

## Student Union Assembly Chair

### Amanda Buchanan

Hey Banana Slugs! I, Amanda Buchanan, am running to become YOUR next Student Union Assembly Chair. As the principle spokeswoman for our severely cut and bleeding University, I will continue student advocacy efforts for access, affordability, quality and diversity in conventional and non-conventional ways accessing my experience from leadership positions this year (SFAC Chair, Oakes Senate Chair, Legislative Liaison, SUA intern, UCSA Board Member). Specifically, I will work to re-open communication with Orgs, carry out operational efficiencies, redefine fiscal responsibility, and get the SUA body actively organizing for campus-based issues and beyond. With three years experience in observing the SUA internally, I have not only a bettering-vision but a plan to mold it into a reality. Our capacity, as a student government, has not yet been reached and it all begins with communication, experience, and a willingness to work. Help me, help yourself, by trusting me with your vote.

### Anna Nelson

No one can or should "speak for the Student Body." This student body speaks for itself: instead of co-opting the actions and voices of student activists and organizers, this position must be used to amplify those opinions. SUA resources should be used for furthering the goals of students, instead of serving the internal interests of the administration and the SUA organization itself. We need to make the SUA an effective tool for the UCSC student body, rather than a symbol with no follow-up: Bureaucracy does not help or represent students. This means being critical of the SUA itself and holding the SUA organization accountable for its actions. This year, I organized with other students, fighting budget cuts and the distorted priorities of the UC, as well as demanding a long-overdue Ethnic and Critical Race Studies Department, which I will continue to do.

## Internal Vice Chair

### Justin Riordan

Fellow Students: First let me say, thank you for being an active member of our campus community by voting in this election! As the Internal Vice-Chair:

- I will commit myself to furthering the transparency and availability the Student Union Assembly to the entire student body by increasing the communication and advertisement of the SUA through student organizations and campus-wide media.
- I will work with other students to develop a stronger campus community by providing more on campus programs and events that are accessible to all UCSC Slugs.
- I will further develop the Student Committee on Committees to ensure that student voice is preserved in all campus decision making through stronger outreach and training for student representatives.

This election is an opportunity for UCSC students to make campus issues major issues for our student leaders. Remember to vote for those who are focused on our campus.

### Victor Velasco

Hello, my name is Victor Velasco and I am running to be your next Internal Vice Chair. I currently serve as the representative for the Queer Student Union in SUA, intern for SUA's organizing director, and sit on critical campus committees. I have had the privilege to work with some of our generation's greatest leaders and have

gained the necessary skills to take on the dire challenges we, as students, face. I want to continue my hard work next year by defending student's voices, addressing student priorities, outreaching to organizations to create effective spaces for students, working closer with college governments to create stronger links between students, and informing all students about ways that they can get involved. If elected, I will dedicate myself towards advocating on behalf of all students. I believe that it is crucial, now more than ever, that our demands are met!

## External Vice Chair

### Nelson Cortez

My name is Nelson Cortez, I am a third year from Merrill and I am running to be your next External Vice Chair. This year I have worked hard to, register the most students in midterm election history at UCSC, organized students to protest the 32% and 8% fee increase, invested new student leaders by engaging them directly through advocacy conferences, and I was recognized as the UCSA 2010-2011 Organizer of the Year. As a fundamental believer that Education is a right and not a privilege, I will work hard to represent your voice to our decision makers on the local, statewide, and national level. I will actively advocate and demand nothing less than an affordable, accessible, diverse, and a quality education. Education today is a privilege and with your vote I will work hard to make education what it should be, A RIGHT! Holla Back?

## Commissioner of Academic Affairs

### Jessica Greenstreet

We are first and foremost students. With this current budget crisis, the quality of our education cannot be compromised. As students, I feel we have the right to:

- a comprehensive advising system with an emphasis on the individual student,
- to be heard on all issues that concern our education with equal emphasis on all departments,
- and, to graduate in a timely manner with the degree of our choosing. To defend these rights, we need corporation from faculty, student groups, and individuals.

I currently serve as a student representative on the Academic Senate Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid and the Committee on Planning and Budget. In addition, I am the Media director of the CLASSurvey which is focused gathering student experience of class availability, advising, work study, and time to graduation. Remember to vote for those who are focused on our campus and have a great day!

### Amrit Sidhu

Before voting, I want to ask you a few questions:

Do you know who your SUA officers are? Do you know that they represent the student body in Academic Senate meetings with the administration and faculty that directly affect you? They have never talked to you or interacted with the majority of the student body. You probably voted for them randomly and had no intention of them actually representing you, that is if you did vote. Wouldn't you like to restructure the SUA and Academic Senate so that you can actually know who these decision makers are and be able to address them in person?

I do NOT want you to vote for me as your representative. I only represent myself. I want you to vote for me so that I can open these decision making processes, resources, and information to the public so that YOU can represent YOURSELF.

## Commissioner of Diversity

### James Ramsey

My name is James Ramsey, and I am running to be Commissioner of Diversity because I am most qualified for the job. I have been involved in SUA and the Queer Student Union for the past two years, and I am well versed in how SUA as well as SOAR orgs operate. As Commissioner of Diversity I would take a an approach emphasizing three key aspects of Diversity. I will work with orgs, administration, and faculty to

Support our historically under represented communities.

Protect our dwindling diversity on campus.

Promote our on campus diversity.

Due to the intense financial strain our university and students have had to face, students are receiving less and contribute more. I promise to work to increase the overall richness of our ethnic, cultural, and identity diversity. Remember, UCSC is important. Vote for those who are Campus Focused.

### DT Amajoyi

As an active student at UCSC, I have witnessed a variety of issues that have long affected students of color. The lack of classes, retention programs, support services, and etc. play a vital role in our diversity efforts on campus. I currently serve as the African Black Student Alliance Rep. in SUA and as a coordinator for Destination Higher Education, an African American Yield Outreach Program housed under Engaging Education. Over 50% of our participants enroll as UCSC Students in the following year. As Commissioner of Diversity I will strive to improve diversity and foster unity amongst the ethnic communities here on campus—as well as aim for critical retention resources to ensure that students on our campus have the best resources to excel in their education pursuits. It is important to me that I serve as a representative of students and amplify your voices throughout this campus.

## Organizing Director

### Sindy Ramirez

Hello Banana Slugs! I, Sindy Ramirez, am running to be your next Organizing Director. This year I worked passionately in recruiting students to exercise our student power at the 8% fee increase protest, worked closely with other organizers to demand SUPPORT for institutional aid and the Ca DREAM Act. This year, I serve as the Campaign Director for the EVC, which has given me first-hand experience in organizing the Student Lobby Conference, Students of Color Conference, and other campaign efforts with the Organizing Director's office. I will fight to keep the resources that provide opportunities for students and to strengthen our communication between all student organizations to take collective action towards our educational rights. I want to make sure that we, as students, are given our RIGHT to an ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, and the QUALITY education that we deserve.

## College Nine Representative

### Austin Hall

I, Austin Travis Dylan Hall, do hereby state that if I were elected to the position of college representative to the Student Union Assembly by College Nine, I will continue to further the interests of College Nine in the

Assembly, I will work together with my fellow representatives to demonstrate the continuing unity of the Santa Cruz campus of the University of California, I will listen to the complaints and comments of my peers and constituents, I will suffer through hours of tedious debate, and will work to ensure that this university makes life for its students as entertaining, educational, and enjoyable as humanly possible.

### Porter College Representative

#### Catherine Olivier

As a representative of Porter College, I will do what is in the best interest of Porter and its residence. I welcome this as a chance to further improve my leadership skills that I have already developed through such on campus activities as Rainbow Theatre and Queer Student Union. As your representative, I feel it would be my duty to protect Porter from the eminent budget cuts as much as possible and serve as an ambassador between the Porter community and Student Union Assembly. I believe that I will be a great candidate for this position because I am dedicated to doing what is best for Porter and the Porter community and I am not shy to speak up when the Porter community's voice needs to be heard.

### Kresge College Representative

#### Douglas Baker

Over the last few years, the public has been abandoning their commitment towards adequately funding public education for California's students. Current and prospective students will both be seeing tuition hikes and new fees and as such, their student government should hold itself to higher standards of responsibility when it comes to spending the money of the student body. I have been involved in youth government programs for three years and I have experience in the SUA's council as an appointed representative of Kresge College. My plans are to ensure responsible spending of SUA's funds and find alternative sources of funding to reduce the pain of government cuts. If you want to find out more about me and my ideas, you can stop by apartment 823 room B and talk to me at any time!

### College Ten Representative

#### Kevin Huang

Hey C10!

I'm Kevin Huang – I am currently an appointed SUA Representative for College Ten. I have represented and defended the voice of College Ten in the SUA body. I have been accountable to every SUA meeting since my appointment. I have been a consistent and passionate voice for College Ten in the general body as your representative. As a college that embodies the spirit of student advocacy for the sake of equality, solidarity, and inclusion – there is a need for a consistent and accountable force that can channel the loud voice we have – there is a need for a force of passionate advocacy to represent this voice – there is a need for an unwavering defense of Ten's voice amidst the SUA body.

Vote for me, Kevin Huang, and I will provide the College of Social Justice and Community the voice it needs in SUA.

### Stevenson College Representative

#### Marco Suárez

My name is Marco Suárez and I am running to be your Student Union Assembly Stevenson College Representative.

I am a candidate because I have the experience necessary for this office. I am currently serving as the Appointed Stevenson Representative to the SUA, I am an intern for the SUA Commissioner of Academic Affairs, and I am the Internal Vice Chair for UCSC's Queer Student Union. Through these leadership roles I have gained invaluable campaign and programming skills as well as the knowledge of the functions and operations of the SUA.

As your representative, it is imperative that I serve as a liason between Stevenson College, Stevenson Student Council, and the campuswide community. I will ensure that I am always accessible to my fellow Stevensonians to voice their questions and opinions on any issues within our community.

## **Merrill College Representative**

### **Shaz Umer**

Hey Everyone, my name is Shaz. I am running to be re-elected as Merrill College SUA Representative. One of the biggest problems I noticed this year were students not getting into the classes they needed for their major. Next year my main priority will be working on class availability and the budget crisis. I will lobby legislation in Sacramento and Washington D.C for higher education and the Dream Act. I believe everyone has the right to higher education. As the Merrill Rep I will also increase the transparency between Merrill Student Government and Merrill students by facilitating events to promote Cultural Identity and Global Consciousness across campus.

For questions regarding campus elections, please contact Lucy Rojas at [larojas@ucsc.edu](mailto:larojas@ucsc.edu) or 459-1676.