members and staff review and vote on proposals and initiatives seeking financial support from the university. Outside of my responsibilities at Stockton, I preside over the Board of Trustees of FACTS Charter School (in Philadelphia, PA); I also serve as program evaluator for ARTZ Philadelphia, a small arts-based program that works with people living dementia—I am currently working with ARTZ's executive director on a "Guide" for how to do community-based programming that focus on affirming people's dignity, culture, and individuality. I am confident that some the experiences detailed above on the Student Affairs committee, as a Faculty Senator, a PRC member, and some of the lessons learned as Board Chair of FACTS have adequately prepared me to step in this role and continue to learn how to make Stockton work for every member of its increasingly more diverse community.

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

I have been at Stockton since the Fall of 2017. During this relatively short time, I have had the good fortune—really privilege—to work alongside and learn from amazing faculty leaders such as Heather McGovern, Emari DiGiorgio, Donnetrice Allison and others. Each one, in their own way, is an embodiment of the idea of “students first” and a constant reminder that every member of the university community is responsible for making Stockton a better place for all, especially community members from marginalized or targeted social groups who have historically or typically struggle to develop a meaningful sense of belonging at comparable institutions. The same year that I joined Stockton, I received the Council on Anthropology and Education's (CAE) Gaitan Presidential Fellowship. Being a presidential fellow connected me to another community of scholars, mentors, and leaders who individually and collectively—knowingly and unwittingly—truly paved the way for everything that I was fortunate to accomplish as a scholar these last eight years. The leadership education that I received at Stockton and at the CAE showed me what it means to be a community leader truly and fully committed to fighting for "anti-oppressive" and liberatory academic spaces and scholarship for all. I think that it's time for me to give a little more back. I feel ready to be of service to this community and continue the work of some of the leaders who've helped me figure out and carve out my own sense of belonging to the Stockton community.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Michael Law

Name and Title: Michael Law, Associate Professor of Biology

School: NAMS

Position sought: Senate President

Number of Years at Stockton: 8

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- Faculty Senate President
- Faculty Senate Member At-Large
- Strategic Planning Steering Committee member
- Provost Search Committee member
- Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Planning Committee member
- Faculty Senate Task Force on Purchasing member
- Faculty Senate Task Force on Precepting member

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

I am running for re-election as the Senate President to continue to build on the positive momentum that the Senate has established in the last two years. As Senate President, I have worked with the Senate to open up dialogue during meetings while addressing faculty concerns that are raised to the Executive Committee. Our restructured Senate meetings provide opportunities for direct dialogue with the President and Provost when there are pressing issues that need to be addressed. I have represented my faculty colleagues' best interests when meeting with various administrators, and aim to continue strengthening these positive working relationships. I have worked closely with the Union, Staff Senate, and Student Senate on issues that impact the entire campus community so that I can gather multiple perspectives and ideas on next steps forward. As Senate President, I will continue to dedicate myself to ensure a productive and sustainable approach to Stockton's 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: 12

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

I have served on various committees since joining Stockton. Some of the notable committees, offices are listed: Faculty Senate President: 2020 - 2023; Faculty Senate Vice President: 2019-2020; Faculty Senate Executive Member At-large: 2017-2019; Served on the Presidential/Provost Search Committee; Co-Chair: Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee; Co-Chair: Strategic Enrollment Management Planning (SEMP) Council Chair, Information Technology & Media Services (2018-2020) - Faculty Senate Standing Committee; Chair, Student Affairs Committee (2016-2018) - Faculty Senate Standing Committee ; Member - Academic Program and Planning Committee (2014-2016).

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

As Faculty Senate President, my commitment is to lead on key issues, advocate for policies, and bring resolutions that support our collective efforts. I am dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and sustainable academic community at Stockton. Our goal is to create an environment where faculty voices are heard, students (including first gen) thrive, and academic excellence is upheld. Given the changing demographics of our region and current political climate, I believe the Faculty Senate must remain at the forefront of DEI, academic freedom, and social justice conversations, embedding these values into our shared governance. As a Criminal Justice (SOBL) faculty, and vast experiences within the faculty governance, I bring a unique perspective on these crucial issues.

My priorities include collaborating with stakeholders to support our undergraduate and graduate programs with a focus on long-term sustainability in the competitive world of higher education. It remains critical to advocate for faculty work-life balance, research support, and prioritize professional development, ensuring that our faculty have the resources to excel in teaching and research. It is essential that the Senate continue to uphold the general studies curriculum, interdisciplinary learning, experiential education, and the liberal arts that define 'Stockton's identity.' I envision the Senate to continue addressing emerging issues such as AI in academia, faculty-student connections, and campus morale, by the way of open forums, surveys, and Coffee Hours to provide platforms for faculty voices and foster meaningful discussions. My recent experience in the NYU FRN Leadership Initiative has equipped me with valuable leadership skills and a vision for growth and collaboration. As next Senate President, I will lead with inclusivity, creativity, and a commitment to ensuring that faculty concerns remain central to our governance, contributing to the success of positive, welcoming campus climate for all.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Christy Goodnight

Name and Title: Christy Goodnight, Assistant Professor of Management

School: BUSN

Position sought: Senate Vice-President

Number of Years at Stockton: 11

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

- Faculty Senate Executive Committee At-Large member, 2024-date
- Faculty Senate School Senator for BUSN, 2023-date
- Faculty Senate, Committee on The Library, Member 2014-2015, Vice-Chair 2023-2024, Chair 2024-date
- Faculty Senate, Committee on Information Technology & Media Services, Ex Officio member, 2021-2022
- Faculty Senate, Committee on Research & Professional Development Committee, Member 2016-2019, Chair 2020-2021
- Faculty Senate, At-Large Senator, 2016-2021
- Faculty Senate, Committee on Administration & Finance Committee, Member 2014-2019
- Faculty Senate, Committee on Academic Programs and Planning, 2015-2016
- Budget and Financial Planning Advisory Committee, SFT representative, 2024-date
- School of Business, Associate Chair of Management, 2023-date
- School of Business, Strategic Planning Committee, 2024-date
- School of Business, Personnel Review Committee, 2023-date
- School of Business, Societal Impact Champions Committee, 2023-date
- School of Business, Entrepreneurship Task Force, 2023-date
- School of Business, Atlantic City Task Force, 2023-date
- Faculty Academic Writing Network volunteer for Show-Up-And-Writes and Boot Camps, 2022-2024
- 50th Anniversary Steering Committee and Campus/Virtual Exhibits Subcommittee, 2021-2022
- Leadership Council, 2021-2022
- Provost Council, 2021-2022
- Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Executive Committee, 2021-2022
- Middle States Accreditation, Standard VI Working Group, Co-Chair, 2020-2022
- Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee, 2020-2022
- Open Textbook and Education Resource Committee, Co-Chair, 2020-2023
- Academic Affairs Space Management Advisory Committee, 2017-2021

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

This past year, I have served as an At-Large member of the Faculty Senate Executive. I have many years of experience on the Faculty Senate and various Faculty Senate committees. In the years participating in these roles, I have seen firsthand the importance of shared governance and being a clear, strong voice for faculty interests. I will bring those values to the table for faculty as Senate Vice-President.

I have been at Stockton since fall 2013 when I came here as a Faculty Librarian. After completing my PhD in Business Administration – Management in May 2021, I also served on the other side of the table as Administration when I was Interim Director of the Library from November 2021 through June 2022, so I can see how keeping communication open and transparent with administrators is a chief concern. In the fall of 2022, I became part of the Faculty of the School of Business and am now Associate Chair of the Management concentration. Having seen Stockton from these various roles gives me a unique perspective that I bring to the position of Senate Vice-President.

Candidate Fact Sheet – Emma Witt

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

School: NAMS

Position sought: Senate Secretary

Number of Years at Stockton: 10

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Current NAMS Senator, Chair Academic Policies Committee, Environmental Studies Program Chair

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

I would like to be a Senate officer because I enjoy Faculty Senate and would like to continue to help in our important shared governance work. As a Senate officer my goal would be to help in increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Senate.