

Ray Inoue

President

OUR FEES ARE TOO DAMN HIGH. Students deserve a better education for the extravagant costs we pay for tuition. Administrators have not responded to our student needs and are instead trying to raise tuition once again. Together, we will fight back because we deserve better than this.

My name is Ray and I am running to be your next President of SUA. I want to work with all of you on the housing crisis by putting pressure on both our administration and city council to provide affordable housing. I want us to take back our school by fighting for student spaces, building relationships with the Metro to improve bus service, and fighting tuition hikes through effective lobbying and activism.

I am devoted to student power, not student politics. Together, we will use the SUA to amplify the voices of students and function as a body that puts students first.

Imari Reynolds

VP of Internal Affairs

Friends. As a current SUA representative, I have witnessed firsthand how the Student Union Assembly has failed its students. When every student is paying into the SUA budget, the SUA should work solely for its students. I have plans to increase SUA relevancy by bringing it back to the student groups, and increasing accessibility to the SUA. If I am elected to be VP of Internal Affairs I plan to use my past programming knowledge to increase campus desirability for ALL students by holding more programs that actually benefit the student body such as campus pride, guest speakers, and more than just one multi-cultural event. I am not here to make false promises, this work is team-work. However I plan to make it my job to unite the collective voice of students. The SUA is broken but with your vote and my help we can fix this problem together.

Grace Shefcik

VP of Internal Affairs

Hey all! As your next IVP I will foster community on campus and to increase student voice in administrative spaces. Programming will be community and cross-college oriented: I'll target frosh in the fall, reinstate the Ethnic Student Organizing Council, and work to establish a campus food pantry. Throughout the year I will also do mental health focused programming and work in collaboration with CAPS, a unit I have volunteered for the last three years. I will chair SCOC, a committee I've spent two years a part of, to ensure students have a voice in admin-dominated committees. I will revise the committee's public meetings to increase engagement and awareness. Existing events such as UCSC's Got Talent will continue and the office will support and sponsor existing student programs. My first position in SUA was in this office. I would be honored to take what I've learned since then to lead it.

Judith Gutierrez

VP of External Affairs

Hi there!

My name is Judith Gutierrez and I am running to be your next External Affairs Vice President.

As a first year, I attended the Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento, CA, where I met with Assembly-members and lobbied for bills that benefit students statewide.

Today, I am a 2nd year Politics major, an Outreach and Engagement Coordinator in the External Affairs Office, and the youngest delegate in the Santa Cruz County Democratic Committee. Every day I advocate for students at local and state level politics. Once elected, I plan on further advocating for the students who are tired of being threatened by proposed tuition increases, the students that skip meals to pay for books, and the students that seek help in a system where mental health feels like a privilege. With your help, I know we can make a difference at UCSC. Are you up for the challenge?

Elí Guzman-Martin

VP of Diversity and Inclusion

Hello, my name is Elí Guzman-Martin and I hope to be your next Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. As a gender non-conforming, first generation, queer, latinx student I am aware of the struggles student who are a part of marginalized communities face, and I want to do all that I can to help these communities on campus. Students here experience transphobia, homophobia, racism etc and it is time for us to address these issues.

During my three years here at UCSC I have worked closely with various organizations, such as Familia X, Students for Justice in Palestine, and the Queer and Trans People of Color Collective, to further awareness about issues that they face. I have also worked within student government as one of Porter College's SUA representatives.

Given this experience, I believe that I am exceptionally well qualified and as such I would love to have your support!

Hector Navarro

VP of Diversity and Inclusion

My transition into UCSC is a common experience among students from underrepresented backgrounds. As a first generation Hispanic student, I felt lost in a seemingly unaccommodating environment. After my first year, I joined the S.T.E.M. Diversity Programs, and have spent the last two years working alongside them, providing opportunities for underrepresented students in S.T.E.M. As a result of this work, I had the honor of being appointed to the Chancellor's Diversity Advisory Council, where I have spent the last year collaborating closely with the Office of Diversity to bring underrepresented student experience to the attention of Chancellor Blumenthal in an effort to promote diversity at UCSC. The diverse community at my university is what makes me proud to be a SLUG. My mission is to reach out to these communities to accommodate their individual needs while celebrating the culture that they bring to UCSC.

Jeffery Stoll

VP of Academic Affairs

Hello! I'm Jeff Stoll and I am running to be your VP of Academic Affairs. Next year I will work with student groups and administrators to raise UCSC's retention rates for underrepresented groups and students from low-income families. My office will advocate for the student body by demanding that all students get the classes we need, when we need them. We will also be assertive when dealing with administrators to finally fix the broken desks and chairs in our lecture halls. I have worked closely with the Office of Academic Affairs this year on pressing issues, and want to grow this advocacy by ensuring we have a strong Student Academic Senate. UCSC is at the breaking point with financial restraints, overcrowding and a decades long confidence crisis which damages all of our educations. As your VPA, I will stand up for UCSC's unique academic problems in the year ahead.

Tias Webster

VP of Academic Affairs

It would be foolhardy to say that next year's unprecedented influx of new students isn't going to strain every part of our academic system. A lot of the problems are foreseeable: class sizes will grow, forcing classes online; waitlists will get even longer; TAs and professors will be stretched thin. Undoubtedly, still more problems will be impossible to see until they're on top of us. Having worked long hours in the Office of Academic Affairs, I have the experience necessary to deal with issues both expected and unexpected, being tactical and reactionary in equal measure. Next year isn't the time to dream big; it's the time to dig in our heels and deal with the issues that hit us every day, like our crumbling classrooms and faulty online enrollment system. With your vote, I'll both fix these long-standing flaws and protect students from incoming academic pressure in every way possible.

Carlos Lemus

VP of Student Life

UCSC NEEDS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS, not just bandages to important student issues (housing, tuition, metro cuts, food insecurity, etc.). We are headed towards an intersectional crisis, and I intend to work on these problems head on.

My name is Carlos Lemus and I am running for Vice President of Student Life. As a first-generation student from Richmond, CA., I was able to overcome many personal obstacles with support systems like ELATED (currently Co-Chair) and Oakes, a path many of my friends could not continue. My passion for Film has led me to communicate important information honestly and transparently, which is why I have worked on videos for SUA, Global Food Initiative, and the Practical Activism Conference. Retention has been my biggest priority in my activism, and I hope to continue working with the Hispanic Serving Institute Committee to ensure the current and future student body have institutional support and community.

Tamra Owens

VP of Student Life

Hey Y'all!

I'm running for Vice President of Student Life because I want to make life easier and more enjoyable for the everyday student. I held down three jobs this year, one of which is at the C8 dining hall, just so I could pay for my books and have some food to eat. School is stressful, and I want students to feel as if someone has their back. One of my goals is to make food, specifically healthy foods like fruits and vegetables, more accessible to students. The SUA spent \$3,500 to send a few students to conference to **talk** food security, but they did nothing about it when they came back, which is stupid. That \$3,500 literally could've bought meals for students on campus who were hungry. If elected, I can promise that money will go back to you. Administration doesn't invest in us, but I will. #StopTheStupid

Kiryl Karpiuk

College 9 Representative

My parents always told me that if I wanted something done right, I would have to do it myself. As evidenced by the recent SUA decision to indefinitely shelve a resolution that would have expressed support for establishing automatic voter registration on our campus, I can no longer sit back and leave important decisions to a group of people whose views seem to not line up with my own. I am running for SUA Representative because not everyone feels as strongly about involvement as I do. Not everyone has the time or want to be involved with student government, no matter the effect it may have on them. I believe it is my duty to be involved for them and to represent them as accurately as I possibly can.

Tama Semo

College 10 Representative

Hello, my fellow Banana Slugs! I am Tama Semo and I am honored to announce my candidacy for College Ten SUA Representative! As one of your currently appointed representatives, I have the experience and the knowledge necessary to confront the unprecedented crises facing our community. I am involved in the Filipino Student Association, Student Union Governance Board, and the OPERs Student Advisory Committee among many others and these organizations have been imperative in strengthening my understanding of the issues facing our campus and granting firsthand experience in creating solutions for them. My platform is dedicated to increasing the access of student spaces, advocating for the principles of Social Justice and Community, and mentoring the next generation of student leaders within our college. Ultimately, I promise to work tirelessly to make a difference within our campus. Even though there are difficult times ahead, I know we will move on together.

Vicente Lovelace

Cowell Representative

My name is Vicente Lozano Lovelace and I am a Mexican-American running for Cowell Representative. I am as proud of my ethnicity as I am of our university and our college. Right now, however, our community is changing. The coffeehouse acquisition, impacted lectures, and crowded dorm room layouts continue to affect Cowell students. Therefore, we need a representative who will advocate for preserving our way of life. I am uniquely qualified to represent our interests. As an undergraduate researcher for the Chicano Latino Research Center, I built networks with high-level administration and philanthropic donors to ensure that both university and local interests recognize this invaluable space. More importantly, we need a representative who will work cooperatively. If elected, I will facilitate dialogues involving Cowell students of marginalized identities with university and college administration to devise remedies for an impacted learning environment. If elected, we will pursue the truth.

Rick (Masahiro) Takeuchi

Cowell Representative

Hello fellow Cowell students, I am pleased to announce that I am running for Cowell College SUA representative. I have served as an alternate SUA Representative, selectperson of Cowell Senate, and an intern for Office of Academic Affairs. These experiences helped me develop passion in internal and external issues that impact students, such as potential overcrowding next year. My primary goal is to increase the overall quality of student life. If elected, I can bring the communications between SUA and the diverse interest of Cowell Community as your voice. I will also bring knowledge and experience I have gained from being part of Cowell Senate and SUA this year. Moreover, I will work with SUA to spend money intelligibly to benefit the student life such as expanding library hours, promoting wellness programs, and creating campuswide activities. With your vote and my help, I will represent your voice.

Morgan Smith

Merrill Representative

Hi, I'm Morgan Smith, and I want to be your Merrill Representative to the Student Union Assembly for the 2016-2017 school year. I am currently a member of the Merrill Activities Council and Merrill Student Government, where I have helped to plan and allocate funds for events that align with our ethos "Exploring Cultural Identities and Raising Global Consciousness." I have also been working as an intern under the SUA Office of the President for the past few months, collaborating with other interns to organize events around campus. If elected, I will guarantee the students of Merrill College have their voice heard at SUA meetings and deliberations. With my experience working in the SUA space, I know that I am more than qualified to be your Merrill Representative.

Jonas Hernando

Oakes Representative

Hello Oakes Students! My name is Jonas Hernando and I am currently a first year student from Bayit Weisel, and I am running to be your Oakes Representative on the Student Union Assembly! I have been a part of Oakes Student Senate since Fall quarter, and I am currently the alternate representative and primary representative for Oakes on the SUA and on the Student Committee on Committees, respectively. Some of the changes I hope to see come to Oakes include:

- 1) Making sure Oakes students are aware of the issues discussed in SUA meetings that are able to be shared.
- 2) Increased security by continuing to push for peepholes to be installed in the doors, or manning of the security checkpoint at certain hours.
- 3) Expansion of fitness/wellness classes to the Westside.

If these concerns ring true to you, I look forward to seeing you at the polls!

Andrew Szkolnik

Stevenson Representative

Hello, my name is Andrew Szkolnik, and I'm campaigning to be your Stevenson College Representative to SUA for the upcoming academic year. As your representative, it's important for me to share the positions I would hold on several important issues facing Stevenson College and the greater community of UC Santa Cruz. Regarding the Stevenson College Coffee Shop, I believe that no proposal should be eliminated from the conversation concerning future its ownership and operation, but I support a future during which the Coffee Shop is owned and operated by students. Furthermore, I'm opposed to the considerable increase in student enrollment to come in the upcoming years as well as rising tuition rates. All students should have access to a complete seat and desk in their classes and should not, under any circumstances, be forced to skip a meal because it's too expensive. Thanks, and I look forward to your vote!