# **2002 ELECTIONS INFORMATION**

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## **ASUCR Elections Timeline 2002**

Monday, February 11th	Begin Advertising Highlander Ads Commons Windows Advertise for Poll Sitting
Monday, February 11th	Filing Begins Poll Sitting Sign ups at ASUCR
Thursday, April 4th	Filing Ends
Friday, April 5th	Mandatory Candidates Meeting 4pm International Lounge
Monday, April 8th	Campaigning Begins 12am
April 17th, 18th, 19th	Elections Begin Online Voting
Tuesday, April 23rd	Elections Results
April 25th, 26th	Run-off Elections
April 29th Run-off Elections Results	

## **ASUCR** preliminary Election results

### Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

## **Total Votes: 710**

## \*indicates one of the 13 elected Humanities senators

Candidate	Total votes
*Nadine Sayegh	311
*Merit Mikhail	254
*Cesar Cisneros	226
*April Smith	225
*Gavriel Kullman	222
*Alex C. Ruiz	220
*Vianey Ramirez	219
*Angel Lopez Jr.	219
*Heather Michelle Minton	214
*Josefina Ramirez	207
*Shawnquella Hawthorne	199
*Ivory Rose Parnell	189
*Jesus Fernandez	184
Dario Rodriguez (1st alternate)	177
Elisa Haro (2nd alternate)	172
Omid Tehranirad (3rd alternate)	162
Enedelia Ornelas	153
Alex Farias	150
Will Hong	147
Scott Spicer	140
Maria Pimentel	132
R. J. San Agustin	117
Brian Mariano	115
Sherri Ann Le	108
Matthew Evan Lyon	80

## Natural and Agricultural Sciences

## \*indicates one of the 5 elected Natural Science senators

Candidate	Total
Canuluate	votes

*Bobby Martinez	148
*Ari Bieler	136
*Piotr Podlesny	112
*Gabriel Dowling	83
Write-in	
*Jan Remetir	38
Jose Marachis	32
Travis Randel	9
Martha Salcido	6
Missy Alvarez	5
Chester Ng	4
Erik Paulson	3
Marbir Hathi	2
David Johnson	2
Patrick Fattauch	2
David W. Lee	2
James Bond	2
Christopher Mills	1
Peter Leung	1
Jose Morachez	1
Jose Marchinco	1
Christo Gonzales	1
Sergei Federov	1
Jocyl Sacramento	1
Ben Merritt	1
Ari Bieler	1
Bobby Martinez	1
Jamal Phillips	1
George Macias	1
Jersen Manalo	1
Jeff Westrick	1
Fernando Herrera	1
Anthony Nguyen	1
God	1
Martha	1
Jose	1
Spencer Bruneto	1

## Engineering

## \*indicates one of the 2 elected Engineering senators

Candidate	Total Votes
*Nicholas Nguyen	61
*Julia Peron	55
Zaynal A. Pham	50
Write-in	
Michael Ou	3
Chen Lin (Lincoln)	3
Jose Morachis	2
La Gente Umoja	2
Eugene Fung	1
Greg Nemet	1
Han Weng	1
Martha Salcido	1
Christopher Bailey	1
Korey Sewell	1
Jayme Anderson	1
Chris Malek	1
Bin Lin	1
Nicholas Nguen	1
Alex Ruiz	1
Jorge Macias	1
The comic book store guy from the Simpsons	1
Josh Willis	1

As certified by the ASUCR elections committee

#### **GSA Election timeline 2002**

Monday, February 18 to Monday, April 1	Filing period
Wednesday, April 3	Graduate Student Council meeting Candidate statements
Monday, April 15 to Friday, April 19	Voting period

#### Candidates for GSA Elected Offices

#### **Candidates for President**

**Candidates for Executive Vice President** 

#### **Candidates for Vice President for Academic Affairs**

#### **Health Insurance Committee Chair**

#### **Public Relations Officer**

#### Write-In Candidates

#### **Candidates for President**

One Candidate.

Name	William C. Corley
Department	English
Candidate Statement	<ul> <li>English</li> <li>**Let there be no confusion: William C. Corley is Liam Corley.**</li> <li>Against all expectation (personal and societal), I find myself declaring my willingness to serve again as President of the Graduate Student Association. And not merely willingnessI am eager to serve again. You may be interested in an explanation.</li> <li>1. I am eager for the GSA to capitalize on the opportunity a new Chancellor presents. By building on my experience serving on the Advisory Committee to Select a New Chancellor for UCR, I hope to put graduate issues and GSA initiatives in the forefront of the new chancellor's thinking.</li> <li>2. Though I have begun a process of reviewing campuswide Registration Fee allocations this year, I do not anticipate accomplishing my goal of obtaining more reg-fee funded services for graduate students until next year. Some promising signslike a dedic ated nonacademic career search officer for grad studentsencourage me that we can receive more focused services for the GSA's doors open during business hours. Many of you have probably noticed our temporary assistance in this area. You'll know by election-time if we' ve been successful in obtaining the \$18K necessary to fund the position next year.</li> <li>4. We have been remarkably successful this year in gaining broad campus support for a Graduate Research Awards and Colloquium program. Ultimately, this program will be fully funded and administered by the university for the benefit of graduates. In the current budget crisis, this is remarkable. Thanks to all who have contributed to the development of the program.</li> <li>5. With the partnership of students on the Commons Expansion Committee, we have taken the first steps towards establishing a real (large) Graduate Student Lounge on campus. I believe this will be a solid contribution to graduate student life on campus.</li> <li>6. Finally, I feel that if I do nort run again, I will deny my colleagues the right to express their approval or my performance as your rep</li></ul>
	So for a hardworking representative who knows what he is getting himself into, please vote for Liam Corley as GSA President.

#### **Candidates for Executive Vice President**

No Candidates.

#### Candidates for Vice President for Academic Affairs

Four Candidates.

Name	Emily K. O'neill	Department	Sociology	
Candidate Statement				
As a graduate student I am concerned about the relationship and communication between graduate students and the University administration. Interaction				
between students and administration is a useful tool for creating an academic environment that is conducive to productivity for all involved. I am eager to				
represent the GSA in the endeavor to work in cooperation with administration to ensure that the concerns of both students and faculty in creating and				

maintaining a positive academic environment are addressed.

Currently, my research finds me in a position which requires me to deal with administrative personnel for the County of Riverside including the Board of Supervisors on a daily basis and this experience has afforded me a strong background in communicating with individuals in an administrative capacity in order accomplish certain goals.

	is the Vice President for Academic Affairs I intend to convey to graduate students the importance communicating their concerns and thereby encourage more				
departmental representation in the GSA. In addition, I will solicit input regarding what concerns graduate students have regarding the quality of life at UCR and					
see how these can be addressed through cooperation with administration.					
Name	Adam t. Dierkers	Department	Biochemistry		
Candidate Stat	ement				
students. Howev which in turn le interests of all the As more departed	Due to the diversity of the departments in UCR, the resources of the GSA could allow for a mutual interest sharing, and education among the UCR graduate students. However, because the sizes of the departments are far from even, the smaller departments tend to have less say in the allocation of GSA resources, which in turn leads to decreased participation. If elected, I pledge to communicate with smaller and more recently formed departments, in order to find common interests of all the graduate students at UCR. We are all graduate students going through the same hardships, and we should be equally represented in the GSA. As more departments voice their thoughts and concerns, the more the Graduate Student Association will grow and prosper for the students. As Vice-President for Academic Affairs, I promise to work form the most diverse and interactive GSA.				
Name	Xiaofei Zhang	Department	Environmental Toxicology		
Candidate Statement					
of time to nurtu don't know thes organization net Currently, I'm tl a new challenge members, try to	Academic success is the major concern of all graduate students toward the degree and the future career development. Therefore, graduate study is a key period of time to nurture the maturity. I think one of the initiatives of GSA is to bring all the resources to its members to help us financially and mentally. Lots of grads don't know these existed resources, even don't know what GSA is, especially for international students including myself before I attended its meetings. Our organization needs cultural diversity, so does its academic activity. Therefore, it is reasonable to have representatives with international background in GSA. Currently, I'm the treasurer of Chinese Students and Scholars Association and have the experiences to organize several cultural events in UCR. This position is a new challenge to me. If elected, I will try to grasp all my mind and energy to fulfill its all functions. My aim will be to promote the communication of GSA members, try to present all the resources that can be of help, increase the influence of GSA both in the organization and in the administrative levels of the university and let more grads to access the benefit from GSA. Please give me your support. I will be glad to be the humble servant of all our members. Thank you very much!				
Name	Samantha Scribner	Department	School of Education		
Candidate Statement					
have served as t	I am currently in my third year as a doctoral student in the Graduate School of Education (GSOE). I have been attending GSA meetings since September and I have served as the GSOE Academic Affairs Officer, a liaison between the GSOE and the GSA. As such I have been introduced to the important work of the GSA and its service to graduate students and would like to increase my level of participation as the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Having had				

GSA and its service to graduate students and would like to increase my level of participation as the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Having had administrative experience within the public school sy stem, an undergraduate background in fine arts, and currently pursuing an academic career in education research, I feel like I have a uniquely appropriate blend of experiences to serve in this position and on a GSC team committed to advocacy for graduate students and the improvement of UCR as an institution.

### Health Insurance Committee Chair

One Candidate.

Name	Mark Bundy
Department	English
Candidate Statement	After just getting my feet wet as your representstive for the Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan, I am looking forward to the pleasure of serving and working hard to continually improve our current coverage. As a reminder, I have more than 9 years experience working in a pharmacy (where I have learned well the skills, vocabulary, and confidence that is requisite to perform the tasks of insurance review and billing, patient care and a high standard of keeping updated on information in the health care field). I have a strong background in Medical Terminology, Pharmacology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Pharmacokinetics. Most Importantly, I feel as though my work as the GSHIP chair has just begun, and am excited to begin a new academic year as the incumbernt candidate. I am here to make sure that all Grad Student healthcare needs continue to increasingly enhance, develop, and enrich your overall well-being. I thank you for your time, and I hope that you will consider to vote for me, Mark Bundy, to be the GSHIP chair.

#### **Public Relations Officer**

One Candidate.

Name	Kasey Moreland	Department	Anthropology
Candidate S	tatement		
I am currently in my first year of graduate studies at UCR. I am pursuing a PhD in Anthropology and would be honored to serve in the Graduate Student			

I am currently in my first year of graduate studies at UCR. I am pursuing a PhD in Anthropology and would be honored to serve in the Graduate Student Council. As a graduate student of the department of Anthropology and as one at UCR, I consider myself as part of a community, one where I find it crucial to interact with students both within and outside of my own department. If elected for the position of the Public Relations Officer, I would be committed to further enhancing communication to the graduate community on the entire Riverside campus.

I am currently Vice President of the Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists (a.k.a., SAGA). As an active member of SAGA, I have had the opportunity to help organize a regional conference hosted by the graduate students in Anthropology. The James Young Colloquium was held February 21-22nd of this year, where I also presented a scholarly paper. Furthermore, I edited and produced the program for the colloquium, which housed the schedule and abstracts for each of the papers.

In addition, I helped write and produce the Second Edition of the Graduate Guide for prospective Anthropology students. As a project still in process we are compiling a comprehensive bulletin for incoming anthropology graduate students who have been accepted to UCR. In this guide, we have compiled everything from general information on the Riverside community to specifics of our own department.

Also within my first year, I have interacted on an individual and regular basis with many of the faculty, where I have maintained a professional and friendly relationship. I am comfortable voicing student concerns among professors and students alike, where I think a community relationship and interaction with all students is crucial. Thus, in my first year, I have remained an active participant within my own community. Now, I am eager to forge communication, not only among Anthropology students, but to extend that community out to the entire graduate population at UCR.

With this goal in mind, I will further improve upon the communication among the entire graduate community. As a woman, I have the ability to voice a minority opinion. I will listen to all graduate student concerns and communicate them effectively.

More specifically, I would like to break the imaginary boundary between the two schools on campus, the Natural Sciences vs. the Humanities. I think it is important that each department is represented in GSA. Thus I will help improve communication to those departments not actively represented in GSA.

Although these concerns may fall into the Vice President for Academic Affairs position, I would like to re-emphasize the fact that as PR officer, I will collaborate and extend my responsibilities to these issues. They are, after all, major priorities of GSA. It is the PR officer's fundamental job to execute, publicize, and advertise the agendas of GSA.

There are some concerns I have with the current means of establishing GSA's interaction with the community. I would like to see more active communication to all departments, but especially those who are underrepresented in GSA. In the past we relied on fliers and other banners, which are based on passive interaction, to recruit and remind future members when and where meetings will be held. Although I think fliers are effective means of communication, any piece of paper may be easily overlooked by people and put into the garbage. Rather than placing these fliers in each graduate student's mailbox, I think GSA could become more active in an effort to communicate, but most importantly engage with members outside the GSA community while dispersing these materials. Perhaps members who are willing to walk to each department, can introduce themselves and inform the graduate students and members of that particular department how GSA can improve graduate student life. Hopefully this can open an efficient forum and give a personal touch to an overlooked label. I think a major problem isn't just a lack of communication but a lack of contact, this may further improve the passivity of the flier.

Further still, if elected, I will work to improve recruitments to the graduate community at UCR. As we are all aware, the undergraduate population is quickly increasing. This means that more graduate students are needed to TA the ever growing community. I think that extending our welcome and sending GSA newsletters to prospective students may make GSA more accessible to the incoming graduate population.

Furthermore, in my own department, we recently had prospective students visit the campus. In an effort to improve the graduate community, two SAGA members actually hosted them for the weekend. On their visit to campus, the Anthropology graduate community was eager to assure their comfort and many students volunteered their time, despite the fact that it was week eight in the quarter, to facilitate these students. I think that making this project a campus wide event for all prospective graduate students, in every department, could prove beneficial to the graduate student population.

Thus, if elected, I would be an asset to GSA. I would work to enhance communication among the graduate student community and extend that communication to the prospective graduate community. I am fully committed to making all voices heard and interacting with students, faculty and staff about current and future concerns of GSA

#### Write-In Candidates

Two Candidates so far.

Name	Chen Lin (Lincoln)	Department	Chemical Engineering
Candidate Statement			

My name is Lin, Chen(also known as Lincoln). I am a second year graduate student in Chemical and Environmental Engineering Department.

From the end of last academic year, I started to participate social activities in UCR. I volunteer to be an International Peer Adviser(IPA), whose duty is to welcome new International students on behalf of our university and help them to settle down after they arrive in Riverside. I also serve Chinese community as the president of Chinese Students and Scholars Association(CSSA). In the meantime, I work as an Academic Affair Officer(AAO) in Graduate Student Association(GSA). As the president of CSSA, I had the opportunity to work with my fellow students as a leader, to organize and coordinate large activities, to facilitate the interactions with corresponding Chinese groups of other UC campuses. Especially by working on the fund raising and organizing of Chinese Spring Festival event, I had campus-wide interactions with administrators, staffs, professors and students and establish good relationship with them. It also gives me a better understanding of university policies and people. As an IPA, I have learnt how to work with my American teammate to accomplish something together. On the orientation day of the beginning of each quarter, we need to get up at 6 o'clock to do all the preparation and decoration for whole day's event. We are exhausted at the end of the day. But the rewarding is great. We are so proud because we are doing something for UCR. Being a AAO in GSA, I gained first-hand opinion about our university from a lot of graduate students. By attending the Chancellor's Retreat of last year, I was able to listen to the concerns from other graduate representatives and express our concerns directly to high administrators of UCR.

But no matter what kinds of work I did, I noticed a very important thing, which is also the primary motivation for me to actively participate GSA activities. When I work as an IPA, new graduate students will always ask me: Is there any organization that we all can join and is there such an organization that serve for us? When I stood on the stage at the end of Chinese Spring Festival event, I was too excited to give any speech. I told myself: I did it. But in my mind, I know that without the co-work of my fellow students, without the support from Liam and Dian, without the support from GSA. We were not able to launch such a big event at all. So finally, I realize that as graduate students, we do need an organization that we can trust, an organization that we can depend on, an organization that can help us to make our dream reality. Graduate Students Association is the right place for us to participate in to not only meet new friends and have fun, but discuss seriously about issues that may affect our life in UCR, and more importantly, empower ourselves to part of the process of making decisions and making a difference for all graduate students. It is because of this that I decide to increase my level of participation in GSA.

I AM RUNNING FOR Executive Vice President(EVP). Part of its job will be to represent GSA of UCR at the meetings of University of California Students Association(UCSA), to manage external affairs, to report on the policies and issues that may have impacts on our graduate students, and to coordinate and ensure the participation of UCR graduate students in UCSA activities. I love this work because it allows me to serve our graduate population in a totally different way by applying the communication and social capabilities and skills that has been developed before. I love this work because I believe that by active interactions with other UC campus, we are able to make faster and better progress. You know, we have a mini-grant program that other UC campus do not have. They might have some other wonderful program that we want to learn from too. We can benefit each other.

Executive Vice President is a challenge work for me. But I am very confident to welcome this challenge with all of my enthusiasm, my diligent work and your support! Thank you and VOTE FOR ME!!!

Lin, Chen (Lincoln)					
Name	Reiko Ishihara	Department	Anthropology		
Candidate Statement					
My name is REIKO ISHIHARA. I would like to run for Executive Vice President. I have served as the GSA Secretary this year, and would like to continue					

serving the GSA in a more active position. Throughout this year as Secretary, I have had the opportunity to interact and work with the other members on the Executive Board, learning about issues that concern us as graduate students.

There are several reasons why I am a competent candidate for Executive Vice President, as I have a high level of commitment to and interest on the various issues regarding graduate student life.

In the Dept of Anthropology, I have been a core member of the James C. Young Colloquium Organizing Committee for the past 2 years, in which our primary goal this year was to expand outside our dept and UCR, in order to enhance our graduate experience professionally, scholarly, and socially. We did succeed, and we attained a great first step forward. I have also attended and participated in several national conferences as well as acted as Chair of a Symposium at a national conference, hopefully some indication of my professional side, which is an important and necessary aspect of the EVP in meeting with administrators and representatives from other campuses.

Politically, I have been active both on campus in the UCR Student Peace Coalition and in the Riverside community Peace Coalition. I attended the West Coast Regional Meeting held in November in Berkeley representing the Riverside area for California Schoo ls Against War. This is not a statement on my political stance but I would rather like to stress my concern for political awareness and the importance in maintaining a critical frame of mind.

Furthermore, my interest in political and social issues, many of which have a direct effect on graduate students, has led me to become involved in the CASE/UAW, or the student employee union on campus, and I have recently been actively involved in the organizing component of the Union. If elected, I would like to bring to the table the knowledge and experience I have received from the Union so that we are all more keenly aware of our political and social context in which we are working and studying as graduate students.

One of my main concerns is the expansion of UCR and the seeming lack of graduate students in the picture; if the undergraduate population is increasing almost exponentially, there is an obvious problem when the graduate student population is not following the trend. After all, it is the graduate students who teach these undergraduate students in sections, labs, and other classes. I would like to emphasize the significance of the recruitment of prospective graduate students as well as maintaining a high level of support for the current graduate population. The value of graduate students and their crucial role in the University needs to be highlighted to the administration.

With my anthropological background, I would like to bring in a more humanistic perspective into GSA. For example, I am a Japanese female amidst a white, male majority in the GSC, something which has been bothering me since the onset of my involvement with GSA. My anthropological training has allowed me to gain a broad understanding and willingness to learn and educate myself and others on a wide array of social, political, legal, and economic issues that concern us as graduate students. Also my bi-cultural background in both Japan and in the US and my extensive fieldwork experience in Central America allows me to be culturally and socially sensitive, being open to new ideas and discussion on a variety of issues, which I think is imperative on this cult urally, racially, and ethnically diverse campus.

One of the duties for EVP is to attend the monthly UCSA Board of Directors meetings. I am eager to network and interact with other campus representatives, in order to learn and design effective strategies in response to the various student issues we face on campus. Likewise, I would like to encourage increased awareness and coordinate participation in activities and issues raised and discussed by fellow graduate students.

I am excited about serving the GSA as your EVP, as I will be able to effectively apply my various political and social experiences to the position. Please VOTE for REIKO ISHIHARA!

### Eligibility

Any full-time graduate student in good academic standing during the academic year of the term of office is eligible for office, subject to the additional qualification that the names of no more than two students from one department may be offered up for candidacy for office. No qualified graduate student shall be denied candidacy on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, or national origin.

### Descriptions

Please click on the office name for a current <u>list of candidates</u>.

Position	Stipend	<b>Duties</b> (from Constitution and By-Laws)	Qualifications(recommended)
<u>President</u>	\$4,380.00 for 12 months, July to June	<ul> <li>Manage the general operations of the GSA</li> <li>Call, chair and set the agenda for meetings of the Graduate Student Council</li> <li>Appoint students to serve on campuswide and GSA committees</li> <li>Oversee and manage the GSA's budget</li> <li>Represent students at the Graduate Council of the Academic Senate</li> <li>Represent graduate students before the UCR Alumni Association</li> <li>Maintain 6 office hours per week</li> </ul>	The candidates for President should have the ability to <ul> <li>manage teams</li> <li>manage a budget</li> <li>deal with administrators</li> <li>manage projects</li> <li>delegate tasks</li> <li>facilitate discussions</li> </ul> The candidates should state their vision for the near future of graduate education at UCR
Executive Vice President	\$4,380.00 for 12 months, July to June	<ul> <li>Manage the GSA's external affairs</li> <li>Act as president in the absence of the President</li> <li>Represent GSA at the board of directors of the UC Student Association</li> <li>Report on the activities of UCSA and coordinate participation in them by UCR graduate students.</li> <li>Report on legislation impacting the UC and its graduate students</li> <li>Maintain 4 office hours per week</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The candidates for Executive Vice President should have the ability to</li> <li>educate him/herself and others on social, political, legal and economic issues affecting graduate students</li> <li>network with other student groups and organisations, in and outside UCR</li> <li>deal with administrators</li> <li>travel to meetings of UCSA, NAGPS and other organisations' meetings</li> </ul>
<u>Vice President</u> for Academic Affairs	\$3,000.00 for 10 months, September to June	<ul> <li>Liaison with departmental GSA's</li> <li>Encourage representation from departments without a GSA</li> <li>Oversee the Academic Affairs Officers</li> <li>Coordinate student response to problems within his/her purview</li> <li>Act as president in the absence of the president and EVP.</li> <li>Maintain 4 office hours per week</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The candidates for Vice President of Academic Affairs should have the ability to</li> <li>educate him/herself and others on issues affecting the quality of academic life for UCR graduate students</li> <li>manage teams</li> <li>deal with administrators</li> </ul>
<u>Health</u> Insurance Committee Chair	\$2,500.00 for 10 months, September to June	<ul> <li>Manage the decision-making process regarding health care for UCR graduate students.</li> <li>Research the best health-insurance policies available</li> <li>Serve on campus-wide committees related to health policy</li> <li>Call a health insurance premium referendum if necessary</li> <li>Oversee quality control of the GSHIP</li> <li>Assess policies and services of the UCR health center.</li> <li>Inform the graduate student body on health-related issues</li> <li>Maintain 2 office hours per week</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The candidates for Health Insurance Committee Chair should have the ability to</li> <li>educate him/herself and others on health issues affecting graduate students</li> <li>work closely with staff at the Student Health Center insurance office.</li> <li>provide customer support</li> <li>deal with insurance providers</li> </ul>
<u>Public</u> <u>Relations</u> Officer	\$2,500.00 for 10 months, September to June	<ul> <li>Edit and produce a monthly newsletter</li> <li>Assist other officers in reporting to the graduate student population</li> <li>Manage GSA's public-relations activities</li> <li>Maintain 3 office hours per week</li> </ul>	The candidates for Public Relations Officer should have the ability to effectively use all media available to the GSA (phone, fax, e-mail, posters, web, printed media, etc)