

Justin Lardinois

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Chair

I'm Justin Lardinois and I'm excited to be your next SUA Chair! I strongly believe that the primary goal of any public university should be to serve all its students. As Chair, I'll work to incorporate student voice into the operation of the UCSC campus and the UC system as a whole. I will forge a more efficient SUA by increasing cooperation and coordination between the officers and their staff. I'll make SUA transparent by hosting informal town halls to engage the student body beyond just SUA meetings. All in all, I want all students to feel that SUA is working for them and their fees are being well spent. I've served the SUA as Chief Justice, represented the students of Porter College on the Student Fee Advisory Committee and Porter Senate, and now I'm ready to represent all students as the leader of the SUA.

Arturo Motta

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Chair

My name is Art Motta. I am the ideal candidate to serve the diverse UCSC student population as SUA Chair. I have the experience and ability to insure accountability, true representation, and to coalesce the student voice with an awareness of public issues. As your SUA Chair, I will be a leader that fosters collaboration, encourages innovation, and enables a wider range of possibilities for all UCSC students. As the number of students increase, representation and resources are decreasing substantially. This is unacceptable, my goal is to create a network for student engagement in order to ensure continuous, constructive relationships and representation. SUA should serve as the heart of organized student activity and support students' academic advancement and engagement. As a transfer/re-entry student I acknowledge that through collaborative efforts, SUA needs to support student intellectual growth, leadership development, and practical solutions as we navigate unique paths in higher education.

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If elected I will use the power of the student government to push forward on

1. A DEMOCRATIC WAY FOR STUDENTS TO ELECT THE UC REGENTS AND PRESIDENT

They are CEOs and Presidents of the banks that the school and students borrow from, and the construction companies that get multimillion dollar contracts. They do not have the student's interest in mind they are there to create profit for their companies.

2. SAFE SPACES FOR STUDENTS TO VOICE AND ADDRESS CONCERNS WITHOUT THE FEAR OF POLICE INTIMIDATION ON ISSUES SUCH AS

- Class Sizes
- Overcrowded buses
- Increased tuition fees
- Student debt
- Patriarchy
- Divestment

About ME

- 4th Year Politics/LALS
- Santa Monica College Transfer with an A.A. Degree in Public Policy
- MEChA de UCSC, Education Affairs Coordinator
- SMC Associated Students, Director of Sustainability

I will continue to stand up for students. Please vote for me,

MARJOHNNY TORRES-NATIVI (Johnny)

Thank you!

Kayla Oh

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IVC

My name's Kayla Oh and I want to be your Internal Vice Chair! Having dedicated my entire undergraduate career to this office, as an Outreach Coordinator and now as the Chief of Staff, I have an understanding of this office and its potential. As IVC, I'll work with TAPS to create a GPS app for students to track buses in real time and continue working on Slug Shuttle, UCSC's Got Talent and the Edge of Eden Music Festival. Furthermore, I will create liaison positions for student organizations to build relationships with our office and create a database of information for students to get involved. To foster communication between students and administrators, I will ensure that students sit on committees with staff and faculty. Together we have the power to create positive change. My fellow banana slugs, it is time to stand as one and demand more from our university.

Kaysi Wheeler

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IVC

Hi, I'm Kaysi Wheeler, and I'm running for Internal Vice Chair! I'm involved with: Filipino Student Association, Oakes res life and senate, the Student Committee on Committees, and Engaging Education. I will continue the legacy of prosperity within student life by reworking our fiscal budget to make sure our student fees are spent wisely, benefiting all students rather than a select few. My office will expand health services by increasing CAPS counseling hours; promote school spirit by throwing a celebration centered around our unique slug pride, institute a designated driver service, and have SUA meetings become more transparent with a live feed and open question forum via the internet. Finally, I'll re-imagine the concert and turn it into a festival in collaboration with student organizations and college senates. On a campus this large, unity is a tough task; my office will be dedicated to fostering a stronger slug community!

Louise Dominique Cabansay

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EVC

My name is Louise Cabansay and I'm running to be your next External Vice Chair. This year as UCSC's Legislative Liaison and a board member for the University of California Student Association, I ensured that the student voice was heard by building SUA's Lobby Corp, a core group of students that continuously advocates on issues affecting the access, affordability, quality, and diversity of Higher Education to the local, state, and federal government. As SUA's VOTE2012 Coordinator, I worked hard to register a record number of students and will organize to break these numbers again in VOTE2014. As EVC, I am committed to fighting budget cuts and tuition increases, advocating for diversity and student retention, and working towards more transparency and accountability from our Administration and the UC Regents. By engaging students in constructive dialogue and direct action, we will be able to tackle the UC's most pressing issues in solidarity!

Nicholas Ryan Valencia

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EVC

Hi I'm Nick Valencia and I'm running to be your External Vice Chair! The EVC office serves as a liaison between students and our local, state, and national legislators. As EVC one of my primary obligations is to outreach to students to find solutions to issues of accessibility, affordability, and diversity on our campus and within higher education as a whole. I want to spread student support for the US Student Association's campaigns like "More money, less problems" that we can all identify with. As a student, I understand that students have individual experiences, and I want to provide an opportunity for our collective experiences to come together in an expression of real student power. I want us to reflect on our time at this campus and remember that we made a lasting impact, a genuine effort to create a better future for the next generation of students.

Max Hufft

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CAA

Hey Slugs!

I'm Max Hufft and I'm running to be your Commissioner of Academic Affairs. In my last three years as a Computer Science major I have had a variety of experiences such as being the chair of my college senate, working as an SAIV Student Supervisor in Dining, serving as the UC rep on the Committee for Educational Policy, and planning this year's Edge of Eden festival as the Internal Vice Chair.

As your next Commissioner of Academic Affairs, I will change our Academics by bringing new services, getting student feedback to faculty, and giving us the chance to meet our professors. I will implement this by adding class availability questions in our course evaluations, expanding the iClicker loaning program to McHenry library, and hold division wide events so that you can meet with the people shaping your major.

Israel Molina

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CoD

Hi everyone!

I'm Israel Molina and I am running to be your next Commissioner of Diversity! I believe that diversity is all encompassing; it includes everything that makes you you, from your socioeconomic background to what your values are and where your passions lie. As your CoD I want to celebrate our differences, our similarities, and our points of intersectionality. Having served as Chief of Staff to the current CoD and External Vice Chair of Queer Student Union I have honed the necessary skills to improve support for student organizations and create a more inclusive campus environment for all. I will facilitate communication between organizations so we can continue to put on amazing events. Additionally, I will create an online cultural competency program to promote an inclusive culture on campus. Together we are greater than the sum of our parts and can create tremendous things!

Alex Williams

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CoD

I am no stranger to diversity. Being African, Native American, and European, I come from an incredibly diverse cultural background with family ties across all color lines. My ethnic roots have inspired me to be proactive in the UCSC community in promoting equality and awareness for students of all nationalities. My own personal mission is to enrich the lives of every individual that I can, regardless of the color of their skin. I only believe in policies that directly contribute to a positive and supporting environment, where each person can thrive in genuinely being who they are. As Commissioner of Diversity, I would expand UCSC's cultural presence and fight for Santa Cruz to become the precedent of interpersonal cohesion. Change is possible, but you have to want it, because the right choice is usually the harder decision to make.

Brad Mleynek

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OD

Hi! I'm Brad Mleynek and I want to be your next SUA Organizing Director. I am currently a 3rd year, Human Biology student affiliated with Crown College. I am heavily involved with the university as Chair of Crown Student Senate, a research assistant, a tour guide, and a member of the Men's Club Soccer Team. Being a part of these various groups on campus has made me realize how little students know about our Student Union Assembly, and I will be the one to change that. As Organizing Director, I will outreach to students and student organizations, encouraging them to share their thoughts and concerns in a safe space. I will bring back the live stream of SUA meetings so that students that cannot attend will still be connected. I will also hold educational forums on campus movements, issues, and campaigns so that our voices can be heard as one.

Aykezar Adil

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Crown Rep

Hello fellow Crownies! My name is Aykezar Adil and I am running to represent Crown College in SUA. I joined the Crown Student Senate as a freshman and already have had the opportunity of being a Crown Student Senate representative in SUA. During my time in SUA, I watched tremendous events, such as UCSC Holi, be molded and played out, bringing the UCSC student body together in an exciting and enticing way. My goal as the Crown representative is to promote outreach to students about SUA and continue unifying UCSC through SUA organized social and academic events. I will also help in keeping SUA accountable by communicating with Crown Student Senate, as well as individual Crown students, and listen to input in what my fellow students wish to see here at UCSC. As Crown representative in SUA, I will promote harmony between Crown students, SUA, and the UCSC student body.

Serene Jneid

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Porter Rep

Hi friends! My name is Serene Jneid and I would love to be your next Porter SUA Representative. As a second year, I grew up in Porter last year. Living in Porter, I've learned that every single Porter-Person has their own voice. What I would like to do as your representative, would be to facilitate open communications between our community and the rest of campus to make our voices are heard while attempting to incorporate our motto: Ars longa, vita brevis. I believe that my years of leadership positions have provided me with the proper background to be our representative. Many of us make statements with our unique hair styles and outfits which is a testament to our strong individuality, our need to make a statement and our passion to stand by what we believe in. As your Porter Representative I will not stop trying to make our voices heard.

Alexandra Kasper

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Merrill Rep

Hi all! My name is Alexandra Kasper, and I am running to be your next Merrill College Representative, because I believe that students are powerful and they need to be heard. As a first year, I have served as one of the appointed reps for Merrill College and have represented you all at the UCSA summer congress, Students of Color Conference, and Grassroots Legislative Conference in Washington DC. These experiences have helped me develop a passion for both internal and external issues that affect students. As elected rep I will advocate for eliminating student loan debt, increasing student life, and the Merrill ethos of Cultural Identities and Global Consciousness. I will make it a priority to keep myself, SUA, and Merrill Student Government transparent and accountable. Together we will bring back power to the student's voices! Go banana slugs!

Ceril Fangon

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Cowell Rep

Hello fellow Cowell students. I am Ceril Fangon, and I want to be your SUA Cowell College Representative. I am the current Chair and Cowell Representative of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) and also a Selectperson in Cowell Senate. Through SFAC and Cowell Senate, I have worked on serving the needs of the student body while representing the voice of not only Cowell, but UC Santa Cruz as a whole. I understand that we all have our own ideals and passions; but a divided body will not make great and effective changes. Vote for me; let me be the conduit for your many voices, and together, we shall make history.

Roshni Advani

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Col8 Rep

My name is Roshni Advani. I am a second year student, and have been the College Eight Representative for two years. I am able to connect with College Eight and UCSC students very well, and gather the opinions and inputs of the community. I am very passionate about using the thoughts of my peers to formulate change around campus and to also educate those in my community about important factors that will affect them. My priorities being a Representative include increasing safety around campus and focusing on helping those in College Eight to become more involved and aware of their environment. Furthermore, I wish to create more campus-wide events to unify all slugs on and off campus. I believe that I will be very effective in achieving these goals and reaching out to those in the community. Together, we can create a more unified campus.

Shubhankar Sharan

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Col9 Rep

Hey College Nine, I'm Shub and my goal is simple; I want to increase the quality of student life for everyone at College Nine. As a member of our college senate, I have been working on a project to significantly expand Wi-Fi in our dorms and apartments, as well as on a series of upcoming games and events designed to bring our community together. In addition to senate, I am an active member of our campus lobby corps. I have also been closely involved with the SUA as an alternate rep so I know how the space works and how to best go about representing the needs of our students and, most importantly, getting tangible results. I believe the SUA has the untapped potential to do great things for UCSC and I am confident that, with your help, we will be able to accomplish great things.