

## **ASUCR 2018 Elections**

# **Official Voter Info. Guide**





April 23rd- April 27th

## Your Vote is important. Your vote is your Voice.



#### **Instructions for Voting on a Paper Ballot**

Before you receive your ballot:

- Arrive at a polling place and present your student ID card to the polling volunteers
- You will need to state what College you are in so that a volunteer will pass you correct ballot (Example, if you are a CHASS major, you will be given a CHASS ballot)
- After you've been given the correct ballot, move to one of the voting booths provided
- A pen will be available to you in the booth. This is the only writing tool allowed to use to mark your ballot. Always review your paper ballot before marking it!

Marking your ballot:

- Darken the oval to the left of your choice, rather than making an X or a checkmark
- To vote in favor of any question submitted upon the ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word 'YES'
- To vote against a question, darken the oval to the left of the word 'NO'
- Do not make any other marks on the ballot
- If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark the ballot, immediately call over a volunteer and they will issue you a new one

After marking your ballot:

- Make sure you filled in the ovals completely
- Make sure you voted for the correct number of candidates in your college
- Take your ballot, and put it in the ballot box
- Receive your 'I Voted' sticker and a ticket to redeem for a prize at the Bell Tower



#### **Candidates**

#### President



#### **SEMI COLE**



ASUCR 2018 ELECTION APRIL 23-27 My name is Semi Cole, as your President, I hope to be a visible and conscientious of student concerns, breaking the traditional boundaries and having a presence in the community. Building a relationship of trust and accountability, I hope to continue my efforts of providing better basic need resources, improving our mental health services, and creating more opportunities for students to get involved in shaping the campus community.

**Diana Jekki**, a fourth year double major in Political Science-Law and Society and English, has a tremendous record in working towards bettering the lives of students at UCR. She has been accomplishing this through her



strong moral character of respect towards students by her work in ASUCR as chief of staff for all presidential positions for over three years, and including her ability to be transparent with implementing policies that affects the lives of everyday students. Firm but fair, her commitment to students is her number one priority because to Miss Jekki, she is just like you, a student that strives to become successful, happy and prosper academically.





#### **Executive Vice President**



Hey Highlanders! My name is **Johnathan Li** and I am a third-year in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. I am excited and proud to announce that I will be running as your Executive Vice President. Currently, I serve as your Vice President of External Affairs. In the past, I have served you in different capacities such as President Pro Tempore and Senate Secretary. Since my time in ASUCR and UCR, I have created the Clicker Checkout Program that has served over 300 students each quarter. Besides Clicker Checkout Program, I expanded the Motorist Assistance Program, improved ASUCR transparency and accountability,

and much more. With my UC and ASUCR experience, I can ensure you that I can continue to hold administrators and student leaders accountable for their actions until the issues that are affecting students are relieved or resolved.

#### **ANDREA CUEVAS**



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I am running for the position of Executive Vice President. My diverse experience in ASUCR as a Senate Intern, Vice Chair of Personnel Committee and extracurricular activities make me the ideal candidate. I would like to improve and increase involvement opportunities within ASUCR by expanding the Senate intern and Fellowship programs. Lastly I hope to be key in creating a more transparent student body government by sending out the agendas for senate meeting to the entire student body two days before the senate meeting so that all students will be informed and not have to rely on social media to receive this information.



#### **Vice President of Internal Affairs**

This year I will be running for the Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs, previously I had the opportunity to

#### JOSE CORTES-HERNANDEZ



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serve AS as a CHASS senator, and presently as the Vice President of Finance. If elected, I would work to renegotiate our contracts with our zagster to lower the costs of our bike share program, continue the annual Beyond R' Margins conference, establish a subsidized rental service for senior gowns, and lastly work towards securing the necessary funded for professional staff that the R'Pantry is in dire need of. As the Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs I will ensure that your student government is bringing you amenities and programs that students are in need of and can easily utilize. I will serve and represent all students if elected and revitalize the association to make it more beneficial for all students.

#### **Vice President of External Affairs**

#### **MARTIN MICCO CUENCA**



ANDIDATE FOR VP OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ASUCR 2018 ELECTION APDIL 23-27

My name is Martin Cuenca and I will be running in this years ASUCR elections as a candidate for the Vice President of External Affairs position. Currently, I serve the student body as a Student Senator of my college CHASS. In the past I served in the capacity of Legislative Affairs Director under the office of the VPEA, and I always wanted to pursue VPEA but I felt as though I wasn't ready to fully serve the position. As Vice President of External Affairs I want to promote diversity, mental health campaigns/issues, and boost our communities civic engagement. I want to see our underrepresented communities thrive in this tense political atmosphere and I will make sure our communities participation in local, state, and federal elections rises!

#### **Vice President of Finance**



Hello Everyone! My name is **Johnston Pau** and I am a third year Business-Finance major and I will be running for the Vice President of Finance. I have spent the last 3 years in the finance department of ASUCR and have learned the applicable skills necessary for the job and have the absolute confidence that I will do my best if elected. As a student leader, I will be as transparent as I can be and hear out all of the issues that our student body has and do my best to resolve them as efficiently as possible. My goal is to eliminate wasteful spending and reallocate our funds into more prioritized programs

#### **Green Campus Action Plan Director**



Hello Highlanders! My name is **Austin Mok** and I am your current Undergraduate Sustainability Director for ASUCR. With the help of my committee, The Green Campus Action Plan, or GCAP for short, I've given back to the students of UCR by providing grants to student organizations, creating internship opportunities within my office and other campus departments, and even spearheading environmental projects on campus like the Zagster bikeshare program. In this past year, I've learned a lot about sustainability and the needs of the student body. If voted into the director position again next year, I will make UCR a leader in environmental stewardship by continuing to push for programs that provide increased food security to students, expanded options for recycling and

composting, and higher use of renewable energy on campus.

#### **Outreach Director**



I'm **Carolyn Chang** and I'm a second year Business Administration major. I currently serve as one of your CHASS Senators and last year, I served as a freshman finance fellow. As a committee member on the Outreach committee, I am running to be your next Outreach Director! This past year I have attended high school visits, Outreach grant hearings, and weekly committee meetings. If elected, some of my goals are to focus; 1. Visiting 2 high schools each quarter. 2. Educating high schoolers and middle schoolers more about college and what to expect. 3. Working more alongside with finance for Outreach Hearings and attending general meetings. I'll see you all later!



My name is **Isaiah Kim** and I am running to be your next Outreach Director. My reason for running is simple: I view a lot of potential for this position to help a lot of students in



our community. A lot of candidates running want to help students, but I have a concrete plan that I came up with after my time of involvement in various campus organizations- including ASUCR! I want to start off by working with the Marketing Director to create a pamphlet that informs students about the office of Outreach and the various opportunities for funding they can receive from this position. I want to facilitate the process of applying for outreach grants by informing students of the deadlines for outreach hearings and publicizing funding opportunities. Lastly, I want to establish a community service partnership with local high schools that benefit the organizations at UCR.

#### **Personnel Director**

#### JORDAN STEINHAUSER



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My name is Jordan Steinhauser and I'm running for the position of Personnel Director. I'm a second year Neuroscience major in CNAS and currently hold the position of Executive Assistant for the Executive Vice President of ASUCR. My job entails screening, interviewing and hiring of first year fellows and interns. As personnel director I would like to recruit more members for a continued strong student government. I am a strong advocate of student government and every student should have an opportunity to be involved.

I am a first generation student that plans to become involved in California politics in the future. My plan is to run for local politics because one can make a big change in a small location. For that reason I am running for Personnel Director. This position is in charge of committees, that make a big difference, but have not been as effective. I plan to make these committees well-known and prosper. ASUCR is a big platform for the UCR student body. ASUCR has a voice that can be louder in order to make great changes. ASUCR has partaken a part of my life for the last 2 years. In those 2 years, ASUCR committees have been an extreme part of my political and personal growth and that is what I hope to achieve in the

mind of many others through greater publicity, diversity, and effectiveness.

#### **Marketing and Promotions Director**

#### **CONNIE WI**



Hello Highlanders! My name is Connie Wi and I'm thrilled to be running for your Director of Marketing and Promotions again. ASUCR is essentially the voice of this campus with the duty to promote the overall wellbeing for the students of UCR. I strive to continue to be that



voice for you. My goal this term was to not only efficiently market and promote opportunities for the students here at UCR, but also to strengthen the relationship between the student government and the student body. I would love to continue to strengthen this relationship, be present, get feedback, and finish the projects that I've started this term.

#### **Transfer/Non-Traditional Director**

#### **VANESSA SALINAS**



ANDIDATE FOR TRANSFER AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT DIRECTOR

Hello Fellow Highlanders! My name is Vanessa Salinas and I am a 22-year old Latina transfer student from Citrus College majoring in Sociology with dreams of becoming a social worker to help communities and children in foster care. I would love to have the opportunity to represent and be the voice of transfer students. I propose to table every other week to make myself visible and available to address any concerns or questions as well as set up workshops/open forums to address needs.

#### CHASS Senators (pick 9) Read their Bios Here:





Roman "Alex" Gonzalez



Alex Zhou

### Alyssa Tocker





Avi Idea



**Brandon Lieu** 





David Melgoza



Chelsea Davenport





**Evan McGuffin** 



Joaquin Malta



Juan Riley



Jacky Chang



Jonathan Escobar



Julian Gonzalez





**Justin Domecillo** 



Mehvish Ali



**Munther Tabel** 



Kiley Attwood



Lennin Kuri



Tony Xu

CNAS Senators (Pick 5)



### Abigail Gigi Cortes

#### Josiah Davis



Andy G Veliz





Kenneth Thai



BCOE Senators (Pick 2)



Ivan Acquaah



**Joel Sanchez** 



#### Johnathan Thai





#### Sarah Al-Khalili

#### **Maurice Armstrong**







#### **2018 Referendums**

#### **The Highlander Newspaper Referendum**

Your student paper needs your help. The Highlander Newspaper has stood for 63 years as UC Riverside's independent and student-run media outlet, serving as a critical source of vital information, engaging commentary and quality storytelling for students and the community. Though, as independent media is disappearing, The Highlander is struggling to stay afloat. A \$1.00 increase to the current quarterly fee of \$2.00 (to be collected fall, winter, spring and summer quarters — effective starting fall 2018) would help absorb the Highlander's steadily rising print, maintenance and operating costs to ensure it continues serving you and the campus by:

• Providing practical experience for students interested in journalism, marketing, media production, and design on a campus without a journalism program



- Delivering breaking news and commentary on the issues that affect the future of our campus
- Expanding media team and resources to consistently hold campus administrators, faculty, and student leaders accountable
- Giving a platform for students, clubs, and organizations to tell their stories and highlight their service to campus

In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the new fee, or \$0.25, would be returned to financial aid. Do you support a \$1.00 quarterly fee increase for the Highlander Newspaper Revitalization as described above?

YES, I vote to pass the Highlander News Referendum Fee, which will increase the Highlander Newspaper Fee by \$1.00, for a total of \$3.00 per quarter, which will begin in Fall 2018.

NO, I do not vote to pass the Highlander News Referendum Fee, which will increase the Highlander Newspaper Fee by \$1.00.

#### **Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum**

If approved, in Fall 2020 this referendum will replace the current HESSR fee of \$14.00 per quarter for a net increase of \$2.00 per quarter and will include Undocumented Student Programs. The new fee effective Fall 2020 would be \$16.00 per quarter.



Do you support a quarterly fee of \$16.00 per undergraduate student for the eight student services programs to meet growing student needs by providing student events and services, programming, collaborative projects, student leadership and employment opportunities, and operational support for students?

- Fee will replace the current HESSR fee, effective Fall 2020
- Fee will be assessed to undergraduate students in Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer quarters
- 25% of the fee (\$4.00 per quarter) will be returned to financial aid to help offset costs for students who are eligible for financial aid
- The remaining \$12.00 per quarter will be split evenly amongst all ethnic and gender programs, currently eight programs, and transferred to each program's budget.
- Currently the eight programs include: African Student Programs, Asian Pacific Student Programs, Chicano Student Programs, LGBT Resource Center, Middle Eastern Student Center, Native American Student Programs, Undocumented Student Programs, and Women's Resource Center.

The approval of this referendum would provide for

- Increased co-programming with student organizations and student-led initiatives, including funding and advising
- Staffing to assist students in finding support and resources
- Support for conference hosting and conference travel
- Support for Common Ground Collective projects & collaborative initiatives with the Diversity Council
- Peer mentoring and peer education programs support
- More resources in each student program office and center, such as student computer support and educational materials
- Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum funds directed to the eight programs will be governed by the Referendum Student Advisory Committee ("RSAC"), made up of UCR undergraduate students.

YES, I hereby support the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum Fee



NO, I hereby do not support the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum Fee and the current quarterly fee of \$14.00 per undergraduate student will continue to be assessed until the end of Summer 2020.

#### **The Green Campus Action Plan Referendum**

Do you support the rephrasing of referenda, altering the fee distribution and inclusion of food-security in the GCAP referenda? (This is a language change only on an existing fee)

YES, I hereby support the Green Campus Action Plan referendum changes

NO, I hereby do not support the Green Campus Action Plan referendum changes



