
Lauren Balasco, Assistant Professor of Political Science
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At-Large Senator
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As an At-Large Senator, I understand that my service requires the leadership skills of listening, dialogue, consultation, cooperation, and patience. The Faculty Senate is the institutional embodiment of faculty governance, and therefore it is an important space for representation and deliberation. I know that my service as a senator is help uphold our academic standards and ensure that Stockton University remains a vibrant institution of learning and engagement. I will work closely with my colleagues to understand the ever-evolving needs and circumstances of our students and faculty, so that we can advocate for the institutional space and resources needed for our collective success. Most importantly, I understand the importance of upholding Stockton University's commitment to building a thriving intellectual and compassionate community both on campus and in our community. I hope to contribute to this mission.

NAMS Guy Barbato, Associate Professor of Biology
At-Large Senator
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Prior to coming to Stockton, I was on the Penn State Faculty Senate for 15 yrs and chaired the Senate Committee on Research. I have a firm belief in shared governance within the academy and have particular interest in intellectual property policies and research funding issues.

Muntakim Choudhury, Assistant Professor of Business Studies

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At-Large Senator

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Joe Cirio, Assistant Professor of Writing & First Year Studies
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At-Large Senator
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I've enjoyed my time as faculty senator thus far. If reelected for another term, I will continue to advocate for the areas I feel strongly about: more equitable academic policies for students—particularly for students of color, shared governance, and the value of the general studies curriculum.

BUSN George De Feis, Assistant Professor of Business Studies
At-Large Senator
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As an assistant professor in the School of Business at Stockton (hired in 2019), naturally my doctorate is in business (management), but I am more diverse than just business. In fact, academia is my third profession. My bachelor's degree is in civil engineering and my experience is in the not-for-profit world. Thus, I will bring a wealth of diverse experience to the Senate. I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Business and Applied Sciences Academy of North America in 2016 and the Board of AirSoilWater – sustainability not-for-profit organization in Pennsylvania in 2015, and in 2019 invited as a Board Member of "Science Progress" (Sage Publications). With over 25 years of worldly professional and academic experience in the fields of strategic management, global affairs, and sustainability/ESG, I have consulted to the for-profit and not-for-profit worlds. Hence I will bring the Senate new thoughts. My LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/george-de-feis-0911046/>.

Petar Dobrev, Assistant Professor of Finance
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At-Large Senator
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As someone committed to Stockton University for the long term, I have a strong desire to be involved with and contribute to the formulation of University policy. I believe the best opportunity to do so is by becoming a member of the Faculty Senate. As a senator, I intend to be an active and constructive participant in discussing items on the Senate agenda. I will not hesitate to contribute to a discussion around any point of contention to help the Senate reach a consensus. Moreover, I pledge to approach each item on the agenda in an objective, evidence-based manner as I firmly believe this is the most efficient and unbiased method to reach an agreement on a specific issue.

Jessica Hallagan, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

BUSN Jung Ah Han, Assistant Professor of Business Studies Marketing
At-Large Senator
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I believe it will give the opportunity to foster skills like leadership, communication, teamwork and organization. I am a hard worker, care about students, respectful, and I work well in a team.

Mina Jafarijoo, Assistant Professor of Computer Information System

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NAMS Michael Law, Assistant Professor of Biology
At-Large Senator
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I have served as a Senator for four years. I think it is important to engage in shared governance with administration while representing the interests of my faculty colleagues at the university.

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Zheng Li, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

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Quynh Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems
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NAMS Matthew Olson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science
At-Large Senator
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I currently sit on the Campus Biodiversity Committee and I'm interested in serving the University in other ways. I see this position as an opportunity to not only serve the Stockton community, but also as a chance to learn about how the faculty senate helps to shape University policy. I'm one of only a few faculty members (2?) with academic training in my field - forest resources management. Because of this, I feel would bring a unique perspective to the senate.

BUSN Barry Palatnik, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Accounting
At-Large Senator
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I am always looking for opportunities to become more engaged in University affairs. When I was selected to chair the Senate Nomination Committee, I saw an opportunity to use my skill-set to support the University's mission. My ultimate passion is to help students become productive members of society.

Monika Pawlowska, Associate Professor of Communication Disorders
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At-Large Senator
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I would like to contribute to shared governance at Stockton by participating in Faculty Senate's activities. I value points of view expressed by faculty from different programs and I appreciate the process of reaching consensus through discussion. I would like to work with and represent colleagues from across the university.

HLTH Larider Ruffin, Assistant Professor of Nursing
At-Large Senator
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I am asking for your vote to re-run for Senator-at-large. This position allows me the opportunity to offer a voice to the faculty senate as a nurse and a nurse practitioner.

Christine Tartaro, Professor of Criminal Justice

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I have been serving on the senate for a number of years. As a senior faculty member, I feel responsible for representing the faculty in a way that helps us maintain academic integrity and strong university standards.



ARHU Beverly Vaughn, Professor of Music
At-Large Senator
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BUSN Kerrin Wolf, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Public Law
At-Large Senator
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I want to serve as an At-large Senator because I served as a senator previously and really enjoyed it. Spending my time working with faculty colleagues from across the university on the important issues facing Stockton was very rewarding. I think I can bring a unique perspective to the work of the Faculty Senate and capably represent the faculty due to my background as a lawyer and social scientist, and prior service as a Senator and Senate Executive Committee member.

BUSN Yuli Zhang, Assistant Professor of Business Studies, Marketing
At-Large Senator
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I serve in the Senate because I want to be part of the solution to the challenges facing our faculty. I will take an active role in faculty governance and do my utmost to communicate the thoughts and concerns of my colleagues to the attention of the Senate and the administration.