

# **Profiles of Candidates for Committee of Chairs positions**

**Election: May 19–23, 2025**

## **Candidate Fact Sheet – Christine Tartaro**

**Name and Title:** Christine Tartaro, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice

**School:** SOBL

**Position sought:** Chair of the Committee of Chairs

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 24

**Why do you want to serve in this role? What would you bring to this position?**

I spent last year as the CTLD Faculty Leadership Fellow where the chairs met to discuss proposing such a committee. I've also served as a chair for the Master's in Criminal Justice Program for 17 years and have served on the Faculty Senate for a little over a decade. Recently, I co-chaired the Faculty Evaluation of Deans Committee to draft questions that the university will use in the evaluation of deans next year. I want to help the chairs be able to do their jobs the most effectively and will always advocate for my colleagues.

## **Candidate Fact Sheet – Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen**

**Name and Title:** Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen, Professor of Social Work

**School:** SOBL

**Position sought:** Graduate Program Chair Representative to the Committee of Chairs

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 12

**Why do you want to serve in this role? What would you bring to this position?**

I have about 10 years experience serving on the Senate, including a term on the Executive Committee, serving as Chair of Admin & Finance for several years (Vice Chair too), Vice Chair of Academic Policies and Procedures, and served on a number of Senate task forces. I am the Chair of the MSW program, one of the larger graduate programs at Stockton, based in Atlantic City. I have represented the graduate voice in all of my work, school and university level. I believe that with my experience I can bring a helpful perspective to the needs of graduate programs at Stockton.

## **Candidate Fact Sheet – Mary Kientz**

**Name and Title:** Mary Kientz, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

**School:** HLTH

**Position sought:** Graduate Program Chair Representative to the Committee of Chairs

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 17

**Why do you want to serve in this role? What would you bring to this position?**

I would like to help facilitate more open lines of direct communication between academic affairs and faculty chairs. I have been the program chair of the MSOT program since 2019 and I am fully aware of the responsibilities associated with the chair position, especially in programs that need to meet external accreditation standards.

## **Candidate Fact Sheet – Judith Vogel**

**Name and Title:** Judith Vogel, Professor of Mathematics

**School:** NAMS

**Position sought:** Interdisciplinary Minor Coordinator Representative to the Committee of Chairs

**Number of Years at Stockton:** 25

**Why do you want to serve in this role? What would you bring to this position?**

I am an active member of three interdisciplinary minors, and I have served as the coordinator for the Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor for over a decade. I am committed to interdisciplinary learning, scholarship, and service, and I believe that I will be a strong representative for the interdisciplinary minors on this committee. I am always willing and eager to be "part of the conversation," and this committee will provide opportunity for both vertical communication within the university system and the increased opportunity for lateral communication with other chairs and coordinators.