

## **Officers:**

### **President:**

#### **Max Jimenez:**

My fellow students,

I am Max Jimenez and I am running to be your next SUA President.

As you read this statement there are students who are increasingly under threat and are having more difficulty existing within this institution. Unfortunately, as the Assembly currently stands, it's infrastructure gets in the way of getting work done. If I am elected to be your president, I will change this by addressing pressing issues in an intersectional and communicative way to meet the demands of those who are impacted.

As an Organizer, I have worked with the community to assist students while highlighting the inequities present within our campus and beyond. I will work diligently to expand this work to address the housing crisis and food insecurity while advocating for the basic resources of students campus-wide. Let's create a space that will unify us to pursue demands and hold administration accountable!

Thank you.

#### **Jacob Jones:**

I'm running for President to ensure that this campus stays true to its roots. The environment on campus is being destroyed, and I will make sure our campus stays beautiful. Food insecurity is a roadblock preventing the success of our students, and no student should have to go hungry. Our campus is at maximum capacity, and accepting more students to our university will cause more devastation since there is not sufficient housing for them. There is a severe lack of representation for POC students on campus, and I will make sure that their voices are heard. The arts are severely underrepresented, and I will make sure all art forms on this campus get the representation they deserve. I want this campus to be a safe place for fun events so that everyone can feel safe and be themselves.

Best Regards,

Jacob Jones

#### **Jane Loughboro:**

I'm Jane Loughboro and I want to be your SUA President. Currently serving as SUA Parliamentarian, I've seen what works and doesn't in the President's office. It is crucial that SUA prioritize student voices. My ultimate goal is to return SUA to the students.

SUA should be welcoming and accessible for all. As Crown Student Senate Chair, I have fostered a welcoming and productive community within a student government space, and can continue this work within SUA.

I will rebuild relationships with ethnic and identity organizations to revitalize SUA as a relevant and helpful resource. To nurture the campus-wide community, I will host campus-wide events, such as music festivals, along with small-scale events around campus. To combat escalating tuition and housing crisis', I will mobilize SUA to fight for students' rights. Student concerns cannot be ignored when building relationships with administrators.

Together, let's create an SUA for all.

### **Vice President of Internal Affairs (IVP):**

#### **Alice Malmberg:**

Hi, I'm Alice, and I'm excited to run for IVP! I've had some incredible experiences during my three years at UCSC, but I'm also aware of what needs changing. As this year's Student Fee Advisory Committee Chair, I've fought to ensure that UCSC prioritizes STUDENT needs, and have stood up to administration when necessary.

Every day we feel the impact of over-enrollment and budget cuts. No student should wait an hour for a bus, or a month for a CAPS appointment. I will work towards fixing that. I'll make my office accessible by holding office hours at dining halls and libraries, and collaborate with other SUA officers to directly address your concerns. I'll use my experience in the Alumni Office to create more alumni networking opportunities, and work on programs for out-of-state students. Finally, I'll support existing events, like Holi and UCSC's Got Talent, that bring our amazing community together.

### **Vice President of External Affairs (EVP):**

#### **Judith Gutierrez:**

Fellow slugs,

My name is Judith and I am honored to be running for re-election as your External Vice President. This past year, I've had the privilege of representing our undergraduates at the local, state, and national level. Through our efforts, we've been able to register over 10,000 students to vote, address food insecurity at a campus and systemwide level, conduct research on student homelessness, lobby legislation that would protect our vulnerable communities, and much more. Though we've achieved a lot, our work is far from done. I want to continue fighting for students so that we all have access to affordable higher education and basic needs. I also plan on further collaborating with organizations on campus so that no voices are left unheard. At a time like this, we are stronger united. So I hope you join me in continuing the fight towards a better UC.

## **Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion:**

### **Katherine Lê:**

My name is Katherine Lê and I am running to be your next Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. As the daughter of two Vietnam War refugees, I grew up in San José embracing the importance of access to educational equity. Recently, I have organized campus-wide events on tuition and mental health, led delegations of students at UC Student Association conferences, lobbied representatives on marginalized student issues in Sacramento and D.C., and have been collaborating with the AA/PIRC. Today, I am preparing the foundation for an interorganizational Womxn's Coalition in alliance with campus leaders. If elected, I will expand on this work by reinstating the UCSC Womxn of Color Conference in addition to ensuring mutual collaboration with community leadership organizations, retention services, and disability resources within our university.

It's time for the SUA to mobilize and fight for institutional, intersectional change. We must build student agency together, united.

### **Jay Semana:**

My name is Jay Manguiat Semana, and I want to be your VPDI. This isn't just an election, it is a chance for the SUA to change trajectory. Instead of just paying lip service to the principles of Diversity and Inclusion, we must work tirelessly to uphold them. In the Trump era, this office must support and work alongside underrepresented and marginalized communities on this campus. I will fight to increase resources for undocumented students, work alongside ethnic/identity organizations to achieve their goals, and provide a more inclusive environment towards differently abled people during programming. My experience with the Filipino Student Association, Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center, and Merrill Student Government taught me that working as a unified community is the only way we will ferment a real intersectional movement for change. Together let's work to organize, fight, and uplift voices that must be heard.

## **Vice President of Academic Affairs:**

### **Jessica Xu:**

My interest in student academic success began my first year at UCSC when I served as a representative on the Student Academic Senate. After becoming chair, I focused on classroom quality, online enrollment and overcrowding, and initiated discussions with administrators about these issues. In February 2017, I was elected Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). I focused on providing student input regarding core classes and the destruction of books in the S&E Library, facilitating the Classroom and Lecture Availability Student Survey, and securing more study spaces. I've enjoyed my time as VPAA and hope to pursue the following next year: make testing supplies free, create a campus-wide textbook lending library, secure additional study spaces and form a student advisory committee on student success. Most importantly, since

everyone's academic experience is unique, I hope to outreach to underrepresented communities and facilitate inclusive discussions on academic success across various identity groups.

## **Vice President of Student Life:**

### **Tamra Owens:**

Hey Y'all!

I'm running to be your Vice President of Student Life, again! When I ran last year, I made the promise that I would address food insecurity on campus and invest money back into students. Despite the long nights, I kept those promises.

I built the Food Pantry at OPERS from the ground up because my mom depended on food donations while she juggled studying at UC San Diego and raising me, and I wish someone would've opened up a pantry for her. I coordinated the Daniel Caesar concert FREE for all students because I don't want money to be a barrier for any student, anymore. I collaborated with the Asian American Pacific Resource Center on hosting a free comedy night featuring Hari Kondabolu because I believe SUA should be collaborating with organizations. I'm experienced, realistic, and I follow through on my promises. Who's ready for another good year?

### **Tamra Owens**

### **Jennifer Santos:**

My fellow students,

I am Jennifer Santos and I am running for Vice President of Student Life. I have a variety of experiences in student organizations on campus such as being a Filipino Student Association core member, working closely with Engaging Education, and being an SUA Alternate Representative. SUA currently does not have an accurate representation of what students truly want. In order to do that, I will listen to the students. I plan on making SUA more accessible to students so they can be involved in the decision making process for the allocation of the student fees. I will support our student artists, musicians and sports players that represent UCSC. I will work hard to create true connections with students. I will follow the Student Agency Model which SoMeCA practices. This will give students a voice and provide endless opportunities for students.

## **College Representatives:**

### **College 10 Representative:**

### **Jonathan Kung:**

Hello fellow College Ten students! My name is Jonathan Kung, and I am proud to announce that I am running as your College Ten SUA Representative. Students these days can't truly voice their opinions, but I am here to change that. No student will ever be held silent and I will be your voice between the College Ten community and the SUA. As a current member of College Ten Senate and the Undergraduate Representative on the Advisory Committee for Campus Transportation and Parking, I understand the important issues facing our community, (especially with the campus loop busses). I know what needs to be done about these issues, and I have a proven track record doing it. My main goal is to promote social justice values and increase our sense of community. With your vote, EVERY student will have a voice, and NO student will be left in the dark.

Thanks,  
Jonathan Kung

### **Cowell Representative:**

#### **Keshav Kumar:**

My name is Keshav Kumar and I'm a first generation college student running to be Cowell College's next Representative. During the upcoming year, the LRDP, which determines the future of our campus, will be proposed, the lack of affordable housing will reach a boiling point, and the inability to register for the classes we need due to overcrowding will intensify. I believe we need a representative with an understanding of policy and communication to tackle these issues. As a policy analyst, I primarily analyze housing policy. As the outreach coordinator for the Mayor of Santa Cruz, I understand communication is key to successful representation. Therefore next year, I plan to have an active social media presence to maintain communication with students. This year, it's been my honor to be your senator and SCOC representative. And beginning with your vote, we can pursue practical solutions together for next year.

### **Crown Representative:**

#### **Sabina Wildman:**

Hello Crownies! I am running for SUA Representative for Crown College because I am passionate about creating and supporting change to better student lives. I have experience in student government, residential education, student organizations - including SJP, MSA, MESH, SASJ, and SWANA, and organizing actions on and off campus. I believe that the University needs to change radically in order to stop the oppression of historically and currently marginalized students on campus, specifically by empowering and supporting students who face the greatest forms of oppression. Next year, SUA has the opportunity to help change campus climate to become more supportive and understanding of student needs. I hope to be part of an SUA that not only supports students but actively engages in creating change to better the lives of students.

Thanks,  
Sabina Wildman

## **Merrill College Representative:**

### **Samantha Stringer:**

I, Samantha Stringer, am running for the position of Merrill College Representative, as I am extremely interested in finding an outlet to apply my studies in politics and government organization in a way that will allow me to benefit my community. Further, as a current freshman, I am eager to engage in activities that integrate me further into this University, and I believe that the Student Union Assembly would be an exceptional place to fulfill both of these interests.

## **Porter College Representative:**

### **Kimberly Balmorez:**

Hello, my name is Kimberly Balmorez and I am running for Porter Senate Student Union Assembly Representative. Over my past three years at UC Santa Cruz I have been involved with the Filipino Student Association, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan, Engaging Education, the Everett Program, the Counseling and Psychological Services Peer Education Program, and KZSC Radio. I am passionate about holding space for students and fostering community. This past year I started a group called Sidetracked;, which focused on discussing cultural, social, and political issues. Once a week we met to share our narratives and experiences that most students aren't allowed to or feel comfortable enough to share in classrooms. I want to see diversity and see students who actually listen to student voices in spaces that serve students. The needs of the student body must be met

### **Amanda Kazden:**

Hello Porter students! My name is Amanda Kazden and I am running for Porter representative to the Student Union Assembly. I am currently the Chair of Porter Senate and Porter's representative to the Student Fee Advisory Committee. In addition, I served on SUA all of last school year and this past fall and already have a thorough understanding of this body and how it functions. I also already know exactly what I want to improve if I am elected Porter representative- I want better transparency (students shouldn't feel so cut off from a body that represents them!) and more action. It's time to start doing, move beyond the meeting room and outside of formal agendas and work towards seeing actual change on our campus. For these reasons, I hope you will support me to be your next elected Porter representative to SUA!

## **Rachel Carson College Representative:**

### **Thomas Ramirez:**

Over the past year I was able to serve as the Rachel Carson College SUA representative from a last minute write-in ballot. Being able to jump right into the quickly moving world of SUA and college senates gave me the ability to make sure my voice was being heard. The voice I carried was not only my own but one that gathered the opinions of my peers and my residential college's

goals. Here I am officially running, to try to represent my peers again as a needed voice of reason in the messy world of politics. Thank you.

Tommy Ramirez (Barriere)

### **Stevenson College Representative:**

#### **Jeff Stoll:**

Hello, I am running to be Stevenson elected representative because I believe the SUA needs to change. In a school year marked by marginalized communities fighting back and resisting oppression in all its forms and at every scale, there has been a noted lack of solidarity from and leadership by some in our official Student Union. As the current Chair of Student Council, I have organized events to raise political awareness, fought for preservation of two 5-unit quarters of Core, and participated in numerous demonstrations – including acts of civil disobedience. The SUA must be a supporter of radical change; it cannot only send statements of approval while students from marginalized communities have their bodies and livelihoods on the line. The challenges we face are huge, but we can stop them with even the smallest acts of love and solidarity. Thank you.