

## To Whom It May Concern

Student Affairs Committee 2017-2018 Annual Report, submitted May 22, 2018

“The **Committee on Student Affairs** has oversight and advisory responsibility for all matters of student life and discipline.”

### **Members**

#### **Faculty Members**

Manish Madan	Chair (2016-2018)
Arleen Gonzalez	Vice Chair (2017-2018)
Jacob Feige	ARHU (2015-2017)
Sitki Gulten	BUSN (2017-2019)
Shelly Meyers	EDUC (2017-2019)
Richard Miller	GENS (2017-2019)
Lauren DelRossi	HLTH (2017-2019)
Jian Wang	Library (2017-2019)
Cristina Cummings	NAMS (2017-2019)
Zornista Kalibetseva	SOBL (2017-2019)

#### **Ex Officio Members**

Christopher Catching – Vice President for Student Affairs

Pedro Santana – Dean of Students

### **Non-Voting Student Liaisons**

We met four times during the academic year 2016-2017, twice in Fall and twice in the Spring semester (10/5; 12/05; 02/27; 04/24) at D-116. Below, I highlight some of the key deliberations and their outcomes as part of this annual report.

#### **Key Deliberations (enumerated below)**

1. Recommendation for the commencement speaker & graduation format
2. Stockton Safe Campus and Student Activism
3. Food Pantry Study
4. Extending the role of Student Affairs Committee
  - a. Recommend Student Senate to use Student Affairs committee as a conduit to the Senate/Faculty involvement
  - b. Student Research & Travel Funds

#### **Commencement Speaker & Graduation Format**

Dear President Kesselman – Thank you for sharing the update, the committee surely appreciates your consideration of its inputs!

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Manish

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**Subject:** RE: Student Affairs Committee Recommendation for Commencement Speaker 2018

Good morning Manish,

Yesterday, we received notification from Senator Booker's office that due to a scheduling conflict, he is unable to participate as our commencement speaker. We will continue to pursue him for future ceremonies. Thanks so much for your input.

Best regards,

Harvey Kesselman

President

Stockton University

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**Subject:** Student Affairs Committee Recommendation for Commencement Speaker 2018

Dear President Kesselman et al. - Hope you're well!

I have received commencement speaker inputs from the committee members which I have pasted below. From what it appears the members have inclined mostly toward **Corey Booker** from the top 10 list provided to them.

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1. Corey Booker

For his courage, vision and good will. He seems to be both a dreamer and doer. When he served as a Mayor of Newark, he cared for his city citizens and tried to provide a safe environment. I think his advice could encourage our students in their journey.

2. Neal Degrasse Tyson

It will be enlightening to hear what this accomplished scientist might have to say. Hope we can afford him.

My first choice is **Corey Booker** because I believe he is what New Jersey needs at this time-His influence will target the issues such as education, economy and taking care of people.

Next would be Ruth Bader Ginsburg because of her educational experiences, service on the Supreme court and having strong opinions on individual's rights.

I believe Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders may be a little controversial-but personally would love to meet them.

Michelle Obama

Jill Biden

Barack Obama

**Corey Booker**

Even though I am fine with anyone in the list, I may say **Cory Booker** since he may be easier to reach and very active in his field and on the rise.

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Please let me know if you need anything else from our end.

Thank you & Seasons Greetings!

Manish

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**Stockton Safe Campus and Student Activism**

The committee members (at its October meeting) invited Ms. Cynthia Parker – Interim Chief of Police (Stockton) to share an update on objectionable posters found on campus. She elaborated on the investigation and that the individual was not a Stockton student. Also, she encouraged the community to stay active and report any such matter to Stockton Police

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## **Food Closets (with donated food) for students/ Food Assistance Program**

In the year 2016-17, one of the committee members, Dr. Zornista Kalibatseva (SOBL rep on the committee) had developed a survey to assess the need of food pantry/closets on campus. However, by the time the committee was able to deploy the survey, many of the issues identified in the survey were already addressed by the student services.

In the future, however, the committee might consider a new student survey to examine the effectiveness of the food pantry services on campus.

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## **Extending the role of Student Affairs Committee**

**The committee members shared the concern re: its operation.** In order to keep the committee actively engaged, a couple of items below were stressed by the committee members

### **1. Student Research & Travel Funds**

- a. Work closely with the Vice President Student Affairs to earmark scholarship (up to \$300) to students for research/travel support. The committee may develop an application guideline, protocols etc. to assess applications and convey their recommendations to the VPSA.
- b. The timing of the applications deadline can be twice per academic year, typically 2 weeks before SAC's first meeting in October and 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in February.

### **2. Student Senate and Student Affairs committee**

- a. It is our view that the student senate should be encouraged to present the matter first to the SAC that warrants faculty attention, seek inputs from this smaller group before moving it up the chain.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Chair of Faculty Senate' Standing Committee on Student Affairs. It will not have been possible without the support and commitment of all committee members.

The committee welcomes Emmanuel Small (Business faculty) as the new incoming chair for the student affairs committee.

Sincerely,

Manish Madan  
Chair, Student Affairs Committee  
2016-2018