



monday, april 8
through
wednesday, april 10

2019 ASUC ELECTIONS

asuc.org/elections

HOW TO VOTE

VOTING ONLINE

- (1) Go to asuc.org/elections and click on the “Vote” button
- (2) Log on using your CalNet ID and password
- (3) Submit your vote!

You must submit your online vote by 11:59 PST on April 10th

VOTING IN PERSON

- (1) Go to the ASUC Office in 412 Eshleman or to our polling station on the first floor of MLK
- (2) Present your Cal1 Card **OR** a Photo ID and a University document which shows your Student ID Number
- (3) Submit your vote!

Polling Station Hours: 9am-4pm

VOTER'S RIGHTS

Voters - it's time to elect who will represent you in the ASUC, UC Berkeley's student government. The ASUC Elections Council is tasked to ensure a fair election.

Here are some rules to be aware of:

- (1) Candidates cannot campaign in Units 1, 2, 3, Foothill, Bowles, Stern, Clark Kerr Campus, Maximino Martinez Commons and any other dormitory or residence hall owned by the University. *
- (2) Candidates cannot campaign in Crossroads, Cafe 3, Foothill, Clark Kerr or any other Dining Common.
- (3) You and/or your group have the right to object to a candidate claiming your or your group's endorsement
- (4) You have the right to classrooms, libraries, and any University building that are free from campaign material. **
- (5) You have the right to travel through campus unimpeded. Candidates may not persistently block any entrance or tight space on campus.
- (6) You have the right against candidates spamming you with listserve email. ***

If you have encountered any violations of these rules, please document the evidence and contact Shirin Moti at electionsprosecutor@asuc.org.

For updates on elections visit asuc.org/elections or like the ASUC elections page at www.facebook.com/asucelections

*This right does not limit posting on campus public access bulletin boards and kiosks, or in areas in which the proper permission has been obtained such as Residence Hall room doors and windows with the resident's permission.

**This right does not limit posting of campaign material on public access bulletin boards and kiosks within university buildings.

***Provided the email does not fall under the following conditions:

- a. The candidate has a pre-existing relationship with the recipient(s);
- b. The candidate has permission from the leadership of the organization;
- c. The candidate is a member of the organization.

PROPOSITIONS

vote *YES*, *NO*, or *ABSTAIN*

Student Basic Needs Fee

The Student Basic Needs Fee will be a new mandatory fee of \$15.00 per semester, \$10.00 per summer. The fee (1) will be assessed starting in fall 2019 to undergraduate and graduate students, including summer; (2) will be subject to annual inflation adjustments starting in fall 2020; (3) will terminate at the end of summer 2029; (4) will have thirty-three percent of revenue allocated for return-to-aid per campus policy; and (5) will provide equitable basic needs services to students experiencing economic, food, and housing insecurity (displacement or homelessness). The fee will expand food assistance support to at-need students not eligible for CalFresh, increase CalFresh enrollment, and provide support for students experiencing homelessness, chronic housing insecurity, or displacement. Do you approve this fee?

The Arts, Music, and Programming (AMP) Initiative

The AMP Initiative is a student-led referendum created to finance ASUC SUPERB, UC Berkeley's programming, entertainment, and recreation board. This organization strives to provide undergraduate students with opportunities to engage in a positive academic and social-life balance through entertainment, including (but not limited to) concerts, guest speakers, movie screenings, and comedy events. The AMP Initiative seeks to enhance both the student life and culture of UC Berkeley by maximizing SUPERB's capacity to provide the broader campus community with entertainment and exposure to the arts. Beginning in 2019-2020 school year with a sunset date in the 2028-2029 school year, should the Student Activity Fee be increased by \$6.00 per semester, with \$4.00 going directly to ASUC SUPERB and \$2.00 to financial aid?

Transfer Remedy Act — Necessary Standards for Equitable Representation (T.R.A.N.S.F.E.R.)

The ASUC senate and executive bodies are consistently composed of zero or one elected students who entered UC Berkeley as transfer students, despite this demographic making up nearly 30 percent of the incoming class. This act would create a 'Transfer Representative' vested with senatorial voting powers and fiduciary responsibility. This would ensure that the transfer student narrative is sufficiently present within student government. Do you approve of this act to amend the ASUC constitution?

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RANKED VOTING

The ASUC uses ranked choice voting to choose its elected officials. Voters can rank candidates in order of preference on the ballot. To count the votes, we use the [Instant-Runoff Voting \(IRV\) method](#) for executive officer elections and the [Single Transferable Vote \(STV\) method](#) for the senate elections.

INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING (IVR)

Under the IRV method if no candidate receives a majority, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. That candidate's votes are transferred to their next ballot preference. This method simulates an election with multiple run off rounds. With the IRV method, voters don't have to worry about "wasting" their votes on less popular candidates and every winner is elected by a majority vote.

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTING (STV)

STV applies a similar method to a multi-seat race. It guarantees proportional representation, meaning that for example if a group of candidates receives 30% of the vote they will receive about 30% of the seats. STV allows candidates to represent any communities they want, instead of having to stick to traditional districts like housing or colleges, thus guaranteeing an election result representative of the student body's diversity.

LEARN MORE

Instant Runoff Voting: bit.ly/instantrunoff
Single Transferable Voting: bit.ly/singletransfer

WELLNESS PACT

The Voluntary Wellness Honor Pact is an entirely unenforceable and honorary pact that candidates and parties have signed onto for the 2019 ASUC Election. The Pact is meant to encourage candidates and those campaigning to prioritize their mental health and well-being during the strenuous campaigning season. It sets forth guidelines that have been decided upon by the Elections Council, party signatories, and the sitting senators. No guidelines will be enforced, and no one will be punished for breaking the Pact; it is entirely a personal commitment that candidates and party signatories have made to their mental health. We aim to promote a healthier and happier experience for everyone during elections!

Wellness Pact Guidelines

- (1) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals will limit hard campaigning to the week following spring break and the week of the election (i.e. Sprouling, posting on social media, flyering, any type of campaigning prior to the week of voting)
- (2) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals will suspend/take a break from campaigning during the hours of 1pm to 6pm on the Wednesday of the first week of hard campaigning.
- (3) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals will take a one hour lunch break off of Upper Sproul each day during the weeks of hard campaigning.
- (4) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals will not use chalking as a mode of campaigning on any public areas in the U.C. Berkeley campus or the City of Berkeley.
- (5) Each candidate will be asked to meet with their academic counselor, including EOP counseling if applicable, once before the Point of No Return (defined as a separate meeting after the Mandatory Elections Meeting on March 23rd) to discuss ways to ensure the candidate's academic success during the campaigning season.
- (6) Each candidate will be asked to attend 1-2 counseling sessions at the TANG center during the months of March and April to assess their mental health and well-being and discuss ways to ensure their positive mental health and well-being during the election season.
 - a. If candidates have used up their five free counseling sessions at the TANG center, we still recommend attending 1-2 counseling sessions during March and April; however, we are understanding of the potential financial limitations this may pose to some students. Other options for low-cost counseling services include the Pacific Center, the Berkeley Free Clinic, and more. For more information on low-cost counseling alternatives, we recommend reaching out to the TANG center.
- (7) Each candidate shall set aside at least 10 minutes a day to practice self-care.
- (8) Each candidate shall spend within their limits and avoid putting themselves at any financial risk.
- (9) Candidates, parties and affiliated individuals shall not forsake academic responsibilities for campaigning activities.
- (10) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals will take a one hour break each day from posting on social media during the weeks of hard campaigning.

Learn More: <https://bit.ly/2pRgTk8>



This heart indicates that a candidate or party has signed the Voluntary Wellness Pact

PARTY STATEMENTS



Student Action

Student Action seeks to responsibly serve the campus community as a whole. We are committed to governing with tangible and action-oriented measures. Additionally, we are driven to preserve student ownership of the ASUC in order to protect its autonomy and continuation. We strive to represent and fight for every community and issue on campus — no matter how small. Those interested in learning more about our current officials, upcoming slate, and widespread accomplishments can visit us at www.studentaction.org.



Students First

Students First was formed to service the silent majority of students ignored by the two mainstream ASUC parties. The party pledges to put people over politics by pushing common-sense solutions to the issues students care most about. Students First is pro-safety, pro-free speech, pro-transparency, pro-Greek, pro-Israel, and anti-corruption.



CalSERVE

Founded in 1984 around the successful movement to divest UC funds from South African apartheid, CalSERVE is a coalition of progressive students and student organizations that continuously create change on campus and in the world.

CalSERVE's accomplishments include passing Berkeley's \$15 minimum wage, creating the AAVP's textbook scholarships, exposing the University's failure to enforce Title IX and creating the Cal Consent campaign, successfully pressuring the university to build 1000's of new beds, and lowering healthcare costs for low-income students.

This year alone, we've stopped a tuition hike on non-resident students, registered more than 2,000 students to vote, initiated reform for the advocacy agenda, established an accountability audit of the ASUC Senate, elevated conversations about police reform, programmed around sexual violence/sexual harassment support, & collaborated to suspend Emergency Loan fees and improve the quality of experiences with the Office of Financial Aid.

For CalSERVE, the ASUC is a platform, not a destination. We use it as a tool to address community needs, so we choose our candidates carefully. In selecting our slates, our coalition centers people who have proven their commitment to service. We prioritize candidates' experience in organizing, prior leadership in and outside of the ASUC, personal values, and potential to be the best advocates for our communities.

Our slate is running on a collective platform to create a better Berkeley, a Berkeley that serves and is in solidarity with its students. And, a better ASUC too -- because we know that together, we rise. Learn more at calserve.org.



DAAP

These ASUC elections find America at a crossroads. Trump has floundered in a dangerous yet clumsy and weak attempt to deliver the attacks against immigrants that his racist base ravenously hungers for. Our campus can be critical to revitalizing the Resistance that alone can force him out and fight for the full and equal rights of all immigrants. DAAP, now The Defend Affirmative Action Party/Fighting for Immigrant Rights and Equality DAAP/FIRE, is running to set the agenda for the ASUC and to harness the resources and authority of the body to build the Resistance. We are not afraid of the confrontation that comes when you take a stand and we embrace the struggle.

DAAP/FIRE, is twenty years old, and has held office numerous times in its history. DAAP/FIRE candidates throughout the years have played leading roles in struggles in defense of affirmative action, the fight for the full and equal rights of immigrants, and the defense of public education from k-12 to colleges and universities. We have successfully built student struggle against rape and sexual assault at UCB. DAAP/FIRE activists have led fights to double underrepresented minority student enrollment at UCB, and fought to keep the alt-right off our campus and out of the surrounding community.

These times demand courage. Any ASUC candidate or elected official who cannot, in words or actions, take a stand for the full citizenship rights of immigrants and call for the resignation or removal of Donald Trump shouldn't hold office. Vote DAAP/FIRE, fight to win!

Connect Engineering

Connect Engineering supports independent candidates striving to better support student organizations and the Cal engineering + STEM community as a whole. We aim to: 1) Expand resources for existing student engineering projects and initiatives. 2) Increase representation for engineering and STEM in the ASUC government. 3) Increase access to hands-on experiences and professional development skills for all students at Cal.

Party Names for Identification Purposes Only. Parties may be freely formed by any students. Party names do not imply any affiliation to or endorsement by any person, organization, living group, or academic department unless otherwise noted.

CANDIDATES

Any comments expressed by candidates are not shared by the university or by the ASUC. Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot.

PRESIDENT

The President of the ASUC serves as the chief representative of the Association and is charged with the duty of monitoring the health and well-being of the Association and the student body that it represents. The President has the power of veto over legislative actions of the ASUC Senate (which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate) and may direct by

Executive Order the taking of actions that are urgent and necessary to maintain the function of the ASUC until the Senate can again meet.

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Wyatt Allan Colby

Independent | Activism App Founder, Poet and Friend

We stand at a point in our history where President Trump is blatantly attempting to overthrow the United States Government. My only hope is that years from now, each and every one of you can tell tales to your children how you joined me and stood strong. That no amount of oppression could conquer God's ordained force of unified love. If I fall within my attempts, know that it was those who stand behind me that wield the true power. If I fall within my attempts, know that I am not the Savior of this country: You are. I could care less about the election, the position, the figurative title, or the miniscule power. I do not care if I win, rather my goal is to use this experience. I not only invite, but plead to the UC Berkeley public that everyone who both agrees or disagrees with me to vote for my opponents. This election is not about winning, but showing that in the face of our country's greatest division that unity shall remain.



Teddy Lake ❤️

CalSERVE | ASUC Senator

The presidency is bigger than any one person— it's an opportunity to uplift communities in the margins, to prioritize voices that aren't heard in governance or advocacy. As President, I will continue to use my platform and privilege to center others over myself, while also challenging this University to become the best that it can be. My platforms are informed by three questions I ask myself every day.

How can we make the ASUC into an institution that works for everyone?
How can we energize the campus behind a shared sense of community?
What does it mean to truly be the #1 public University?

To reform the ASUC, I plan to take up a series of initiatives that will, ultimately, increase the ASUC's transparency to the campus community, broaden accessibility to the ASUC for all students (especially those historically excluded from the institution), and reimagine the ASUC's potential to positively impact student life and beyond. With respect to campus climate, I will use the Presidency to develop impactful programming that connects the campus community and intentionally uplifts diverse narratives, amplify student priorities through strategic advocacy, and hold the University accountable for its promises to center those in the margins. Finally, I plan to push Berkeley to care more deeply for its students, by streamlining access to basic needs for food insecure and unhoused students, implementing alternative safety tactics to reduce militarized police presence, and establish an all-encompassing understanding of wellness on campus.

I'm ready. Are you?



Stephanie Gutierrez ❤️

DAAP/FIRE

The ASUC should be leading demonstrations to force Donald Trump to resign or be removed. Instead of putting faith in the Democrats, the people, especially students, must unify to stop the acceleration of hate and violence that litters our campus and country. We CAN win. I saw the movement's power upon arrival to UCB. Thousands of us shut down the alt-right, first at MLK Park, then when we ran out Milo Yiannopoulos. As a Latina feminist of immigrant parents, I'm representing DAAP/FIRE and the resistance. UCB must provide safe spaces, like Eshleman Hall, for immigrants fleeing ICE. We can end Trump's attacks on immigrants by fighting for open borders, the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers, and the overturning of Supreme Court draconian anti-immigrant attacks, especially in recent Neilson and Jennings decisions. DAAP/FIRE will mobilize students to demand doubled underrepresented minority enrollment, eventually restoring affirmative action. We will mobilize to restore the CA Master Plan and to demand more of California's \$21 billion budget surplus go toward lowering tuition and increasing financial aid. We must hold perpetrators of sexual assault, like Brett Kavanaugh, accountable when our institutions won't by defending title 9 and affirmative consent protections, as well as supporting survivors when they publicly name rapists to force them out of anonymity and off campus - protecting other women and discouraging other potential rapists. Berkeley is famous for its political movements, the world is waiting for our leadership. With clear demands supported by fervent mobilized students, we will win!



Amma Sarkodee-Adoo ❤️

Student Action | Senator

I know how difficult it is to exist on this campus, and I've seen firsthand the struggle that students face every day. I'm running to be your president, but I'm also running for more than that — I'm running to lead the Office of the President, and to fill it with those who need their voices uplifted. This office is not just about my interests or ideas; it's about transformative action on behalf of the students it represents — no grievance too small, and no goal too big. I'm here to fight for every student on campus and for every issue that you care about. As president, I'll ensure adequate student representation on time-sensitive initiatives, engage students with local policy, and require transparency from administration on the uses of student fees. My office will focus on safety, accountability and resources from administration for students. We'll fight to expand student housing (including transfer-specific, EOP-supporting, and ADA accessible) and tenant rights, and advocate for long term funding for basic needs resources. We'll expand the presence of diverse faculty, hold the campus accountable to the enrollment goals outlined in the Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative, and increasing the funding for multicultural programming.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The ASUC Executive Vice President is the chief internal and operations officer of the ASUC. In addition to chairing and organizing the Senate, the EVP manages student activity spaces, works with student organizations to increase services for the student body, and oversees ASUC commercial activities including the Cal Student Store, Lower Sproul Vendors, and Event Services in collaboration with the ASUC Student Union.



Andy Theocharous ❤️

Student Action | ASUC Senator

Throughout my time as Senator, I have strived to work hard to pursue tangible change for our university and to prove to my fellow student body that our institution matters and that it can help. This year, I worked to eliminate a student fee, advocated successfully for hundreds of thousands of dollars in international student scholarships and expanded the resources of our scholarship office by gaining funding to place two student employees to assist with outreach. As your next EVP, I will aim to do much more. I will work with the university to place internship coordinator, more Letters & Science career counsellors and institutionalize funding for summer internships for low-income students. In addition, I will also aim to reform key platforms that our student organizations use for their daily operations. One will be 25Live to ensure that organizations have easier access when reserving classroom space. I will also aim to establish a much closer relationship with the administration when it comes to allocating funding. This will be done by establishing two committees, one that will be in contact with central funding and the other that will work directly with the University Development and Alumni Relations department to ensure that donors' funds are going where students think is needed most. My vision for the office ensures tangible change for serving our student organizations, but also one that proactively seeks change within our university. Therefore, I believe that my passion for policy change will be met with tangible work.



Maureen Simmons ❤️

CalSERVE | ASUC Commission Chair

Maureen is passionate about equality and inclusion which is shown in both her professional experience and work as an activist and organizer. Maureen currently serves in the ASUC as a Commission Chair overseeing UCPD and was the Director of Police Reform in the Office of Senator Amir Wright. Maureen became the Director of Police Reform during her first semester on campus. Her introduction into activism came while living in Chicago following the release of dash cam video of Chicago PD shooting unarmed teen, LaQuan McDonald. As the Director of Police Reform, she organized a Town Hall that focused on police and criminal justice reform. The Town Hall was a collective of students and Alameda County's Public Defender, Superior Court Judge, Assistant District Attorney, UCPD, and #cut50; the bipartisan organization responsible for writing the First Step Act — which was signed into law by the President in December of 2018. Maureen has conducted lobby visits to the State Capitol in Sacramento where she advocated for student housing rights, criminal justice reform, and tuition. Maureen currently serves as the Campus Advisor for the NAACP's UC Berkeley chapter which engages students in projects centered on equality, activism, social justice, and inclusion. As your EVP, Maureen will leverage her experience as a savvy business person and licensed Realtor to allocate spaces in the MLK Student Union and Lower Sproul Plaza. She will use her twenty years of experience as an executive-level human resources manager to improve the campus culture and fight for students' rights.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

The EAVP represents the ASUC on issues external to the campus and the association - working with Berkeley city government, lobbying state officials, and sitting on the University of California Students Association Board of Directors.



Varsha Sarveshwar ❤️

CalSERVE | EAVP State Affairs Director

Varsha is a dedicated activist, organizer, lobbyist, and advocate — and she's running to be your next External Affairs Vice President. Last year, as an organizer in the Office of ASUC External Affairs Vice President Rigel Robinson*, Varsha organized the protest that ousted former Regent Norman Pattiz, helped stop a tuition hike on in-state students, and won hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding from the state Capitol — leading to the first tuition decrease in two decades. She went on to manage Robinson's successful campaign for City Council, and briefly worked as a legislative assistant in City Hall. Today, she serves as the State Affairs Director in the Office of ASUC External Affairs Vice President Nuha Khalfay*, the Government Relations Committee Vice Chair for the UC Student Association*, and the student observer on the UC Regents Committee on Finance and Capital Strategies*, as well as a delegate to the California Democratic Party.* Varsha will put her years of experience in politics, policy, and student advocacy to work as your next External Affairs Vice President. She will fight to make the University of California system more affordable, accessible, and equitable; work to strengthen relationships between the students, the community, and the city; advocate for the construction of more affordable housing; organize alongside and empower marginalized communities; and engage students with the 2020 census and midterm elections. *Titles for identification purposes only.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

The AAVP manages students' relationship with the academic senate and campus faculty. This includes appointing students to academic senate and other campus committees, as well as regularly meeting with campus officials who oversee undergraduate academic initiatives. In addition, the AAVP manages the distribution of ASUC scholarships and grants.



Aastha Jha ❤️

Student Action | AAVP Chief of Staff

Aastha Jha is a 3rd year majoring in Economics and Data Science and minoring in Public Policy. She currently serves as the Academic Affairs chief of staff and has previously served as a chief of staff to Senator Megha Torpunuri and the Director of Food Security under AAVP Iyan Bullit. During her time in the ASUC Aastha has secured \$24k for complimentary menstrual products, passed legislation surrounding RSO finances, re-instituted South Asian Awareness Week, held dozens of wellness programming events, created the travel grant and continues to advocate for technology resources on campus. Aastha hopes to use her institutional knowledge of the ASUC to expand the scope of the Academic Affairs Office to create a more equitable student experience by advocating for more academic and wellness resources, working on academic senate accessibility and improving faculty diversity, and food insecurity.



Regan Putnam ❤️

CalSERVE | Director, Queer Alliance Resource Center

The student experience should not be defined by trauma, struggle, or negativity. As your next Academic Affairs Vice President, I will fight for a UC Berkeley that is accessible, equitable, and supportive for all. As your next Academic Affairs Vice President, I will focus on three core initiatives. First, we will create a UC Berkeley that is accessible for all by increasing resource accessibility, visibility, and availability. Second, we will alter the Academic Affairs Vice President's approach to diversity in practice, fighting for student representation and equity of experience. Finally, we will establish wellness that works, combating toxic campus climate and ensuring that all students have adequate mental and physical healthcare.

As AAVP, I will continue my effective advocacy for students, bringing my experience of fundraising, policy, organizing, and engagement with faculty and staff to enact effective and substantial change on campus. In terms of fundraising, I helped secure \$1,500,000 in funds for the new community space of the *bridges* Multicultural Resource Center* and the Queer Alliance Resource Center*. In terms of policy, I supported the implementation of California's expansion of the Gender Recognition Act (SB-179), including rewrites of UC Berkeley's sexual harassment policy. In terms of organizing, I led over 300 students in condemnation of an ASUC Senator's queerphobic and transphobic rhetoric. In terms of engagement, I secured testing rooms for the Disabled Students' Program* for the 2018 summer semester.

Together, let's fight for the best Berkeley can be.

STUDENT ADVOCATE

The ASUC Student Advocate's Office (SAO) - effectively the campus public defender - is an executive, non-partisan office of the student government at UC Berkeley. The Student Advocate offers representation, help, and advice to any student or student group involved in a dispute with the University.



Nava Bearson ❤️

Independent | SAO Chief of Staff & Former Caseworker

I am thrilled to be running as an independent, non-partisan candidate for Student Advocate endorsed by CalSERVE and Student Action. Six semesters of dedication to the ASUC Student Advocate's Office (SAO) provides me with the experience, knowledge, and skills to excel as Student Advocate. As SAO Chief of Staff, I have overseen over 300 cases and worked closely with the current Student Advocate to create policies and partnerships to better serve the needs of students. I helped secure \$30,000 to create a fund for emergency grants for students with dependents, facilitated outreach for winter break housing for students facing displacement, and assisted with the coordination of emergency housing and rental assistance for students facing homelessness. As a caseworker, I advised more than 15 students through campus disciplinary processes with a commitment to ensuring that the process was equitable and the student felt their voice was heard. As Student Advocate I will enhance the free and confidential casework service SAO provides to help more undergraduate and graduate students receive assistance related to academics, financial aid, conduct, and grievances. My policy priorities are: 1) Casework & Non-Partisanship 2) Student Basic Needs Security 3) Inclusive Academic Policies 4) Equitable Disciplinary Processes

SENATORS

The ASUC Senate is the legislative body of the Associated Students of the University of California. ASUC's 20-person elected Senate class serves as both the Board of Directors for the association, as well as a representative body which makes decisions on behalf of the 35,000+ students on the Berkeley campus. The Senate makes all final decisions for the association, managing governing documents, passing bills, and forming policy which shapes how the ASUC interacts with campus and students.

There are three Senate standing committees which are public and accessible for all students to attend. The standing committee on Finance passes weekly budget bills distributing senate contingency money to student organizations who request funding. The standing committee on External & University Affairs passes bills related to external issues as well as University administration. The standing committee on Governance & Internal Affairs reviews bylaws and internal procedures to ensure streamlined internal operations.



Emily Fregoso ❤️

CalSERVE | Latina, survivor, first-gen student

PLATFORMS:

- Harassment and Sexual Violence Elimination and Survivor Support
- Expansion of Equitable Healthcare Services for Underserved Students
- Retention Resources for the Latinx Community

#EmilyForSenate #VoteforHER



Rebecca Soo ❤️

Independent | Christian, Safety, Mental Wellness

SERVE CAL'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

- Strengthen unity in the "Big C" church by working with Unity in Christ to put on events like Jesus in Berkeley, weekly prayer nights, See You at the Pole, Collegiate Day of Prayer, and Veritas Forums
- Help new students plug into a community by synthesizing contact information into a supplementary flyer about each fellowship and its culture
- Mend the relationship between the Church and the LGBTQ+ community by focusing on reconciliation and fostering a culture of understanding

IMPROVE CAMPUS SECURITY

- Collaborate with UCPD to locate vulnerable places on and around campus that can be made more secure (through better lighting and awareness of these areas)
- Work with on-campus stores to provide portable alarms, pepper spray, and other safety resources at affordable prices
- Improve Bear Transit by recommending more strategically located Bear Transit stops (including a counterclockwise system and stops closer to downtown areas near off-campus housing)

SUPPORT MENTAL WELLNESS

- Destigmatize counseling resources and advocate for more staff at the Tang Center to increase the availability of long-term mental health services
- Establish a network of peer support by facilitating student-led programs that foster a healthy and productive learning environment for all
- Host events to create a safe, open-minded, caring campus atmosphere (e.g. de-stressing workshops and body positivity campaigns on Sproul!)



Sylvia Targ ❤️

Independent | CA

Hi, I'm Sylvia! I'm running on all environmental platforms. I serve as a *Parks & Waterfront Commissioner for the City of Berkeley and uGSI-ed Oceans IB/EPS C82 this fall. I have also worked with *Housing & Dining Sustainability Advocates and *Students of Color Environmental Collective since I was a first year. I am endorsed by former ASUC EAVP & senator Berkeley City Councilmember Rigel Robinson, current ASUC senator Anna Whitney and current ASUC senator Zach Carter. What happens when Zero Waste by 2020 fails? How can we make sure our work expands on past academic research and serves communities that need it most? How can environmental education at UC Berkeley become more inclusive? These are questions I would be honored to work on as your ASUC senator.

INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY

- Organize and support zero waste coalition to assess zero waste by 2020's failure and the path forward
- Carbon free by 2050: creating ambitious and feasible campus plan
- Examining unsustainable campus partnerships (e.g. Pepsi)

ACCESSIBILITY AND CENTRALIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

- Create pathways with mentors for first years and transfers to get linked into environmental work
- Maintain frequently updated website with information on environmental organizations
- Environmental class catalogue with reviews
- Campus Environmental Summit once a semester for community to celebrate our work and organize across groups for the next term

INCREASING INTERSECTIONALITY IN ENVIRONMENTALISM

- Improving environmental curriculum and increase inclusion of social issues in environmental courses
- Facilitate student involvement in community based environmental justice work by partnering with and uplifting local grassroots organizations



Shelby Weiss ❤️

Student Action | Senator Greenwald's Chief, Jewish, Greek

My name is Shelby Weiss and I'm a sophomore from Los Angeles, California studying Political Science and Public Policy. I'm beyond excited and humbled to be running for ASUC Senate*! I am running to be your next ASUC Senator* to give back to the communities that have given me so much, and to help every student find their community on campus.

These are my platforms, and what I promise to advocate for as your Senator* next year:

1. Supporting and Empowering the Jewish Community
 - Continue to demand forceful condemnation and sincere allyship from the ASUC and UCB administration in the face of anti-Semitism
 - Proactively educate on the issue of anti-Semitism including hosting more speakers and facilitating dialogue
 - Increase multicultural and interfaith initiatives in order to best dismantle all forms of intolerance on campus
2. Expanding Disaster Preparedness and Sustainability Efforts in the Greek Community
 - Establish a partnership between IFC, PHC, the Berkeley Disaster Team, and Berkeley Medical Reserve Corps to create disaster preparedness education and targeted disaster plans
 - Work to allocate additional funding for grants that support the efforts of IFC and PHC toward greater sustainability goals in the Greek community
3. Centralizing Student Organization Resources
 - Work with LEAD center and student orgs to update Callink website to reflect current organizations on campus and include recruitment information
 - Create a way to reserve space on Sproul Plaza, similar to the existing platforms for booking rooms on campus

Thank you for your time and consideration!

*Titles for identification purposes only



Jeremiah Kim ❤️

Student Action | Karina Sun's Chief of Staff

With over 1,200 student organizations, Berkeley has so much to offer. Everyone has a place here on campus and finding a family/support system is essential to our well-being as students. Fortunately, I was able to find the people I spend every waking moment with in the Berkeley Dance Community (BDC*). With over 1,000 members and counting, the dance community here on

campus faces new challenges every day. My goals to improve both BDC* and the greater Berkeley student community include: 1. Building Unity within the Berkeley Dance Community. 2. Furthering relations with Cal Performances and Campus Admin and augmenting practice spaces. 3. Providing and improving upon resources for RSO's to maintain sustainability. Let's build this #Kimmunity together!

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Jenny Jungmin Kim ❤️

Student Action | Chief of Staff to Senator Bryce Lee, Int

Hi, my name is Jenny, and I am running for Senate to bring internal development of the Korean community, unify the international student body while promoting diversity, and strengthen financial accessibility and accountability on. #JENNYTHINGISPOSSIBLE

1. KOREAN COMMUNITY - Voice the needs of the Korean community on the senate floor through advocacy - Address the problem of growing inactivity within Korean club participation - Unify the Korean-International and Korean-American communities through collaboration
2. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY - Secure finances from University funding pools in order to facilitate new cultural events/shows for various underrepresented International communities - Conduct outreach to international alumni network to establish a scholarship fund - Establish a career/networking fair for overseas employers from students' countries of origin to recruit for jobs and internships
3. ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY - Streamline the ASUC financial allocation process by updating accurate logistical records - Ensure proper ASUC accountability of committees managing funds from Student Fee Referenda - Institutionalize student proposals to the University's comprehensive annual operating budget



Evina Wang ❤️

Student Action | East Asian, International

I am running to represent the International and the East Asian Community at Cal and advocating for improving campus safety. #EnvisionWithEvina through the following platforms:

1. Promote Intercultural Exchanges within the East Asian Community
 - Simplify space and funding applications and increase their transparency and efficiency for clubs
 - Facilitate cultural events and promote sharing and experience and resources among clubs
2. Smoothen and Strengthen the College Experience for International Students
 - Cultivate an anti-discriminatory environment for international students
 - Increase international students' access to financial support
 - Provide support on students' post-graduation plans
3. Improve the current Night Safety Services and Overall Campus Safety
 - Increase the time-efficiency of the current emergency report system
 - Provide adequate lighting on and off campus



Yesenia Solis ❤️

CalSERVE

Hello y'all my name is Yesenia Solis I come from Avenal Ca. I am an undocumented student spring admit. I am second year Legal studies major with a minor in education. I am running for Asuc Senate to represent the Undocumented Student Community. My objectives are to help ensure that we unite the undocumented community and that we can improve the resources we have. My platforms consist of increasing resources for Undocu students, Collaborate with Undocumented Student Center, and create an Undocumented Alumni Network. Its important we stand as a community to help each other thrive. Its essential to have allies that will support our journey to have an improvement in the resources we already have.



Carolyn Le ❤️

Student Action | OP Transfer Advocate

Hello, my name is Carolyn Le and I'm running to be one of your next ASUC Senators! I'm a junior studying Public Health and Society & Environment. Currently, I am a Transfer Advocate under the Office of the President and the Office's Representative to the ASUC Mental Health Commission. I strongly believe in leaving things better than how you found them. I want to invoke change at Berkeley, so that transfer students and the greater community feel welcomed and valued within our campus. With zero transfer student representation in the current Senate class, I want to serve and uplift the transfer community using the platform and resources that senators have and expand mental health resources on campus.

Check out my platforms below:

Transfer and Non-Traditional Visibility and Inclusion

- Uplifting transfer and non-traditional student voices by highlighting key issues, increasing representation and voices in academic senate/administrative committees. Getting students on the Golden Bear Orientation steering committee, and negotiating with academic departments and professional clubs to provide transfer resources and inclusion.

Rethinking Transfer Housing

- Expanding the Transfer Living and Learning Community, laying the foundation for a transfer specific housing complex, and establishing a partnership with the Rent Stabilization Board to assist students who live in private housing.

Taking Mental Health Seriously

- Creating the foundation for a central campus satellite office, improving mental health resources in new student materials, working with Academic Senate on mental health resources and policies, and provide specific Asian American and Pacific Islander resources.



Melvin Tangonan ❤️

Student Action | Pilipinx Community

Hello! I am beyond excited to be running as your next ASUC Senator. The support throughout this journey has been greatly appreciated. I cannot wait to represent the Pilipinx Community, support Food Accessibility for students and reform Events Policies and Operations. I am committed to working on tangible change for many communities and the greater student population of the UC Berkeley campus.

My platforms have been constructed and rooted by my Pilipinx Identity, my experience in the ASUC and myself navigating this complex academic landscape we call UC Berkeley. These past years have been intentional, impactful and above all, rewarding.

1) PILIPINX ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATION

- Increase financial and space support for the Pilipinx Organizations through ASUC and the University Administration
- Advocate to the Chancellors and Vice Chancellors to support the inclusion of Organizations to acquire permanent spaces through the topic of Deferred Maintenance

2) SUPPORT FOOD ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS

- Support food access to EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) users
- Create a Resource Guide of EBT-accepting locations and raise awareness of the different services food-insecure and low-income students can utilize

3) EVENT POLICIES AND OPERATIONS

- Reform Major Events Policy for Cultural and Performing Arts Groups on campus
- Seek grants and other financial revenues to assist small performance groups that struggle to reserve space for their shows, events and programming
- Support and engage in dialogue with room reservation representatives to modify space reservation requirements and bylaws.



Haile Amonson ❤️

Independent | Senior History of Art Major

Thus far, the Berkeley student body has done an amazing job of advocating for equal rights and standing against all forms of oppression including racism, misogyny and privatization; However, it is important that we stand together and continue to push even harder for liberation from the current political atmosphere under the Trump administration. I am running for senate in hopes of bringing more awareness to the fight for equality and changing the present conditions under which we struggle daily. We need Berkeley to set an example for the community and other campuses across the nation in their willingness to fight hard for human rights. Our campus should be a sanctuary for immigrants and community members alike; nobody should feel unsafe while attending school or simply existing in daily life. We also have an obligation to bring more awareness to and fight harder against sexual assault, the ravaging of our environment, and the current ridiculous student housing/financial aid policies. Don't be silenced when it comes to defending your rights and the rights of others.



Ali Jafri ❤️

Student Action | We are bridging the gap in research

I. Bridging the Gap in Research

Increase graduate student engagement in undergraduate research

Integrate Beehive into the research culture on campus and encourage faculty to utilize the platform

Provide space to ULAB to allow the lab program to continue to expand and thrive

II. Affordable, Accessible, & Accommodative Learning

Put course readers online to start the shift towards open source and free course materials

Open classrooms in Wheeler during the hours of 10pm-2am for students to reserve for club meetings

Establish a 1-to-1 Tutoring program for science courses in the Student Learning Center

III. Funding Your Future (Graduate School)

Create a funding source that students who are applying to grad school can use to assist with costs related to grad school application, test, and transcript fees

Work with the Career Center and the College of Engineering to expand programming related to higher education such as workshops and a graduate resource fair

Design an online guide that walks students through the steps of graduate school admissions for different types of programs and work to increase accessibility of existing graduate school advisors within the colleges



Romario ❤️

CalSERVE | Queer/Trans Community Endorsed, BSC

Romario is a third year double majoring in Political Science and Rhetoric, running for Senate as the Queer and Trans Community-Endorsed candidate and ranked #1 for ASUC Senate by the Board of Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC).

From serving as Chief-of-Staff for the Queer and Trans Community-endorsed ASUC Senator Teddy Lake, to organizing the 2019 QT Health & Wellness Summit, to serving as Board Representative for the BSC Person of Color House, Romario has made it his life mission to uplift others.

His platforms:

- 1) Housing that is Inclusive, Affordable, Dependable: Romario will expand the Unity Theme Program, advocate for gender-neutral housing applications, fund-raise \$10,000 in scholarships for summer rent/housing deposits, and strengthen the relationship between the ASUC and the BSC.
- 2) Wellness that is Institutionalized, Accessible, Equitable: Romario will secure an LGBTQ+ Wellness Director, host 5 Wellness workshops, and fight for hormone replacement fee waivers through SHIP.
- 3) Community that is Expansive, Funded, Spirit-ed: Romario will institutionalize funding for QT Community events such as QT Prom and a QT South Asian Community Celebration, implement a QT Community Tailgate for the Big Game, and work with Cal Athletics to secure lower ticket prices for EOP students.

When the most marginalized are uplifted, everyone rises — formerly/currently homeless students, low-income students, QT+ students, students of color — everyone.

Together, we rise. Read more about Romario at fb.me/Romario4Senate

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Media Sina ❤️

CalSERVE | College of Chemistry, WOC in STEM

Hi, I'm Media! I am a 2nd year majoring in Chemical Engineering. As your ASUC Senator*, I plan on leading a productive and passionate Office dedicated to improving and enriching the undergraduate experience of the many intersections of students. When University administration neglects student wellbeing for profit or reputation, I will be there, fighting back.

My goals tangible and diverse (like our interests!) Here's a bit on what I will accomplish in the ASUC*:

- College of Chemistry: I know firsthand how the nonstop workload can demoralize and isolate us. Students arrive into a system that only uplifts those who are already at the top. As a representative of CoC, I will work diligently on mandating grading transparency and reworking of suggested class schedules and unfair unit accreditation.
- Expanding and Destigmatizing Mental Health: Advocate for the University hiring multicultural, cross-faith, and LGBTQIA+ counselors so conversations are rooted in true understanding. Expand locations on Northside.
- Sustainable Projects Competition: Organizations all over campus join to collaborate on the design and execution of a sustainability project. Exceptional projects will be sponsored by the ASUC* to be implemented on campus.
- Green Campus: Push the University to phase out natural gas heating as the City of Berkeley has, opt into a 100% renewable and carbon-neutral energy plan, install solar panels and revamp urban gardens, teach environmentalism at GBO, and establish a P/NP course for campus clean up.

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Nicole Anyanwu ❤️

CalSERVE | Pre-Health/AAVP Diversity & Inclusion

Hello everyone! My name is Nicole Anyanwu and I am a second-year pre-med pursuing Public Health and BioE here at Cal! Health is crucial to one's overall well-being: health of the body, health of the mind, health of the soul. Health on this campus is often taken for granted, and in response to that I am running for the health of our students.

I'm running to improve the experiences of our future health professionals. I'm running to improve resources for survivors of sexual assault. I'm running to improve basic needs resources. As a pre-med student, a survivor, and a low-income student, I've experienced the pitfalls of the university system. Who better to address these problems than someone who has experienced them firsthand?

Through my time working in the Office of the Academic Affairs Vice President*, I have garnered both the institutional knowledge and connections necessary to implement actionable change on this campus, and have utilized student narratives, in addition to my own, to develop the following platforms:

PRE-HEALTH COMMUNITY RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Creating a Pre-Health Hub (Collaboration/Study Space) on Campus
Uplifting Minority Groups in Health
Establishing Pre-Health Opportunities Bank
Improving Resources & Support for "Non-Traditional" Pre-Health Pathways, Majors, & Students

SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARASSMENT & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE/ABUSE

Increasing Comprehensive SVSH/IPV Training
Strengthening SVSH Resources, Partnerships, & Programming

FOOD INSECURITY & WELLNESS

Combating Food Insecurity
Promoting Physical & Mental Campus Wellness

For Extended Platforms Visit: (<https://www.tinyurl.com/NA-extended>)
Join me and together we can #BuildAHealthierBerkeley

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Derek Imai ❤️

Student Action | California

Hi, my name is Derek Imai. On campus, I have served in the ASUC as an intern in two Senate offices*, and this year as Chief of Staff for Senator Harish*. These experiences have allowed me to begin advocating for the issues and communities I care about. I'm running for Senate to work on food security, expand wellness resources, and support the pre-health community.

NUTRITION: MEAL PLAN REFORM AND FOOD SECURITY

- + Reform the Standard Meal Plan by advocating for more Meal Swipes and Flex Dollars.
- + Push CalDining to consistently cater to religious and dietary restrictions.
- + Increase food literacy for those living off-campus housing by creating holistic and cost-friendly grocery lists and recipes.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

- + Pushing for updated campus statistics on mental illness and pursuing lobbying trips to hold University accountable
- + Implement a peer-counseling program in the Tang Center, similarly to UCSB's.
- + Destigmatize seeking mental health treatment in the Asian American community.
- + Plan events and publish affordable HIV/STD testing.

PRE-HEALTH COMMUNITY

- + Build an inclusive community by expanding the Pre-Health Student Council and utilizing it as caucus to create policies reflecting needs of the community.
- + Create a mentorship program that connects students to professionals working in their dream occupations.
- + Urge Pre-Health departments and faculty to include mental health resources on all course syllabi.
- + Institute an immersion program for pre-health students like the COE PREP program.

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Cameron Deptula ❤️

Independent | Access to Menstrual Products & Printing

Aloha fellow Cal students!

I believe that we as a community can all come together, celebrate our diversity and differences, and solve everyday problems that affect students here at Berkeley:

- 1) Printing
 - a. Expand free printing resources on campus to increase accessibility and convenience for all students, regardless of economic circumstance.
 - b. Encourage students to remain ecologically conscious and incentivize environmental printing strategies.
 - c. Support our free, on-campus computing resources.
- 2) Menstrual Products
 - a. Work to increase access to free, paper-based menstrual product resources in dorm and campus restrooms, reducing economic burden on students.
 - b. Expand access to and awareness of alternative, ecological menstrual products that don't rely on paper, such as hygienic and reusable menstrual cups.
- 3) Funding
 - a. Explore novel and stable means of obtaining funds for initiatives, not divesting resources from certain groups to fund certain issues.

Mahalo, thank you so much for your consideration!



Joey Besgen ❤️

Student Action | Engineering & Technology Communities

Hi everyone! My name is Joey Besgen and I'm a junior studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with a minor in Mechanical Engineering. I am humbled and beyond grateful to run for ASUC Senate* to represent the engineering and tech communities at UC Berkeley.

At Cal, I have served on the executive board for two engineering student organizations, interned for three Berkeley SkyDeck startups, and worked on the Entrepreneurship & Technology team for ASUC Senator* William Wang. All my accomplishments have been a direct result of the unwavering support given to me by the Berkeley community and I want to ensure that future students and engineers can find that same welcoming environment. I believe the role of a Senator is to give individuals a voice, to connect students and promote collaboration, and to provide the tools necessary to create change.

Within the Berkeley engineering and tech communities, there are significant issues preventing students from accessing opportunities. After having conversations with many leaders in this space, I have developed platforms addressing the largest issues.

I intend to:

1. Provide support and resources to student organizations for funding, spaces and project opportunities.
2. Collaborate with student leaders to promote healthy conversations that enhance awareness within clubs and positively shift attitudes around club culture, creating a platform for this shared and interconnected dialogue.
3. Continue development on resources to equitably revitalize the Sproul tabling process and organize a showcase to recognize talent and display projects from engineering organizations.

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Pedro De Anda Plascencia ❤️

CalSERVE | Latinx Community Endorsed

Pedro Adrian De Anda Plascencia is a current second-year double majoring in Political Science and English. He was born in Tepatitlan Jalisco, and raised in the city of South Gate, which is in South East LA. He is a proud Virgo. Pedro has done work for his community by interning with Raíces* and he has been able to serve Cal students by working as a Writing Tutor* at the SLC. He is a Latinx Endorsed candidate*, who is rooting his platforms, work, and advocacy in community. Pedro intends to create changes that will provide MORE for his intersectional Latinx community because he feels like this university is currently not doing enough to retain us. If elected, he aspires to Mobilize the current Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) Initiatives by holding the chancellor accountable and ensuring that she includes the narratives of the greater Latinx community in her efforts. Pedro also intends to Organize educational forums, where he and his team will host biweekly educational forums that will bring awareness to campus policies, national legislation, financial literacy, and the road to resiliency program for students on academic probation. Pedro also aspires to promote the Retention of Latinx students by uplifting the work commenced by Rosa Lopez, his team member, to ensure that work can be continued for a first-generation themed floor in the dorms. Finally, Pedro plans to Empower Latinx students by preparing them for their exit from UC Berkeley and into graduate school or the workforce. #PEDRO4MORE *Titles for ID purposes.



Rocky Gerosa ❤️

Student Action | Mental & Sexual Health, SVSH, Greek Life

Hey! My name is Rocky Gerosa, and I am a current second-year at UC Berkeley studying Political Science with minors in Public Policy and Gender & Women's Studies. I was born in Oxnard, California to a family of four older sisters before later moving to Los Angeles, which drastically shaped the way I see the world, understand interpersonal relationships, and established my own basic morals & values. It's also shaped my perceptions of race and sexuality as a queer individual of color. On campus, I've been involved with Queer Student Union* as an executive board member, a Gender Equity Center* Queer Cal Pals mentor working with incoming queer + trans students, and am the Chief-of-Staff for ASUC Senator* Zach Carter. I also sit on the Admissions Communications Student Advisory Board* in order to help shape UC Berkeley outreach to better recruit prospective students of color and other underrepresented students! My work on campus and in Senator* Carter's office has centered around sexual violence prevention & survivor-centric programming, increasing sexual health resource accessibility, and Greek life cultural change. As a Senator*, I plan to expand mental health resources, start initiatives surrounding alcohol/substance use resources, increase sexual health resource accessibility and supportive healing spaces for survivors, institute post-incident organization rehabilitation workshops, and increase diversity in Greek life through economic accessibility while shifting the culture to be more inclusive and safe. Thank you so much for this opportunity, & Go Bears! *titles are for identification purposes only



Omotara Oloye ❤️

CalSERVE | Black Community Endorsed, STEM Student

Hello pals! My name is Omotara Oloye, I'm a 2nd year studying Computer Science and Music, and I am running to be one of your voices in ASUC Senate! I currently serve as the Diversity & Inclusion Department Head in the Academic Affairs Vice President* office in the ASUC*. I'm beyond ecstatic to be the Black Community endorsed senatorial candidate and as a Senator, I hope to represent the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science/Data Science and the greater STEM community.

I am running for Senate because I want to empower the communities that I am a part of and continue the work I already have started on campus. I am running for Senate because while I love this institution, I understand how the lives of students can be improved. I am running for Senate because I believe I can dutifully step up to the plate to advocate and be a voice for the people at this University. Join me so that we can progress to a better university and a better future!

My platforms are:

- 1) Increasing Academic Opportunities for Marginalized Groups
- 2) Securing Spaces for Students
- 3) Strengthening Professional Development and Alumni Engagement Services
- 4) Revitalizing and Retaining the Black Community @ Cal.

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Sumrit Grewal ❤️

Independent | Middle Eastern, Muslim, Sikh, South Asian

Hi, my name is Sumrit Grewal and I am running to be your next ASUC senator! My past experiences include serving as the President of the Jakara Movement Club, strengthening the voices of marginalized communities through grassroots mobilization, and formulating solutions about mental health that helped de-stigmatize mental health in my community through a fellowship. My goals: 1. Expanding academic support resources by working with the Student Learning Center and CACSSF to increase accessibility by developing virtual tutoring; bridging the inequitable gap in access to resources by partnering with L&S Advising, Educational Opportunity Program, Dean of Students, and other campus stakeholders to develop conferences for student success; and facilitating increased efficiency of Golden Bear Orientation to provide new students with well-rounded tools for academic success and a smooth transition to Cal 2. Expanding the ASUC Mental Health Resources Portal to include physical and sexual health resources; collaborating with Cal Central technicians and administration to complete a 'My Wellness' tab intended to improve accessibility to physical and mental health resources; and improving accessibility to basic needs resources offered through the UC Berkeley campus 3. Establishing a renewable MEMSSA grant within the Division for Equity and Inclusion to support community organizations; continuing work to implement a SSWANA (South, Southwest Asian, and North African) Student Resource Center with newly hired SSWANA Program Manager; securing additional meditation/prayer spaces throughout campus; and building community by sustaining monthly roundtables, developing a newsletter, and increasing opportunities to celebrate various cultures



Liam Will ❤️

Independent | President, Cloyne Court Co-Op Housing

Hey! Thanks for reading my candidate statement. Let's get down to business!

(1) STRENGTHEN BASIC NEEDS >> BerkeleyTime.org search engine for classes with low textbook costs >> By The End of a Student's First Year, They Should Know Most, If Not All, Housing & Food Opportunities >> Use the ASUC's Vocal Platform to Secure Any More Funding for the Basic Needs Center (2) MEDIA & BUSINESS >> Advocate for a Film & Media Minor >> Use ASUC's vocal platform to advocate for integrating more POC history within our smaller campus media organizations >> Assemble Teams That Will Help Digitally Archive More Media: Streamline B&G yearbook and volunteers to assemble a team that would digitize all yearbooks by the end of the '19-'20 school year. (3) INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY >> Securing Summer Leadership Positions (Paid or Class Units), Which Will Student-Led Weekly Socials >> Strengthen the Representation of Basic Needs Programs within Orientations, Living Spaces & Student Organizations (4) STRENGTHEN OUR CO-OPS >> Help Make BSC's 75% EOP Plan a Reality Through CalCentral, Housing Fairs, and Fair Visibility on our Campus' Housing Pages >> Securing Funding for CalFresh workshops within Co-Op Spaces during Summers >> Strengthen BSC-Wide Safe Space Support Networks (5) MY QUALIFICATIONS >> Food Pantry, Volunteer* >> Basic Needs Center, Outreach Intern* >> ASUC Office of Senator Anna Whitney, Basic Needs Coalition Representative* >> ASUC Office of Academic Affairs Vice President, Director of Student Resources & Spaces* >> Cloyne Court, House President* >> Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC), Development of Alumni Relations* >> International Programs of the Berkeley International Office (ViP), Volunteer* >> * Titles for ID Purposes Only



Sitara Bellam ❤️

Student Action | South Asian Community Endorsed

Hi! My name is Sitara Bellam; I'm a junior running for Senate to represent the South Asian community at Cal, improve the accessibility of information surrounding sexual health and student insurance, and combat financial risk/insecurity that results from the lack of transparency and efficiency within the ASUC financial process. Every single one of my platforms is a reflection of my experience as a Desi womxn on this campus.

My Platforms:

1. Accessibility of Sexual Health Resources

- Advocate for instituting sensitivity trainings in collaboration with UCPD and Residence Hall Assembly (RHA) and revisit the way UCPD deals with issues surrounding mental health & sexual violence
- Reform sexual health education for incoming freshmen/transfer students through more comprehensive GBO Sexual Health seminars
- Demystify SHIP/Student Insurance

2. Financial Services for Student Groups

- Establish a Venmo partnership with ASUC to separate students' personal finances from student organization finances
- Digitalize the financial reimbursement process through Callink for student groups
- Increase transparency around the ASUC financial process by educating student groups on regulations surrounding finances, funding and accessibility of grants

3. South Asian Resources & Development

- Represent South Asian groups for budgetary and space issues
- Provide an inclusive and representative voice for South Asian students by hosting South Asian Community Town Halls and continuing support for collaboration among the South Asian Student Caucus
- Facilitate dialogue addressing the stigmas surrounding mental health, anti blackness, and sexual violence & sexual health within our community



Emma Shearin ❤️

Independent | Math major for STEM & engineering groups

As an Applied Math major with a minor in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, I've witnessed firsthand the lack of resources targeted to our science and math communities, especially within the College of Letters and Science. Engineering and STEM perspectives are traditionally underrepresented in the ASUC Senate, and I feel my perspective and my ability to listen to and understand those in this community would be valuable.

I've learned from my work with the Solar Vehicle Team here at Cal. I see that real-world engineering skills and especially project management and professional development skills are crucial to securing gainful employment in today's competitive job market. However, traditional classrooms and research in nearly every field do not prepare students for the realities of industry. We need to expand initiatives to provide skills and resources to underserved academic communities and underserved members of our student population to maximize the opportunities and the future job security of every student at the university.

My main initiatives as an ASUC senator will be:

1. To reach out to underserved communities in our student population to understand their priorities for skills that will serve them in today's economy.
2. To support funding for programs, groups and initiatives that provide students with hands-on experience in engineering, project management and/or professional development.
3. To increase the advising and career resources available to STEM majors that lack assigned advising and face severe advising understaffing.



Leslie Vasquez Guzman ❤️

Student Action | Latinx Community Endorsed

Hi everyone! My name is Leslie Vasquez and I am honored to be running for ASUC Senate* as the Latinx endorsed candidate. I am currently a sophomore majoring in Political Science with a minor in Public Policy. Growing up in the small town of Selma, California I found my love for advocacy and helping those who shaped me in the person I am today. As a first generation, low-income, woman of color I believe I hold a narrative the ASUC should strive to represent more of, and if elected I hope to be able to use ASUC resources to help my community thrive at here at Berkeley. My platforms are: 1.) Representation and Resources Availability for the Latinx Community - Continue existing HSI initiatives - Expand themed housing - Create a Latinx Space 2.) Educational Equity for Students of Color - Increase funds for Summer bridges - Advocate for more prerequisite classes - Demand for more SLC tutors and academic support 3.) Allocating More Study Spaces & Addressing the issue of Overcrowding - Allow for multipurpose rooms to be open to the larger Berkeley campus - Increase funding for 24hr library hours during RRR week *Titles for identification purposes only To learn more: www.facebook.com/leslie4asucsenate #Lesketit



Haazim Amirali ❤️

Student Action | OP Associate Chief of Reform and Leg.

My name is Haazim Amirali and I am running for Senate to improve residential life, increase accessibility to pre-law resources to every student, and hold the ASUC accountable. Last year I served as the Legislative Director for Senator Hemani and now I am the Associate Chief of Reform and Legislation in the Office of the President. I have seen both the potential the ASUC has to serve students and the bureaucratic complications that restrict its impact. This past semester, I have worked to ensure elected officials' outreach hours are effective, semesterly community town halls are mandated, and reformed campaign finance laws. As an RA, I have witnessed the issues that plague residents everyday and believe that there are tangible solutions to make residential life a place where students are thriving. I currently serve as the external director in the Undergraduate Legal Honors Society and work towards connecting pre-law students to resources that are free because I am a believer that no student should pay an extra dollar to get the resources they deserve. My Platforms:

1. Restoring ASUC* Accountability, Accessibility, and Integrity:
 - a. RSO (club) Accountability
 - b. ASUC* Transparency
 - c. Impact-Based Club Funding
2. Reshaping Residential Life:
 - a. Instituting a basic needs division of RHA to aid students without sufficient access to essential necessities
 - b. Implementing student-led diversity programming
 - c. Providing academic guidance for residents
3. Expanding Pre-Law Resources
 - a. Establishing an Alumni-in-Law Mentorship Program
 - b. Institutionalizing a Legal Career Fair
 - c. Developing a Pre-Law Speaker Series



Stephanie Gutierrez ❤️

Independent | DAAP/FIRE

The ASUC should be leading demonstrations to force Donald Trump to resign or be removed. Instead of putting faith in the Democrats, the people, especially students, must unify to stop the acceleration of hate and violence that litters our campus and country. We CAN win. I saw the movement's power upon arrival to UCB. Thousands of us shut down the alt-right, first at MLK Park, then when we ran out Milo Yiannopoulos. As a Latina feminist of immigrant parents, I'm representing DAAP/FIRE and the resistance. UCB must provide safe spaces, like Eshleman Hall, for immigrants fleeing ICE. We can end Trump's attacks on immigrants by fighting for open borders, the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers, and the overturning of Supreme Court draconian anti-immigrant attacks, especially in recent Neilson and Jennings decisions. DAAP/FIRE will mobilize students to demand doubled underrepresented minority enrollment, eventually restoring affirmative action. We will mobilize to restore the CA Master Plan and to demand more of California's \$21 billion budget surplus go toward lowering tuition and increasing financial aid. We must hold perpetrators of sexual assault, like Brett Kavanaugh, accountable when our institutions won't by defending title 9 and affirmative consent protections, as well as supporting survivors when they publicly name rapists to force them out of anonymity and off campus - protecting other women and discouraging other potential rapists. Berkeley is famous for its political movements, the world is waiting for our leadership. With clear demands supported by fervent mobilized students, we will win!



Esteban Tabares ❤️

Independent | CA

I am Esteban Tabares, a candidate with the Defend Affirmative Action Party Fighting for Immigrant Rights and Equality DAAP/FIRE and an Engineering Physics major. I believe, as Einstein did, that we are all citizens of the world. Racism has no place in our borders. This election is an opportunity for students to demand Equality for the Latina/o, immigrant, black and other minority communities of America. We must return our campus to the center of the Resistance by fighting for the ASUC to use its resources including Eshelman Hall as a sanctuary for immigrants facing deportation or lengthy sentences in camps on our border. This will send a loud and clear message to the Latina/o and immigrant students and communities that students at UCB will defend them.

Today, careers of politicians rise or fall based on the question of the rights of immigrants. Anti-immigrant Supreme Court rulings, the bigoted actions of tyrant Donald Trump and his emerging racist authoritarian movement, requires every candidate and elected representative of the ASUC to speak clearly in defense of the rights of immigrants and call for Trump's removal. Underrepresented minority student enrollment must increase now. The UC Berkeley admissions office must not continue to serve as the sentry at the locked gate, walling off Latina/o, black and other minority communities from the opportunities and privileges it affords.

History demands our leadership now! We have power. Vote for myself and Stephanie Gutierrez for President and DAAP/FIRE to use it!



Eatone Cheng

Independent | Mechanical Engineer, Bearwalker, Weeb

The engineering candidate who's an engineer!

Due to the usual lack of actual engineering representatives or interest in student government, I've found that STEM as a whole lacks a voice in the ASUC, despite having to work with them for financing and operations purposes. As a Mechanical Engineering student, and as an officer of both our Solar Vehicle team and 3D Modeling Club, I've found that working with the ASUC can be quite time-consuming at times.

I hope to expedite the bureaucratic processes involved, and fight for the funding and support for the engineering departments, engineering groups, and project teams of our campus, so the makers of Berkeley will have the resources and support to design and build the technologies of the future, without having to despair at the paperwork involved.

Working as a bearwalker with UCPD gave me the amazing experience of seeing the hard work that our night safety services performs around our campus after dark. I hope to push for funding to improve and expand these services, whether its campaigning for additional resources to provide them with additional equipment and support, or something as simple as getting additional light-posts set up around the campus. We, as students of Berkeley, should have the right to travel around our school with peace of mind.

tl;dr:

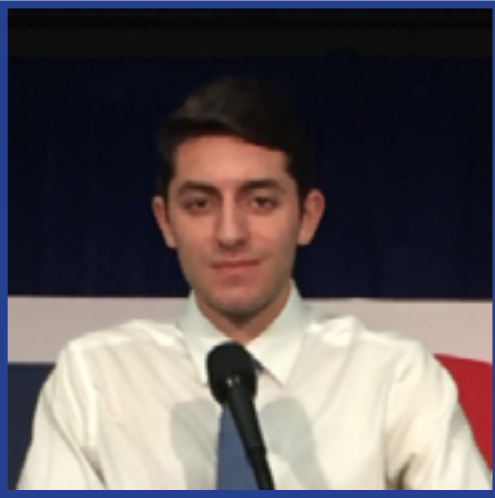
- More Engineering Representation and Support
- Improved Night Safety Services
- Responsible Spending



Amy Mori ❤️

CalSERVE

Hello, My name is Amy Mori and I am running to be one of your ASUC Senators for this upcoming 2019-2020 school year. As an older Transfer Student involved in many different communities such as the Greek Life system here at Cal I feel that I have been able to experience a diverse range of opportunities in my 8 months here thus far. With these experiences however I have also had to witness all of the discriminations and frustrations that affect our community here at Berkeley and it has made me question why these discrepancies exist in the first place. I am running today because I hope to shed light on all of the frustrating and unfair situations here on our campus and if elected, I plan to utilize all viable resources to alleviate these discriminations.



Milton Zerman ❤️

Students First | Anti-Crime and Pro-Free Speech/Religion

The time is right for bold leadership and fresh ideas. That's why I pledge to:

- Fight for much-requested security measures near the Clark Kerr dorms and ID scanners for the MLK and Eshleman buildings
- Implement a detailed public audit of all ASUC and UC Berkeley expenses in order to cut unnecessary and illegitimate spending, thereby reducing tuition and student fees
- Vigorously defend freedom of speech and religion for all Cal students
- Advocate for student housing to be built on all unused university property including People's Park.



Yousef Moneer ❤️

CalSERVE | Yemeni Muslim Refugee

Yousef is a junior transfer studying political science. He is a Yemeni Muslim who came to the United States as a refugee fleeing rubbles of war. With almost all of his family still in Yemen, Yousef has made it a mission for himself to continue to advocate for his community and family despite the thousands of miles separating them. Yousef's vision is to bring his direct and personal experience with his communities to the ASUC. He's running to bridge the wide gap between communities and the institution, because as a nontraditional, transfer, Yemeni refugee, who's been impacted by the Muslim Ban: his needs were ignored. Yousef understands the needs of his community and as someone who is deeply invested and directly impacted by these same issues he stands for, he's here to be the voice that's been missing in the Senate. Yousef's here to break the Berkeley bubble and bring representation and ensure equitable access to resources for folks who have been forgotten. From the streets of Yemen to the Chambers of the Senate, Yousef is here to uplift the community.

Platforms:

- Address the Muslim Ban through the creation of an advocacy team and resource provision for folks impacted.
- Provide sanctuary spaces for the refugee community on and off-campus through mental health accommodations and mentorship programs.
- Facilitate a smoother transition for nontraditional and transfer students by prioritizing their needs on campus and centralizing access to resources.
- Empower the diverse international community through professional development and cross-cultural



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