

## Student Union Assembly Chair

### Tiffany D. Loftin

I'm Tiffany Loftin and I'm running for SUA Chair because I believe that the University must serve students first. For three years, I helped build up SUA as a volunteer, intern and two-term Internal Vice Chair. I organized busses to regents meetings to Sacramento for students to build our movement power. I rebuilt the Student Committee on Committees, giving more students opportunities to make real change as representatives to major campus governance committees. I organized events like the Inauguration Ball, Slug Day and the Haiti Benefit Concert.

I am passionate, dedicated, and personable. SUA, the colleges, and student organizations can continue the student movement to preserve educational accessibility, diversity and quality in spite of crisis. Students from all backgrounds and all belief systems built real student power this year and I want to turn that momentum into concrete improvements for the student experience. But it will take all of us, Holla Back!?

You know I got your back!

### Robert Singleton

As a candidate for the Chair of SUA, my core principles are access and affordability, diversity and sustainability. I personally believe that education is a civil right that should be guaranteed by the state, because it is essential that all knowledge be free and open to all people. I believe that the current state legislature should share much of the blame for our failing education system because they have openly de-prioritized public education at the hands of our ever-growing prison industrial complex. I also believe that our current UC Regents have failed to adhere to the California master plan for higher education because they have allowed for the systematic deprivation of many of California's most deserving communities. Specifically, they have failed to make the demographics of the UC represent the actual demographics of California. Please allow me the opportunity to represent all UCSC students to these ends.

## Internal Vice Chair

### Callin Curry

Hey Slugs! My name is Callin Curry and I am running to be your Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs. As a student leader, I am dedicated to ensuring UCSC offers accessible, affordable and quality education. That is why I promise to work on issues and campaigns that further sustainability efforts, reinvigorates outreach and retention programs, increases diversity, and improves campus life. My goal is simple: To make UC Santa Cruz the best university possible. This is why Santa Cruz needs a different type of leader, one that can bring about change. I promise to be this leader. By listening to your voice and acting as student liaison to the administrators I can improve UCSC to the utmost. I will be that open-minded, and ready to listen, leader that will help bring about a collective change here at UC Santa Cruz.

### Natan Tietz

Hey UCSC! My name is Yonatan Tietz. I am a proposed music and psychology major at Porter College. This past year I served as the Porter college representative for the SUA, also interned for the SUA chair and collaborated on many projects with the current IVC. In both positions I learned the vital role SUA plays on our campus. As the official student voice, officers must work to understand the needs of all of UCSC students. I have chosen to run for the Internal Vice Chair of the SUA, because I believe now, more than ever, students

voices need to be protected. In these tough times, students really feel the burden as every area of our campus faces cut backs. If elected, I will work to make the SUA more transparent and accessible in order to empower and recruit as many students as possible to effect change here on campus.

## External Vice Chair

### **Claudia Magaña**

I'm Claudia Magana and I am running to be your External Vice Chair. This year I served as SUA Organizing Director and chaired the statewide Campus Action committee. I provided resources to students, mobilized walkouts and organized sit-ins in the state capitol. Two years ago, I helped SUA register the most students to vote in campus history and coordinated our advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. and Sacramento. If you elect me, I will build on this work to empower student voices within the UC, the state legislature, and the federal government by continuing to lobby, rally, sit-in, march and protest because real action yields real change. The crisis challenges students unlike any budget crisis before it, and with your vote I want to meet that challenge and fight to keep education a right, and not a privilege.

## Commissioner of Academic Affairs

### **Alex De Arana-Lemich**

I am Alex De Arana-Lemich and I am running to be your Commissioner of Academic Affairs. The Academic Senate has authority over much of our university, and the students that serve on these committees need to represent and voice loudly, the priorities students want to see. For the past three years I have served Stevenson and UCSC as one of its SUA representatives. This year I sit on the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid and the Rates, Recharges and Fees Committee, where I have tried my best to express to faculty and administrators what students want surrounding these critical issues. If I am elected I will work to make sure that our school's administration and faculty understand our priorities. I am running to be your representative and to set us on a track for success. Students can be the change that they can see. Next year is our year.

### **Alma Natalia De Castro**

I am running because I believe it is important to make the administration and the Academic Senate aware of issues surrounding diversity such as ethnic diversity, socio-economic differences, transfer and first-year students, and students with academic and physical exceptionalities not disabilities. I will fight for students to have a quality education and represent the Student Body on the Academic Senate. I will maintain constant communication with the Student Body about important issues that directly impact us.

I have the experience working with the Academic Senate at my community college, and served as a Senator for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges for two years. Currently, I am the Recording Clerk for SUA, and sit on the Commission for Admissions and Financial Aid discussing important issues affecting current and future Slugs. My name is Alma Natalia De Castro and I am running for Commissioner of Academic Affairs.

P.S. Vote Progressive

### **Jennifer de la Torre**

My name is Jennifer de la Torre and I am running to be your next Commissioner of Academic Affairs. In the

past two years I have served as a Cowell Representative to SUA and well as participated in Cowell Senate. Last year I served as the undergraduate representative for Transportation Advisory Committee. Currently I am one of the two undergraduate representatives serving on the Academic Senate for Committee on Budget and Planning. If I get elected I will enhance the quality of academic life at UCSC. I will work hard, in order to keep majors intact and increase diversity training among TA and professors. Increasing library hours and improving academic support services will be a priority.

### **Jorge Gavino**

Our University has seen drastic attacks against our education, in the last year. As your commissioner of Academic Affairs I will work towards not only reestablishing many of our cut programs but enhancing them too. We have lost TA's, Professors and important programs that are important to the diversity of the campus. As your CAA, I would work to enhance the efforts towards retention, and work to bring the voices of the professors and students to those that would turn a deaf ear to them. In my time at UCSC, I have focused on retention and the needs of the Underrepresented. I am intensely involved with the work done at El Centro, and the rest of the Ethnic Resource centers, I am currently a Core Council representative for Merrill Student Government, where I work to bring culturally significant programs to the student body.

## **Commissioner of Diversity**

### **Omar Villa**

If elected Commission of Diversity, I will commit and dedicate my time towards increasing diversity on campus by advocating for lower student fees and providing greater access to higher education. I will work with marginalized communities; help build a stronger communication between the resource centers by working with retention and outreach organizations on campus. As an active member of the Chicano/Latino Resource Center, Students Informing Now, Merrill Student Government, Student union Assembly, FamiliaX, Hermanos, Campus Life, Student Affairs, and the Chicano/Latino Year End Ceremony committee, I am a qualified candidate for this position to work with the different communities here on campus. With all the budget cuts affecting our institutions, especially our communities, it is a great time to form unity within student organizations and resource centers to brainstorm ideas of what is needed for our communities to retain our students and graduate them. Together we can make change!

## **Organizing Director**

### **Ian Hunter**

The student movement is upon us. This year, we the students have made great strides, from the protests on campus, to student aid reform in DC. I have worked hard with the SUA and other student organizations to aid these efforts, and after gaining the extensive organizing experience I have now, I feel that I am ready to lead. If elected, I will work diligently towards further improving our movement. Our fees must go down; our financial aid must be secured; our campus funding must be increased! This fight is not yet over, and next year, through my office, I will build future leadership and make strong organizing coalitions with students, faculty, administrators, and elected officials in order to achieve our goals and make UCSC better for everyone. Thank you and I hope to see you around!

### **Marco Paredes**

My name is Marco Paredes and I am running to be your SUA Organizing Director. I'm a third year active student on campus and I'm fully aware of the issues that are currently affecting UCSC. Over the past years

I've been involved with Office Campus Life, Grupo Folklorico Mejicas, Multicultural Festival Planning Committee, Familia X, and the Chicano Latino Resource Center. If elected, I will dedicate myself towards more retention and recruitment of underrepresented communities, advocate to improve and organize issues of student fees, improve worker conditions, advocate for accessibility towards higher education, promote for more student body participation for SUA events, and lastly make SUA more approachable for all students. I'm passionate about everything I do and I will make sure that I'm available as a resource to all students for the improvement and transformation of our campus.

### **Nestor Rivera**

Hello Slugs!

I'm Nestor Rivera and I'm running to be your Organizing Director because I am committed to building student power and creating future leaders. At UCSC, I programmed large-scale events like PRIDE, organized the opening Porter Dining Hall campaign and led a successful campus grassroots campaign for student aid reform that connected with national student advocates. The national campaign defeated powerful banking efforts that sought to keep students indebted to the private loan industry. As your Organizing Director I will prioritize fighting against cuts to campus resources like staff support and course availability, using direct action to reach the legislative targets and our administrators. Continue to improve service employees' working conditions by utilizing national organizations to reach new media attention. For Vote2010, I will organize our campus to mobilize student power at the polls!

P.S. Vote progressive!

### **Kresge College Representative**

#### **Justin Riordan**

Hey Kresge! As an appointed SUA representative for this last year, I have the experience of representing Kresge to the SUA. I will stay accountable to you as a Kresge student by staying connected with Kresge Parliament and other Kresge College events. Kresge has had a great history of involvement in SUA, with your vote we can insure that our College has strong representation in the UCSC's Student Government.

### **Merrill College Representative**

#### **James Ramsey**

As a Student Union Assembly representative for Merrill College this year, I worked hard to increase Merrill's voice in the Student Union Assembly. Merrill College needs someone who is vocal, committed and knowledgeable to ensure Merrill's presence in the Student Union Assembly. I promise to be all of these things while in office representing Merrill College. I have experience in the SUA through my tenure as a representative this year, and while interning in the office of CAA. I'm fully committed to speaking out for the students of Merrill College next year, and I hope I have the chance to do so.

### **Stevenson College Representative**

#### **Jessica Greenstreet**

Stevenson is my home. Through representing Stevenson in the SUA and in Stevenson Student Council this past year, I have become privy to the individuality of the college and want to make sure that our special

brand of problems and concerns are heard on the SUA level. If reelected, I will continue to support the Stevenson presence on campus and make sure that campus issues are brought back to students for their review. In the most pivotal elections year, whether for me or not, GET OUT AND VOTE!

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