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Faculty Senate Task Force on Stockton: The Next 50 Years and Beyond

Stockton University has been at the forefront of life-long learning, adaptability, and social justice in an interdependent world. Following Faculty Assembly resolution in June 2020, Stockton Board of Trustees (BOT) passed a resolution titled "Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice at Stockton," requesting the University President to "consider establishing a committee to determine whether a location-based name of the University, consistent with our founders' original intentions should be pursued."

Celebrating Stockton's rich history of last fifty years, our growing presence in Atlantic City as an anchor institution, and in pursuit of Stockton's strategic plan 2025 that emphasizes the diversity and inclusion as one of the key areas of focus, Faculty Senate is formulating a task force to conduct self-study, lead a faculty discussion and exploration of the institution's name change as a strategic institutional endeavor envisioning the next fifty years and beyond. This task force will facilitate discussions among as many constituent groups as possible and inform itself through research.

The Task Force shall consider potential gains and losses associated with this change including, but not limited to: financial sustainability, faculty and student recruitment and retention, perceived valuation of Stockton degrees, student and alumni relations. Further review of this task force may constitute the following:

1. Conduct institutional-wide survey to determine whether Stockton should consider a name change with the following groups:
    a. Faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni.
2. Conduct focus groups to explore social-cultural implications from diverse constituent stakeholders.
3. Examine financial implications of name-change transition (e.g., impact on donor base), community perceptions and overall community support.
4. Conduct comprehensive financial analysis of the name change exercise (signage, web development, online presence, stationary etc.).

Present detailed report including items (i – iv) to the Faculty Senate upon completion or latest by April 30, 2023, which will subsequently be shared with the entire Stockton community.

Task Force Membership

S. No.	Name	School/Program	Role	Interest
1	Suya Yin	ARHU	Faculty	Co-Chair
2	Thierry Saintine	GENS	Faculty	Co-Chair
3	Christian Ehiobuche	Business	Faculty	
4	Dan Tulino	EDUC	Faculty	
5	Duo (Helen) Wei	Business	Faculty	
6	Francisco Javier Sánchez	Languages and Culture Studies Program	Faculty	

7	Jongbok Yi	Philosophy	Faculty	
8	Joseph J. Trout	NAMS	Faculty	
9	Kerrin Wolf	Business	Faculty	
10	Kory Olson	Languages and Culture Studies	Faculty	
11	Mariana Smith	ARHU	Faculty	
12	Mary L. Padden-Denmead	HLTH	Faculty	
13	Manish Madan	SOBL	Faculty	
14	Naveen Jain	Business	Faculty	
15	Naz Onel	Business	Faculty	
16	Regina Green	HLTH	Faculty	
17	Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen	SOBL	Faculty	
18	Sarah Gray	Chemistry	Faculty	
19	Sharon Musher.	History	Faculty	
20	Carmine Taglialatella	Business	Adjunct Faculty	
21	Steve Nagiewicz	NAMS	Adjunct Faculty	
22	Robert Gregg	GENS	Dean	
23	Chrissy Easton	Case Management Specialist	Staff	
24	Diane L. Garrison	Executive Director of Budget, Fiscal Planning & Campus Services	Staff	
25	Flora Ruli	Student Success Coach, Educational Opportunity Fund—Atlantic City	Staff	
26	Heather Perez	Library	Staff	
27	Lisa Warnock	Coordinator of Event Services	Staff	
28	Mariah Duffey	Office of Continuing Studies	Staff	
29	Brianna Bracey	SOBL	Student	
30	Vineyard Ekwe	SOBL	Student	