



STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

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**STUDENT SENATE FULL MEETING
December 8th, 2020 (2020-2021)**

- Presiding: Anthony Agrifolio
- Members present: Austin Rajput
Yatora Edwards
Leah Starnes
Jessica Peoples
Liliana Morales
Joshua Hunte
Christopher Melillo
Sophia De'Senzo
Marc Buller
Irene Eigbe
Christopher Lipari Pazienza
Briana Bracey
O'Neil Bygrave
Florie Hulbert
Samuel Payamps
Delia Velazquez
Heather Cooper
Monica Rodriguez
Kenechukwu Akumuo
- Members late: Brandon Wildman
Jennifer Dorval
- Members Absent: Katherine Campion
Sophie Murray
Jaiden Chavis
Adriana Alfaro

Agenda/Business: Stockton Student Senate met on December 8th, 2020 to update the student body.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes for November approved 23-0-1.

President's Report

Due to President Champion's absence, Vice President Agrifolio reads her report aloud. Based on her report, President Champion would like to thank everyone for being present at the last full Senate meeting of the Fall semester. She points out that she encourages everyone to continue reaching out to herself or other senators in preparation of the upcoming Spring semester. She thanks those people who took the time to answer the HEDs Covid-19 survey that was sent out previously and that the results of this survey will be taken into consideration with the upcoming semester. She thanks everyone once again for being here and reminds everyone to speak up and speak out in regards to anything and to have a safe and relaxing winter break and holiday season.

Vice President Agrifolio completes the President's Report and moves onto his own.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Agrifolio greets everyone and thanks them for joining the last full meeting of the semester and of 2020. He has spoken to students since the last full meeting in regards to getting their views on what they feel the Spring semester should look like and as well, attended the presidential task forces on Campus Safety and will continue to do so in the upcoming semester. He reminds everyone to continue to wash up, back up, and mask up and wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday and new year.

With that Vice President Agrifolio yields the floor to Chairperson Rajput for the Academic Affairs report.

Academic Affairs

Vice President Agrifolio yields the floor to Chairperson Rajput.

Chairperson Rajput states that Academic Affairs met about making a crash course on Banner and Blackboard for the upcoming semester and plan to work on this project throughout the break so that it will be complete and implemented for the Spring semester. Chairperson Rajput yields the floor to Dr. Susan Davenport.

Dr. Davenport explains that she and Rajput met a while ago to discuss a future board decision that was to be discussed the next day. Dr. Davenport is the Interim-Provost here at Stockton and is also the Executive Vice President of the Chief of Staff. A few weeks

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prior, there was discussion amongst the administration about changing the Academic Calendar in attempts to create the safest environment for the students come Spring semester. Based on data that was collected, it was best to not have much back and forth action with the students going home and returning to campus and it was decided to minimize that in the best interest of the students. It is the board that has the ultimate governing decision about solving their situation. The board was set to make the vote for that change on December 9, 2020. Dr. Davenport encourages the Student Senate and all students to attend this board meeting and all future board meetings because she finds that it is an interesting way to figure out what's going on and hearing what students have to say. She opens the floor to members of the meeting to answer any questions or to give more information about why some of the other options don't work as well.

Senator Bracey asks the first question about the logistics and statistics for why cutting spring break is the best option, and she asks what specifically does that data show? Dr. Davenport answers and explains that it is not that they want to cut spring break, it is about not having all the students go home and then being able to bring us back to finish out the semester. It is understood that two-thirds of the students don't live on campus and some students leave campus to go to their jobs, but it has shown that when the students leave and go home that there is a spread when both returning to campus and bringing germs home to families. The hope is that extending winter break gives time to contain the spread and that it would be unfortunate to see the numbers rise more and not sacrifice a little bit to do the best in containing it. Senator Bracey chimes back that she believes it is a little contradictory to send everybody home before Thanksgiving, have everybody travel around during the holidays, and then to potentially bring them back in the spring when we return for school, only for the board to cut spring break for a reason that would keep people here now. Dr. Davenport responds saying that after Thanksgiving and Christmas, there will be more than enough time to quarantine for the 2 weeks necessary. It was felt that not having students on campus during the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, would give the students plenty of time to quarantine before returning back to the University. Senator Bracey then asks for Dr. Davenport's personal opinion on the idea of taking away spring break. Dr. Davenport approaches the problem thinking is there a way to not say no and still continue keeping students, faculty, and staff safe. She points out that this decision was not made lightly and that Stockton is not just following in the footsteps of other Universities, but greatly took different ideas into consideration before falling onto the idea that is partially implemented now. Dr. Davenport absolutely believes that the students deserve a break in the spring, but she also believes this is a better way for us to have a full semester and give the best educational experiences possible. In other words, she believes it is like trying to make the best decision of two bad choices.

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Senator Melillo asks a question about the timeline, and he asks why is it that they are not looking to end the semester earlier? In response to Melillo, Dr. Davenport answers that the idea to start the semester a week later than scheduled, gives the students more time to quarantine if needed over the holidays and more time for the cases to flatten on the curve. Senator Bracey raises her hand for another question and asks what efforts has the administration gone to in hearing students' ideas regarding such a significant decision, such as ultimately eliminating spring break? She knows that we receive the emails regarding how students are doing and certain surveys and such, but what has the administration done with doing a face to face Zoom conversation with students. Dr. Davenport responds to the difference in the questions and explains what the administration has done and that is that they reached out to groups of students on committees, senate that has met with her, and she has discussed it with all of these groups and these groups represent all the students here at Stockton. She notes that it is not always enough, and there is always more that can be done. But the ultimate idea was not something that was thought of the previous day, but weeks prior. Senator Bracey happens to bring up another question and asks if they have any statistics regarding students' mental health since Covid-19 has started? Dr. Davenport defers to Craig Stambaugh in regards to those statistics as she does not have those available to her. Stambaugh explains to Senator Bracey that he can get those statistics for her on students' mental health. Senator Bracey explains that she and President Campion have looked into information about this and the only statistic she has is that starting in March 2020, depression rates have skyrocketed by 300% based on something President Campion had sent her, not something she had found herself. Dr. Davenport asks if that statistic is nationwide or set to a region. Bracey personally states that she is burnt out and the semester is not over yet and thinks forward to the spring semester and how this is going to happen all over again, but instead there is not going to be a holiday break or anything in between and she finds that it is completely unfair to the student body. She states that mental health should be the first thought for the students right because their mental health is what's causing them to withdraw from classes to take a semester off to be putting a lot of things they should be thinking about more than school work, such as their health, their family's health, their loved ones. They should be thinking about that, not thinking about how they are gonna survive this semester with no break in between. She knows that Dr. Davenport knows that not all students are going to be travelling to Tampa or some location other than their own home during the spring break, but states that there are students who are going to take that week to breathe and relax. Dr. Davenport explains that she completely understands her thoughts and asks to not make it a binary decision about the board not caring for the mental health of students and the University not having a spring break. She says that they

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all should work together to figure out ways to help students with mental health issues and find additional things that we can all do. She explains how that is not the only thing that affects somebody's mental health, especially since we did have a holiday break during the semester, and how can we help students who are struggling with so many things, some of which others may not clearly understand or have lived through before. Dr. Davenport says that she would be happy to help in any way possible and help to take some initiatives. There may not be as long as a break as anticipated, but there will be an extended weekend break for President's Day. She does wish there was a way to make a decision that fits the needs of all students.

Senator Hunte asks if the board decision is to be made tomorrow? Dr. Davenport replies saying yes and then students will be communicated with on that following Thursday. Senator Hunte asks if it is possible for the board to send out an email to the students to let them know that this decision is in the works. Dr. Davenport believes that all board materials are posted a week in advance and therefore is not sure how Academic Affairs communicates information to students. She then asks what the goal is with sending an email about the decision between now and the next day when the meeting happens. Is there an outpour of voices that is supposed to be done in one day. Senator Hunte responds by saying how he believes that it is mostly rumors being heard from student to student due to the fact that nothing definitive was sent out to students in regards to making this possible decision. Dr. Davenport responds by saying that we are now hearing it from her so the email is not necessary and it is now confirmed that it is no longer a rumor. She also adds that Jeffrey Wakeman and Craig Stambaugh could relay the messages, as well as the student trustees, who are also Senators.

Senator Buller asks if there was a week or a few days that would be added on to the end of the winter break, due to us losing the spring break. Dr. Davenport, again, confirms that there will be an extended winter break, so rather than having the semester begin January 19th, it would now begin on January 25th and we would have the extended weekend leading to President's Day, and then last day of the semester will remain the same as well as the start date of Summer 1 classes. Senator Buller understands the need for eliminating spring break, as it does seem like the only best choice possible and thanks Dr. Davenport for being here to talk to us and answer all of our questions regarding the decision. Senator Peoples asks if there will be any other appointed mental health days off? She noticed how some other Universities had implemented some mental health days throughout their semesters. Dr. Davenport explains the challenge with implementing that. She explains that as a University we are required to have a certain amount of hours per semester in order for the students to receive full credits. Therefore, unfortunately there are no days that are able to be taken off without the school jeopardizing the school year to be

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credited. Dr. Davenport, however, is working with the faculty at Stockton to give their classes differences throughout the semester to make it easier for students. Majority of the classes happening in the spring semester are similar to those of the fall semester: 60% are fully online, 25% hybrid, and 10% face-to-face. Some faculty members could say that during some random week, rather than being face to face, they will be fully online for that said week. All in all, Dr. Davenport states that they cannot take any other days off or else it will not count as a full semester. Senator Peoples asks are there any ideas on how to reach out to students to let them know that they are being thought about and that there is thought that this a coming schedule shift? Dr. Davenport responds saying the coming email with the final decision will mostly contain the facts and all that is needed to know about the spring semester. She would, however, be very interested in partnering with Student Senate in figuring out some alternative scheduling. Dr. Davenport thanks Rajput and all of the Senate for having her come on to speak.

Chairperson Rajput yields the floor to Vice President Agrifolio.

Finance

Vice President Agrifolio yields the floor to Chairperson Bygrave.

Chairperson Bygrave opens up by explaining the supplemental request submitted by S.E.T., also known as Stockton Entertainment Team. Their request was for \$20,000. A representative from S.E.T joined the meeting to discuss the need for the request. The representative is Veronica Campbell, who is the President of the Stockton Entertainment Team.

Veronica thanks the Student Senate for having her on to discuss the reason for the supplemental request. She explains that they are asking for the supplemental for the upcoming Woodstockton Concert that is held in the Spring. The concert is going to be held virtually, due to Covid-19. She explains that with their current budget, they were able to secure the top artist based on the survey that went out in the Fall, however with the uniqueness of the year, they believe it would be a good opportunity to do something they have never been able to do before and may possibly never be able to do again. They are hoping to bring in an additional artist to the concert and it is going to be a Latin artist, as a type of representation they have never been able to do before. They do not have the revenue of last year's concert to rely on because the concert last year, unfortunately, had to be cancelled. Therefore, that is why S.E.T is requesting the supplemental. She ends with saying she can answer any questions anyone may have. Jeffrey Wakeman asks a question that had previously come up between him and Shedia, who is the advisor of

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S.E.T. He asks how is the virtual concert going to work, are there gonna be tickets involved, or is it gonna be free for students? President Campbell responds by saying that the concert is going to be free to students and that they cannot not charge for this concert, as it wouldn't be in the right mindset especially with everything going on this year and there will be a platform created specifically to use the concert on and it will be exclusively to Stockton students. Students will need to use their Stockton emails to access the concert platform and S.E.T is working with another company to still bring the most concert appealing experience as possible even with it being virtual. Vice President Agrifolio adds that he used to be in S.E.T and that they are one of the few clubs that are still putting on events, both virtual and in person, and are doing a lot more than what most clubs here are doing, which is sad that some clubs have decided to not do anything this year, S.E.T is doing as much as they can to continue pleasing the student body. He also mentions that they have one of the largest budgets besides their own and for the senators to note that if they are asking for money, they really do need it and they wouldn't ask unless they needed it. President Campbell thanks Vice President Agrifolio for his statement.

With no other questions asked, Chairperson Bygrave motions to pass the supplemental of \$20,000 for S.E.T. Senator Bracey seconds the motion.

Motion passes 24-0-1.

Chairperson Bygrave thanks the representative for S.E.T for coming and wishes her a good rest of the semester. President Campbell thanks the Student Senate for having her. Wakeman adds that there is still \$83,000 left in the supplemental account.

Chairperson Bygrave yields the floor to Vice President Agrifolio.

Governmental Affairs

Vice President Agrifolio yields the floor to Chairperson Eigbe.

Chairperson Eigbe starts off by congratulating everybody for making it through most of the fall semester and wants everyone to push through with finals week approaching. She looks forward to seeing the new committee, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, to grow now that it has been put into the constitution. To close out the fall semester, Governmental Affairs is hosting a virtual Politics at the Dinner Table on December 9th to talk about the results of the elections, as well as the decision for eliminating spring break. She states that the Zoom link can be found on Student Senate's OspreyHub page.

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Chairperson Eigbe yields the floor to Vice President Agrifolio.

Public Relations

Vice President Agrifolio yields the floor to Chairperson Payamps.

Chairperson Payamps starts off by saying that the PR Committee has been attending their Student Communication Meetings with University Relations & Marketing to provide them with student feedback. He also thanks everyone who participated in the Stockton TikTok Dance and that all those who participated would be hearing from a member of PR about information with receiving the Stockton blanket. Some holiday related Instagram campaigns are in the works and wants people to make sure they are on the lookout for them. He would also like to add for those who aren't following their Instagram account @OspreySenate to make sure to follow to stay up to date with all that is happening. Lastly, he states that himself and all of the PR Committee would like to wish everyone good luck as the end of the semester approaches and to finish strong.

Chairperson Payamps yields the floor to Vice President Agrifolio.

Student Affairs

Vice President yields the floor to Senator Hunte.

Senator Hunte would like to commend everyone for making it through the semester despite the many difficulties that have come into play. He reminds students that they can always reach out to student affairs with any concerns or needs. Student Affairs has been working with administration to safely, effectively, and smoothly transition into the spring semester. Student Affairs will also be working with Academic Affairs to better build relationships with all offices in order to address students' concerns. He adds that they will continue to work diligently and advocate for Diversity and Inclusion to create a safe space for all students. He ends with hoping everyone has a fun holiday season.

Senator Hunte yields the floor to Vice President Agrifolio.

Announcements/Comments from the Public:

Vice President Agrifolio opens the floor to Public Comments.

Senator Bracey talks about how she is still on the topic of the spring break debate, and she believes it shouldn't really be a debate. She feels that it was such a short notice to the

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student body. Even though there were rumors going around, she did confirm them the day before their decision and it gives Senate very little time to help the students cope with this before the decision is released. Senator Bracey states that she is genuinely angry about the option. Senator Hunte agrees in a way, and states how he believes that Dr. Davenport shut down what he was asking and he explained what it was he was attempting to ask. Chimes of agreement from other Senators, as well as Chairperson Eigbe. Senator Bracey, as well, states that she believes Dr. Davenport was being passive aggressive and she did not appreciate it. Senator Bracey believes that it should be the administration's responsibility to keep the students up to date and not rely too much on the Student Senate, as they are students too. Senator Bracey reads off an email she received in regards to faculty who have not been of help to her over her courses. Chairperson Bygrave also chimes in about some professors who have not been so great this semester due to it being online. Wakeman suggests moving a plan forward in regards to the issues that have been occurring during the semester, in hopes to better the upcoming semester. He wants to be sure that something is going to come out of this, something that can further be discussed.

Senator Bracey asks Wakeman, in his perspective, how much has the administration really listened to the students during all of this? Wakeman responds by saying that it is hard to say, due to the fact that he is not in a lot of those meetings that take place. Senator Bracey chimes back with asking why? Wakeman responds back explaining that he attends the Student Senate meetings. He also explains some other members of Senate who are a part of committees on campus, such as URC, that are to help with student concerns. URC stands for the University Restart Committee, and President Campion is on that committee, along with Wakeman and Stambaugh.

Senator Bracey explains that she has been keeping President Campion up to date with what has been going on during the meeting and says that no matter how they word it to the administration, even if they were to present them with an actual plan, she believes they are not going to listen to them at this point. She then talks about how mental health should be one of the most important things to consider when approaching a decision like this, but did not like how Dr. Davenport didn't have any information regarding mental health. Stambaugh responds to Senator Bracey and clarifies that they know much about mental health and read articles constantly about the national statistics. He did reach out to someone regarding what the statistics are on our campus so that some comparatives can be in the works. He added that these decisions are not made lightly, and even though many people are not fond of the decision, there are many things that come into play when thinking about this. Senator Peoples adds that she had spoken to the President of the

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Faculty Senate and advised students to reach out to administration about how they feel about this so that they may receive some student feedback.

Adjournment

Vice President Agrifolio stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

President's Report to the Stockton Community: January 26th, 2020

It is 4:30pm on January 26th of 2021 and I now call the meeting to order.

Before we get started we can begin attendance with our lovely Chief of Staffs.

Following attendance, I now motion to approve the minutes from December of 2020.

The motion passes with a vote of ___ to ___

Okay !! Now we can get down to it!

Hello Ospreys & WELCOME BACK!!!

Thank you for joining us here for our first full meeting of the semester and the new year of 2021, unfortunately it is virtual yet again! Aside from that minor inconvenience, I hope you all had a great and safe much needed winter break and more importantly I hope you all have a great and successful upcoming semester. This meeting is not only the first meeting for 2021 but it is the meeting where we get to share with you all that our new Diversity and Inclusion Committee has officially been formed and is now ready for business. We are really excited about this step forward and we hope that each and every one of you are just as excited too. This has been on the agenda for a couple of semesters now, even prior to my presidency so seeing it being officially embedded into our constitution and now actively a part of the Stockton Student Senate is really encouraging for what we have in store for the Senate's because as student leaders we must ensure that

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we support our entire community. Each member that sits on this committee was directly chosen from our preexisting committees. So one member Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Public Relations, Governmental Affairs, and Finance. This was strategically planned so that the newly formed Diversity and Inclusion committee not only stands as a committee of its own but also ensures that the Senate as a whole is actively working towards this goal as well. Now let's get down to the introductions!!

Josh Hunte will be our Chairperson, and Sophia DeSenzo, Leah Starnes, Monica Rodriguez, and Christopher Paz will be our serving senators.

In addition to getting this committee up and going we also held our training this past Saturday and feel that what we've covered during that session will aid us in our future endeavors as your student leaders, so please let's get this semester started and the change ignited. Always always feel free to come and express your questions, comments, and concerns as early as possible!!

& last but not least....

Fortunately for us, this wasn't our only addition either... Following the resignation of a fellow senator the Constitution states that the President and Vice President of the Senate can nominate a student for the newly open seat in the Senate. & I have nominated Ben Dziobek (joebeck). Ben has provided the Senate with a statement, resume, and two letters of recommendation following his nomination so after reviewing the following documentation the Student Senate as a whole will now vote upon his position.

I would now like to motion to confirm Ben Dziobek's position as a Senator.

Anthony do I have a second?

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Anthony seconded.

Any need for discussion?

The motion of Ben Dziobek's entry onto the Senate as a fellow Senator was passed by ___ to ___

In addition to getting this committee up and going and extending our Senate, we also held our training this past Saturday and feel that what we've covered during that session will aid us in our future endeavors as your student leaders, so please let's get this semester started and the change ignited. Always always feel free to come and express your questions, comments, and concerns as early as possible!!

I would now like to yield the floor to our Vice President, Anthony.

-Katherine Champion
President of Stockton University Student Senate

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**Vice President's Report to the Stockton Community:
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Hello everyone! Welcome back and happy new year.

As you can see we are going to continue virtual meetings for the rest of the semester. I would like to welcome the new committee to Senate, Diversity & Inclusion. Senate will be continuing its virtual and in-person office hours. The link for meeting virtual is on the Student Senate website on the Stockton website and our office is Campus Center Suite 212. Please feel free to talk to us whenever. Remember that we are here for you.

And with that, I hope everyone has a great spring semester.

- ***Anthony Agrifolio***
Vice President of Stockton University Student Senate

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Committee Reports

Date: January 26th, 2020

Committee: **Finance Committee**

Presiding: O'Neil Bygrave

Members Present: Florie Hulbert

Delia Velazquez

Jaden Chavis

Chris Lipari-Pazienza

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

- 1/11: Disc Golf Club submitted a \$4,000 funding request for their Disc Golf Course.
- 1/18: Osprey Chess Club and Dance Team submitted requests for \$186 and \$300.
- 1/21: Stockton Entertainment Team submitted a purchase request for \$1,350, it's for the Virtual Be Mine Bingo event.

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Committee: **Academic Affairs**

Presiding: Austin Rajput

Members Present: Yatora Edwards

Jessica Peoples

Leah Starnes

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

- Welcome back to campus everyone, Academic affairs is just ready to kill this semester by continuing projects we put on hold over the break. And we look forward to working with all of you and our newly created diversity committee!

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Committee: **Governmental Affairs**

Presiding: Irene Eigbe

Members Present: Adriana Alfaro
Brianna Bracey
KC Akumuo
Monica Rodriguez

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

Hello everyone. So glad to see you all again. During the break, Governmental Affairs has been thinking of ways we can try to include the community more in our programming as well as incorporating them into history months. Look forward to some informative events this semester!

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Committee: **Public Relations**

Presiding: Samuel Payamps

Members Present: Marc Buller

Sophia DeSenzo

Brandon Wildman

Heather Cooper

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

- The Public Relations Committee would like to welcome back all students for the Spring 2021 semester and wish you the best of luck with your new classes.
- Our committee will be working to provide you with senate updates and some fun campaigns throughout the semester.
- Please be on the lookout for any Senate updates on your email and our Instagram page @OspreySenate.

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Committee: **Student Affairs**

Presiding: Sophie Murray

Members Present: Joshua Hunte

Lilliana Morales

Christopher Melillo

Jennifer Dorval

Members Absent: none

Members Late: none

Agenda:

Student Affairs Committee has no updates since we last met in 2020. We are hoping you all had a safe, happy, and healthy winter break, and we look forward to kicking off the new semester with you!

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Committee: **Diversity & Inclusion**

Presiding: Joshua Hunte

Agenda:

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing rest from the semester and I welcome you all back! This is the first full meeting we have had with the official diversity and inclusion committee and we as committee members and senators could not be more thrilled. We understand that there is an abundance of differences each of us hold, but seeking inclusion of these differences unites us as one. Student Senate's commitment to this goal is unwavering and at the core of all we do. We will strive to maintain and create an environment where all students are welcomed and supported; holding all accountable understanding that words and actions matter. Our first project is continuing the planning of the Multicultural Center. We have a meeting with the planning committee this Wednesday to pick up where we left off last semester. Other than that, we look forward to working toward this united goal. We wish everyone a great and safe semester.

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Summary

I am capable of organizing people and activities efficiently and paired with my outgoing character, I garner the trust and respect of those I work with. These strengths come from learning all I can from the people around me and the resources I have available, fully committing myself to my causes, and I look to apply this philosophy every day in my work.

Education

Stockton University - *Double Major: Environmental Studies (BA), Political Science (BA)* - Expected May 2022

Relevant Experience

Stockton University Environmental Club - *Founder and President* - September 2018 to Present

- Worked to grow the club from just me to one of the most influential organization's on campus
- Engaged in service-based projects that focus on bringing Stockton and the community to a greener future
- Composting, Controlled Burns, **Plastic Policy Proposal**, Cleanups, Good for Your Sole, Plant-Based Society Absorption, Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge Adoption, Stockton Trading Post, **Tree-Plenish Carbon Offsetting**

Stockton Biodiversity Committee - *Student Body Member* - January 2020 to Present

- Facilitate communication between students, professors, facilities, and plant management
- Attend monthly meetings to present and discuss environmental concerns that affect the campus

Friends of Forsythe Student Liaison to the Board of Directors - *January 2020 to Present*

- Assess and vote on a variety of issues that affect Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
- Assist in managing a successful nonprofit

Pamela Thomas Fields for Mayor of Atlantic City - *Co-Press Secretary* - May 2020 to July 2020

- Advanced and maintained social media presence (Twitter, Facebook & Instagram)
- Developed and maintained website
- Wrote platform for the future of Atlantic City called "Healthy, Wealthy, Wise"

Legislative District 11 Internship - *Intern* - January 2021 to Present

- Maintain the districts constituent services through email and phone calls
- Help Senator and Assessblymembers with everyday legislative tasks

Various Environmental and Social Justice Reform - *Activist* - February 2018 to Present

- Organized Wall High School Walkout and Vigil in response to the Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting
- Developed Plastic Policy Proposal presented to Stockton Student Senate and organized related protest
- Organized and spoke at "We Can't Breathe" Black Lives Matter Protest in Wall, NJ
- Organized and spoke at International Youth Day Protest by Young Activists of Atlantic County
- Organized and spoke at Stockton Say Their Names
- Organized and moderated Students For International Divestment Day

Work Experience

Stockton Resident Assistant - *Residential Life* - January 2020 to December 2020

- Ensured safety and created a community by conducting health and safety checks and running programs
- Responsible for Live Lavender / LGBTQIA+ housing

Brielle Cyclery - *Manager* - 2015-2019

- Sold over \$500,000 in two years, built, repaired, and ordered bikes signal-handedly

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Katharine Champion
President, Stockton Student Senate
Stockton University

Dear Ms. Champion:

I am writing to recommend Benjamin Dziobek as a Stockton student senator. I have known Ben since the fall semester of 2019 when he was a student in my Environmental Science Seminar and Physical Geography Lab classes. I also serve as his preceptor and as co-advisor to the Environmental Club, which Ben founded and is the president of. In all my interactions with Ben, I have observed that he is passionate about his studies, about other social issues, and about Stockton. I can think of no better student to serve on the Student Senate.

As a student, I have found that Ben is intellectually curious, a hard worker, and a driven student. He brings levity and energy to classes that he is in, but knows when to buckle down and work. He is inquisitive and eager to learn, not only from me as a professor but also from his peers. Ben's academic performance has been excellent in my courses, and good overall during his time at Stockton. I look forward to seeing him in my classes in upcoming semesters.

In addition to his work in the classroom, Ben founded the Environmental Club at Stockton and serves as its president. He is a member of the Biodiversity Committee and is likely in a number of other clubs and groups of which I am not aware. His leadership has enabled the Environmental Club to start off better than any of us thought it could, with more members at meetings and clean ups than the other clubs related to environmental science on campus I am aware of. Since COVID, he has worked to keep the club contributing to the Stockton and surrounding communities.

Ben would make an excellent Senator and I recommend him whole-heartedly. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone (859-967-8562) or email (emma.witt@stockton.edu).

Sincerely,

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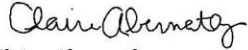
Emma Witt

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies

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If I can provide any more information about Ben and his qualifications, I'm happy to do so. Ben is an exceptional student, and, in my view, a very worthy nominee for this Student Senate position. Thank you for your time.

Best,



Claire Abernathy
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Stockton University
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I am humbled and honored to receive the consideration of an appointment to the Stockton Student Senate. This is not something I take lightly especially with all the work that I have done with the Senate and have seen them do during this period of the pandemic. I have enjoyed being a loud voice on campus for whoever needs it. I try to be Stockton's human microphone for students who wish to have their issues get more attention. I believe in the role of a Senator I can do that even better and not only that but, to be there with them to help fix the problem. My goal while being at Stockton has been to help people, from starting the Environmental Club to create opportunities for service, to being a member of the biodiversity committee, to working in residential life. I hope this to be a stepping stone for more.