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Candidacy Manual

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# The Executive Cabinet



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# ASUCR President Mufida Assaf

## Toughest part of your job?

"To ensure effective advocacy for students, it is crucial to have a diverse group of student representatives who take their roles seriously. This can be achieved by exceeding the requirements set forth in the bylaws and taking additional measures to ensure that representatives are committed to fulfilling their responsibilities."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"I wish I knew how time consuming it was. The presidency of a student government requires an individual to possess a unique set of qualities, including the ability to operate under pressure, manage a significant time commitment, demonstrate determination and empathy, exhibit confidence and assertiveness, and show resilience. Despite the significant demands of the role, it can be an invigorating and rewarding experience that offers opportunities for personal growth and development."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"My passion for representing the student body effectively and proactively identifying their needs and concerns has been a driving force in my pursuit of this job. Witnessing the positive outcomes resulting from my efforts is what motivates me to continuously strive for excellence in all areas of my work at UCR."

4th Year  
Business  
Analytics &  
Political Science  
Double Major  
Philosophy  
Minor  
  
4 Years In  
ASUCR



## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"As an ASUCR team member, I work with my colleagues to achieve our goals and meet student needs. We communicate effectively and regularly evaluate our progress to ensure that we are on track. Alongside my work, I prioritize my academic pursuits and dedicate time to studying."

## What have you accomplished during your term?

"During my tenure as the President of the student government, I accomplished many things including taking on the challenge of creating two new roles of Vice President of Marketing and Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In my capacity as President, I worked hard to implement racial equity training programs aimed at tackling anti-blackness, to ensure that all students, staff, and faculty are equipped to create an inclusive environment. I also expanded the Freshman Fellowship Program, making it more accessible to a broader range of students. Another crucial aspect of my work was raising awareness about global events and promoting the voices of our diverse student population through events and outreach. As President, I have been committed to advancing initiatives that enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion within our campus community and beyond. I am proud of the accomplishments of my team and am grateful for the opportunity to lead such important efforts."

# ASUCR President Mufida Assaf

## What motivated you to run?

"During my tenure as a former ASUCR Senator and EVP, I developed a deep passion for advocating persistently on behalf of the student body. It became apparent to me that assuming the role of President would enable me to make an even more significant impact. In this position, I have the opportunity to work closely with the campus administration and student organizations and other ASUCR members to reinforce our connection with students. My primary objective is to instill that same sense of motivation within the association and its members."

4th Year  
Business  
Analytics &  
Political Science  
Double Major  
Philosophy  
Minor

4 Years in  
ASUCR

## Advice for future applicants?

"ASUCR offers a wealth of opportunities to develop and cultivate leadership and professional skills, providing a platform for growth that is truly what you make of it. Whether you aspire to hone your communication, teamwork, or problem-solving skills, the range of roles available ensures that you can find your fit. The opportunity to serve your peers is not only incredibly rewarding but also leaves you with a sense of personal fulfillment. With so much potential for growth and impact, ASUCR is an excellent avenue for those seeking to make a difference in the campus community."



# Vice President of External Affairs Amina Hearn

## Toughest part of your job?

"Being aware of my capacity. I am an elected official but I also have another job outside of this. I'm a student too and have to do homework and present research, but also have conferences to lead and an office to be resilient for. There are moments I forget I am a student until a test or a paper come and suddenly I remember and am stressed again. I tell my Office to watch their capacity but I also need to follow my own advice and remind myself that I can only do so much."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"Before running, I wish I knew more about how to network more or engage with folks when at conferences and board meetings for UCSA. I am glad I am doing well with networking, but I wish I was more aware of some of the opportunities I could have taken being I knew many individuals who are working in the fields I am interested in."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits?

"I love my External Affairs Office team. I love every single one of them. Sure the stipends are nice and pay some bills, but the connections I made -- I genuinely am proud to not just lead them but be friends. I also love being able to travel across the UCs, Sacramento, and now Washington, DC. I have the opportunity to meet students across the UCs and create connections with these once strangers that are now my closest friends. I also like having my own office space to complete work or have a space to call my own."

4th Year  
Political Science  
and  
International  
Affairs Major

2 Years in  
ASUCR



## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"Welp. Depends what day of the week and month it is. I put more hours than I probably should when it comes to the External Affairs Office -- I'd say more than 30 hours a week. I go into the ASUCR Office more than twice a week, have weekly 1:1s with my staff of about 14 student officials, our staff meetings, and then checking in on the four committees daily. Then we have our weekend Board Meetings that happens every month with the UC Student Association where we go to different UCs every month or even hosting them! Then planning the logistics to attend the huge conferences put on by the UC Student Association. OOf and we have 5 UCSA Campaigns that I delegate as well. So it's a lot..."

## What have you accomplished during your term?

"Another welp. Legislative Advocacy Committee trained all members how to lobby, went to Sacramento to lobby for bills and budget asks of student-based concerns, and bringing congresspeople to UCR to address UC Riverside students questions and needs. Highlander Action Committee has trained their board, created new logos for UC Student Association's campaigns, hosted a rally to Divest TMT, and continue to bring more activists in the space. Labor Commission has trained their Board and conducted a 'Know Your Rights' workshop for undergraduate student workers. Civic Engagement Committee has trained their board, established connections with civic engagement groups and the School of Public Policy to host a Voter Registration Drive, and have been actively engaged in achieving a Non-Penalizing Election Day. For myself, I have fully trained these four committees' directors and aid in event planning for them to create their own events that leads to the betterment of the UCR student experience. I have coordinated bi-weekly meetings on the creation of an anti-Blackness training module, met with UCOP key players and pressured them to fight for affordable and accessible housing, led delegations of 30 - 55 students to UC-wide conferences, Mc-ed at these UC-wide conferences, worked closely on the budget implementation process for Undocumented students, system-impacted students, menstrual products and abortion medication, and so much more. "

# Vice President of External Affairs Amina Hearn

## What motivated you to run?

"Furthering UCR within the UC space. UC Riverside is one of the most underfunded and marginalized campus and knowing the amount of wealth and opportunities that can come our way through legislature on the local, state, and federal level -- made me stay within External and run for VPEA. With grassroots activism, lobbying, and being in the UC Office of the President spaces, I am able to further UC Riverside for the better."

4th Year  
Political Science  
and  
International  
Affairs Major

2 Years in  
ASUCR

## Advice for future applicants?

"Know your capacity. If you can't do this, don't try. But if you want to, trust your heart and mind through this process. Take in your academics, mental health, emotional health, and the physical labor this job entails. Only you know you."



# Vice President of Sustainability Alondra Martinez

Toughest part of your job?

"The hardest part of my job is time management. Keeping a balance that allows me to focus on school, ASUCR, and hobbies can sometimes be difficult."

What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"Something I wish I knew before I ran for this position is that on top of all my other responsibilities, a lot of my time would be spent on setting up meetings and replying to emails."

Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"My favorite thing about my position is that I am able to work with individuals who are just as excited and passionate as I am about sustainability which makes work more fun!"

What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"On a typical day I respond to around 4-8 emails and have at least one meeting with either a committee member, staff, or student regarding help on green grants, upcoming events, or new school information around sustainability. On average I spend around 30 hours a week for my position meeting with committees, hosting office hours, and planning all events."

4th Year  
Environmental  
Engineering  
Major

4 Years in  
ASUCR

What have you accomplished during your term?

"This year, my office has passed 20 grants so far allocating a total of \$90,453 towards sustainability projects. We have hosted and collaborated on 8 sustainability events and worked on initiatives such as our airport shuttle service, installing bike fix stations, Brita filter recycling program, and more."

What motivated you to run?

"I decided to run because I am very passionate about sustainability, and I wanted to get a chance to do more on a larger scale."

Advice for future applicants?

"Manage your time wisely and don't forget you'll have a team and everyone in ASUCR who will also be willing to help you along the way!"





# Vice President of Internal Affairs Jeanine Nassar

## Toughest part of your job?

"The toughest part has been finding ways to balance/organize all the different projects the office wants to accomplish."

## "What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?"

I wish I knew that I would be responsible for a large team and will have to help guide them into reaching their goals."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"My favorite things include: - Connecting with Administration and building a network - The different groups of people we meet in our position - The autonomy we get when choosing our projects - Red Lot Parking Pass"

## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"I commit 10-13 hours a week for my position, dependent on the projects my office is working on."

3rd Year  
Political Science  
&  
Administrative  
Studies Major  
Business  
Analytics Minor

2 Years in  
ASUCR



## What have you accomplished during your term?

"- Developed great relationships with student organizations - Supported the Basic Needs department and their initiatives - I have assisted the library for finals week - Built different subscriptions plans for students - Only one diversity council, fully under the jurisdiction of Internal Affairs (student run) - Worked with the R'Closet on marketing and their JCPenney campaign"

## What motivated you to run?

"I was in ASUCR the year prior, and the people I was surrounded by encouraged me to run in order to do even more work on a larger platform."

## Advice for future applicants?

"It is a lot of work, BUT if you do it for the right reasons it's worth it. You have the power to tackle on any projects you are interested in pursuing. I would encourage you all to focus on long term plans to benefit the student body."

# Personnel Director Ankita Ahlukalia

## Toughest part of your job?

"The toughest part of our job, within ASUCR, can be serving as a liaison between ASUCR and departments/programs on-campus. It can be tough to get in contact with them as many are busy with their own missions and initiatives. With this in mind, having communication early on and staying resilient with follow-ups is really crucial."

## "What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?"

"Although there's nothing I would change from my experience at ASUCR as it has been a great experience, I wish I knew more about the election process overall. I was really new to ECAB this year, but nevertheless, I'm extremely proud of what my team and I accomplished in regards to Campus Safety, Women's Rights and Equity, Highlander Spirit, and Personnel as a whole. We kept all the ASUCR offices accountable and ran impactful programming and events."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"The people! Truly, the team members I've met this year have been the most incredible and dedicated individuals. I'm grateful to have met them and serve as a mentor/guide along their journeys. The cubicle was also pretty amazing so I can host meetings and have a space dedicated to get work done."

3rd Year  
Computer  
Science with  
Business  
Applications  
Major  
  
2 Years in  
ASUCR



## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position?

"A typical day involves running from meeting to meeting! I'd say I've navigated handling my commitments with research, nonprofit management, work, school, and ASUCR pretty well. I put my all in everything so sometimes I forgo my breaks to ensure our resolutions, projects, meetings, and initiatives are going well for all committees. That balance is something we're all constantly striving for and I'm continually working towards this as well. Luckily, with having such an incredible team, delegation and overseeing team members is a lot more efficient. The saying "leaders eat last" is very true at times as it's important to ensure our team and all of ASUCR feels empowered. A rough estimate for the hours I commit would be 20-30 hours a week, but I'm happy to commit this time to see impactful changes implemented."

## What have you accomplished during your term?

"During my term, Personnel has accomplished a lot! As Personnel Director, I oversaw various teams and ensured accountability within ASUCR via a fair hiring/onboarding process, mandated reporting, and increased collaborations with various UCR organizations/centers. Our Highlander Spirit committee has empowered our athletes through gathering testimonials, created flyers and hung up posters to promote athletics games/accomplishments, and collaborated with the Office of the President for our tailgate at the Blue Out Game. Our Women's Rights and Equity committee has advocated for menstrual product equity and is working to get these products implemented in all bathrooms. We've run engaging discussions to share more about what's happening in Iran. We collaborated with the Iranian Student Association for our event on the Iranian Revolution by highlighting Iranian artwork. This event has been a UC wide initiative to implement memorials for the lives lost, raise awareness, and spark crucial discussions. We've also supported the Women's Resource Center with their events. Our Campus Safety Alliance committee ran impactful events like our "Campus Safety Resource Fair" where we shared boba and ran a bracelet making de-stressing event for students during finals with the Library. We have also collaborated closely with the Women's Resource Center to support them with the Campus Safety Escort Service. Personnel has also ran an Innovation and Entrepreneurship fair with our innovation and entrepreneurship programs on-campus, in addition to providing logistics support for all committees. Overall, these are just a few of the many accomplishments our office has had this year! I am exceptionally proud of our team members for creating such a positive and productive environment."

# Personnel Director Ankita Ahlukalia

## What motivated you to run?

"I ran because of my dedication to serve! Prior to ASUCR, I've been devoting time to work with Launchpad, INNOVAR, and other programs on campus dedicated to empowering the innovative and entrepreneurial hub on campus. I've led teams of over 80 volunteers, conducted research, and implemented various program to empower K-12 students. Using my Marketing, Technical, and Operational expertise, I wanted to empower my fellow UCR students, support their ventures, and drive impactful change! Integrity, service, and empowerment are key values that motivate me to do what I do. Ultimately, if you have the passion and will to do the hard work, you can accomplish anything. I'm glad I did run for Personnel Director as we've been able to make key progress and changes at UCR."

3rd Year  
Computer  
Science with  
Business  
Applications  
Major

2 Years in  
ASUCR

## Advice for future applicants?

"Don't give up! In life, you'll have easy days and tough days. It's important to stay resilient, keep working, and not lose sight of your goals. For future Personnel Directors and anyone in ASUCR, it's important to prioritize organization and a clear culture of accountability and responsibilities provided. We want our teams to be empowered and do empowering work! We have to join weekly meetings, be a part of crucial discussions, and amplify our team's voices. As student government officials, we have to stay united and work as a team to accomplish our goals! Also, please feel free to reach me anytime at [aahlu004@ucr.edu](mailto:aahlu004@ucr.edu) if you have any questions! Take care and good luck! :)"



# Transfer Student Director Dionne Shelto

## Toughest part of your job?

"Navigating events, outreaching to Transfer Students"

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"The best ways to reach out to students"

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"My favorite thing about my job is planning events, parking permit, office space BUT MOST OF ALL helping STUDENTS !! The STUDENTS ARE THE BEST PART !!"

## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"My typical day looks like class, work, class, ASUCR, work lol . I spend about 15 hours a week, 3 hours a day on ASUCR whether its planning events, communicating with committee members, or conducting interviews for committees."

4th Year  
Sociology &  
Administrative  
Studies Major

1 Year in ASUCR

## What have you accomplished during your term?

"I was able to host 2 academic resource fairs, 2 Social events, build up a better online presence for the Transfer Student Community, Bridge the gap between black transfer students and students government through events"

## What motivated you to run?

"I wanted to get to know the campus better as well as help transfer students feel more connected with the campus"

## Advice for future applicants?

"Please do this for the students ! That is the most rewarding part of this job !!"



# First-Time College Student Director Victoria Nguyen

## Toughest part of your job?

"The most challenging part of my job is finding the best methods to reach the entire student body. Our campus, in all its beauty, is filled with many diverse and unique communities, social circles, and types of people. This makes it challenging at times to ensure that as a student representative, you are connecting with every single community.

However, I find this challenge one of the best motivating factors for any student representative to succeed because it pushes everyone to strive for better advocacy and representation of students. The persistent challenge ensures that we will never get too comfortable in our positions so that we can push ourselves to continually serve the student body."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"Before I ran for my position, I wish I knew more about the Highlander Orientation system and how first years connect with the campus initially. If I had known more about these forms of communications to first years, I would have reached out to first years, their mentors, the people that support them, etc. earlier so that I could make more meaningful and fruitful connections with these communities prior to the start of the academic year. For the next First Time College Student Director, I recommend reaching out to Highlander Orientation Leaders, the Residential Housing Association, and programs such as CHASS FIRST."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"Although it would be easy and truthful to say that I like the red parking pass that comes with this position, I cannot say that is my favorite thing. That is due to the fact that my favorite part of being the First Time College Student Director is how fulfilled you feel when you see the joy, happiness, and excitement that a first year expresses when they first feel connected to the campus. One of the best ways I have been able to achieve this during my term was putting an emphasis on connecting students with other students through social events, recommendations, and building relationships. When you know that you have made a connection between a first year and the campus, you know that you have welcomed a new Highlander into their home here at UC Riverside and that you have set them to succeed academically, socially, professionally, etc."

3rd Year  
Business  
Administration  
Concentration:  
Management  
Major  
Law and Society  
Minor  
3 Years in  
ASUCR



## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"I would estimate that I dedicate about 5-10 hours per week to ASUCR. These hours mainly consist of holding committee meetings, planning and executing events, meeting with other members of ASUCR, meeting different people across campus to advocate for students, and most importantly, meeting students where they are. For the next First Time College Student Director, I highly recommend blocking out at least 1-2 hours of your time each day to dedicate to ASUCR and the work you want to accomplish during your term as a student representative."

## What have you accomplished during your term?

"During my term, I have been able to expand the presence of the First Time College Student Committee and ASUCR within the first year community to both on-campus and off-campus Highlanders. I have also been able to host a Paint the Night Event that promoted students to connect with one another. I have also hosted a Professional Headshot Raffle Giveaway that promoted career and professional development for students. However, I am most proud of creating a second year ad-hoc committee, third year ad-hoc committee, and fourth year+ ad-hoc committee to expand the academic support ASUCR can offer Highlanders. I established these ad-hoc committees because I wanted to ensure that first year Highlanders are accurately represented throughout their entire time at UCR and that as a top university of the nation, our student government will vow to represent and support all academic years as they all present their own unique challenges. Furthermore, I led a basic needs and sustainability initiative by connecting students with community resources such as the RTA public transport and Grocery Outlet which would be a resource students could use to find affordable and healthy groceries, personal hygiene products, etc. I have also been able to author an ASUCR Statement in response to the Monterey Park Shooting to recognize its impact on the Asian American, Pacific Islander Community on our campus."

# First-Time College Student Director Victoria Nguyen

## What motivated you to run?

"My motivation to run for the role of First Time College Student Director was to feel the self-fulfillment of helping others. I wanted to allow my passion to help and influence others be a tool that I can use to help bring Highlanders together as a community starting with being a warm and welcoming presence and resource to the newest group of Highlanders."

3rd Year  
Business  
Administration  
Concentration:  
Management  
Major  
Law and Society  
Minor

3 Years in  
ASUCR

## Advice for future applicants?

"My advice for future applicants would be to stay true to who you are, where you came from, and why you choose to serve the student body. In any leadership role, it may become easy to get distracted, lost, or even isolated from others or your own thoughts. However, the student body has chosen to believe and support you because of who you proved yourself to be. The student body at large has accepted you. With that being said, if you stay true to the person you proved yourself to be, you will be the leader that the Highlander Community has chosen to lead them. My last piece of advice is to consider the following: a true leader is not an individual who can lead a group from in front; instead, a true leader is an individual who can maneuver themselves to be under the people they serve and lead and lift them to success before they lift themselves."



# The Legislative Branch



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# CHASS Senator Ruhi Barman

## Toughest part of your job?

"It's challenging to learn to balance your time with all the meetings happening for different ongoing projects, committees, and events."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"I wish I knew how hands-on and willing to lead you have to be in this role. Both are things that I was ready for, but did not expect to encounter needing as much as I have."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"The connections I've made and the resources I've learned of through ASUCR have been extremely beneficial for both the job and my own student life."

## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"The hours vary from week-to-week but with senate, committee meetings, events, and more, it averages around 12+ at least."

2nd Year  
Psychology  
Major  
Law & Society  
Minor

2 Years in  
ASUCR



## What have you accomplished during your term?

"I have been involved in a variety of legislation and projects-- here are a few. For one, I helped author legislation to kickstart a Chapter of "Its On Us" to continue prevention of sexual harassment/sexual violence and better provide resources on campus. Another piece of legislation is calling on UCR to urge Newsom to begin the process of phasing out oil extraction in California and for UCR to expedite the transition to renewable energy sources. Recently, with the sexual harassment/sexual violence prevention committee and WITL, we were able to host a self-defense event for student on campus."

## What motivated you to run?

"As a first year, I worked under the VP of Sustainability and served as a Senate Intern. Both of these experiences taught me quite a bit about the inner workings of ASUCR and Senate, and I wanted to continue working on the projects I had started/jumped into."

## Advice for future applicants?

"Just go for it! It may seem scary at first, but staying committed to working on issues you care about and focusing on amplifying student voices will ultimately show your passion and care for the student body."



# CNAS Senator Abby Choy

## Toughest part of your job?

"Juggling my schedule and making sure I set boundaries to maintain my own well-being."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"I wish I understood how fast weeks can pass while planning for events. To run a successful event, especially one with multiple collaborators, I have to gather a team, set up multiple weekly meetings, plan out logistics, prepare any sort of materials we may need, and actually set up the event itself. With how busy you and other people are, it takes so much time to make sure everything is okay and going smoothly. Also I wish I knew that sometimes Senate meetings go beyond 5 hours and to not schedule any 8 AM classes on thursdays. "

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"Well for full transparency, as senators we do get a stipend. It's a little funny seeing about 70 dollars pop up in my bank account every 2 weeks or so. Other than the stipend, I just really enjoyed working with everybody on ASUCR. Everyone I've met is so ambitious and impressive that I can't help but look up to so many people. I love how focused people are on student advocacy and how passionate they are to make real changes. It's really a breath of fresh air from the apathy that I'm used to. "

## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"My days varies with classes, committee meetings, work and when I decide I want to have a break. I would say I commit somewhere from 10-15 hours a week depending on what's going on."

2nd Year  
Biology Major

2 Years in  
ASUCR



## What have you accomplished during your term?

"- Written legislation to support UAW and was able to give a speech representing ASUCR's support at the rally. - Helped push for the R'Garden Referendum to support the community garden and fight against food insecurity - Corrected the ASUCR bylaws to update them in accordance with modern times and the constitution - Served on the Student Health Advisory Committee to advocate for student concerns around health and well-being - Served on the Labor Commission Committee to support workers rights - Co-hosted the first Research Expo "Meet Your Research Match" to expose 200+ students to paid research opportunities on campus - Furthered CNAS Administration's relationship with ASUCR through collaborating with them on events and attending their committees. - Collaborated on "Register for Calfresh" to assist students with county workers and the Basic Needs Department "

## What motivated you to run?

"As a Senate Intern, I was pushing myself to join things that I would've never thought that I belonged in. However, what I found surprised me. In student government, I met wonderful mentors that showed me what it meant to be an advocate and I just felt great doing things that helped other people. One of my first major events that I was apart of was a protest to fight for the Botanic Gardens Worker's wages and R'Garden funding and I just fell in love with fighting for what I and others believed in. I wanted to continue that and I just believed the best place for me to do that was the Senate."

## Advice for future applicants?

"Plan things way in advance. Reach out early, learn to collaborate, and ask questions sooner rather than later. Regardless of how much you know going in, if you have a desire to learn and to advocate for your fellow students, you belong here. Times do get tough and you'll have some pretty late nights (especially around midterms/finals) but I don't think there's anything that's been more fulfilling than ASUCR for me. Eventually, everything you've worked hard on will come to fruition in one way or another."

# BCOE Senator Chloe Au

Toughest part of your job?

"Time commitment"

What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"The amount of event opportunities"

Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"The connections to other senator events and legislation"

What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"A lot of meetings, 6 hours"

2nd Year  
Data Science  
Major

2 Years in  
ASUCR

What have you accomplished during your term?

"Menstrual equity legislation, legislative advocacy committee  
SLC trip"

What motivated you to run?

"Social activism"

Advice for future applicants?

"Collaborate"



# SPP Senator Sean Nguyen

## Toughest part of your job?

"The toughest part of being SPP Senator is finding ways to connect with SPP Students. Since our college is fairly small, meeting SPP students outside of Public Policy classes takes a lot of personal effort and dedication. However, meeting with Public Policy students is a key aspect of being senator."

## What do you wish you knew before you ran for your position?

"One thing I wish I knew before I ran for SPP Senator was how important it is to know your limits when becoming involved in various committee assignments or other tasks. Burnout is an aspect of being senator that I experienced during my term. Whoever becomes elected to this position, I would recommend, staying focused on initiatives that you campaigned on or change you would like to implement."

## Favorite thing about your job/benefits of your position?

"My favorite part of my position is being able to see the goals I set for myself come to fruition. This year, I became really involved in basic needs efforts where I was able to help more than 150+ students get to know about CalFresh and Register and Academic Affairs where I assisted with the campus wide implementation of the Peer Academic Advising program. If you keep your time as Senator focused on a few very tangible goals you will be able to accomplish a lot during your term. As a senator, you will receive a stipend of \$1,485 that will be divided through 9 months."

## What does your typical day look like and how many hours do you commit to your position per week?

"As a Senator, a typical day includes attending various committee meetings or meeting with other ASUCR officials about various projects. On Wednesdays, I spend a majority of my time completing quite a few ASUCR meetings, this includes senate meetings which usually begins at 7:00 PM and can last up for the rest of the night. I would say that I spend around 10-15 hours a week dedicated to ASUCR."

2nd Year  
Public Policy  
Major

4 Years in  
ASUCR



## What have you accomplished during your term?

"My biggest accomplishments during my term has been helping with the campus wide implementation of the Peer Academic Advisor Program. The PAA Program is expected to create more 50 new student jobs on campus that allows students a new way to engage with the university. Outside of this accomplishment, I have put on various programs that assist students with CalFresh and Financial Aid."

## What motivated you to run?

"What motivated me to run for SPP Senator is the idea there had never been a SPP Senator that has served the a full term. Given I have been in ASUCR for my entire time at UCR, I wanted to break this cycle as I believe having consistent SPP Senators leaving office prematurely has led to a underrepresentation of Public Policy students."

## Advice for future applicants?

"My one advice to future applicants is to start early when creating campaigning materials and don't be afraid to reach out to student organizations that you are a part of to garner support!"

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