



# Student Voter Guide

## 2023

*Election and Candidate Information for Student Senate, Clubs & Event Board, and Districtwide Student Trustee*

*For Elections to be Held on April 25 and 26 from 5:00 am to 11:30 pm.*

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# Introduction

## About Student Elections

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The Los Rios Community College District and its four colleges – American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake, and Sacramento City – host student elections each spring. Students are encouraged to learn more, run for a position, attend candidate forums, and vote. Candidate statements are published as submitted by the candidate.

## Get Involved

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Our colleges are always looking for students interested in leadership development. If you are open to learning and working with others, then consider joining your college's student association.

## How to Vote

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There are no voting stations on campus. Students will be able to vote from any computer or mobile device with internet access on April 25 and April 26, from 5:00 am to 11:30 pm each day. For more information please visit: [losrios.edu/elections](https://losrios.edu/elections). To cast your vote:

1. Go to your eServices account.
2. Click on the Elections & Surveys tab. Elections tab is only available during voting period.
3. Read the Voter Guide. *The guide includes each candidate's Statement of Intent that includes their interest in serving in a specific position, issues or concerns they plan to address while in the position, and their leadership qualifications. The statements are presented without grammatical edits.*
4. Proceed to the Voting Site and VOTE!

## Why You Should Vote

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Voting in the student elections is a privilege available only to Los Rios students who are currently enrolled. Voting only takes a few minutes of your time, and elected student leaders make lasting changes to the campus environment and student experience.

## Role of the Student Association

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The student association is the official organization that represents students and consists of the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) and Student Senate. Student leaders from each board are committed to advocating for students' rights, improving the campus culture, and developing transferable leadership skills. Specifically, the CAEB functions to promote student involvement and activities, while the Student Senate functions to advocate for the common interests of students. The student trustee provides his/her perspective to ensure that students are served through service on the District's Board of Trustees. For more information, please see the Student Trustee Handbook.

# American River College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

**Kevin Hill**

During these troubling times, college seems like a transactional experience instead of one that is enriching to all our endeavors as students. Now that we have begun to stabilize again, it is time to make sure the student experience is the focus as growth progresses. My goal is to begin the steps of creating a campus climate that supports all aspects of student life and development. In the position, I will put my all into helping bring about the change that this campus needs.

### ASB Student Senate Vice-President

**Joe Bly**

As Vice President, I intend to create the best possible college experience for every ARC student. For the past year, I have worked in the STEM HomeBase becoming well acquainted with ARC services. With this knowledge, I plan to establish a strong student body community conducive to your success.

### ASB Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

**Samaya Caraveo**

My goal for office is to give students a candidate that they actually feel represents them and reflects their goals and needs. I will do my best and use my abilities and skills to fullest extent for success. I hope to help ease the transition as we slowly work our way to building up the social atmosphere of clubs and events on campus since the pandemic.

### ASB Student Senate Director of Public Relations

**William Robey**

In my first year at ARC, the school was focused on students creating change. Now, I see students waiting for others to make that change for them. My time at ARC has taught me that if we want to return to the diverse and inclusive campus we once were, we have to start now. To state this very clearly; change can start with me, but it will only continue with us together.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions Total)

### Marin Dolan

Hi! My name is Marin Dolan and I'm a first year at ARC. I attended UC Santa Barbara for Fall of 2022 and Winter of 2023 as a political science major and decided to come to ARC to finish my GEs and figure out my interests. I'd love to be able to be on a board of students working to better the school!

### Hayden Galvan

My name is Hayden Galvan, I am a first-year college student looking to give back to the ARC community. I am an environmental studies major and have come to ARC in hopes of transferring to a UC. I have gained great pride and admiration for ARC and would appreciate the opportunity to improve our school and ensure our community reaches its full potential. As a student senator, I will do my best to represent my fellow students and make your voices heard. I will bring your ideas and concerns to the Student Body Senate. Vote for me and I will work my hardest to be an accurate representation of all ARC students.

### Jerry Kennedy

I am a first time/first generation college student. I am living proof that it's never too late to achieve your college goals. I want to use my experience as an anti-racist, intersectional feminist, and member of the LGBTQ community to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion on our campus.

### Rayaan Naseem

Hi everyone, I'm Rayann Naseem. I am a first-year student here at ARC majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I am interested in leadership here at ARC as I love working to make a positive difference for others in my community. I have been involved in student leadership at nearly every stage of my life from elementary to high school. As a Senator in your ASB, I will do my best to project your voice as my own and share your concerns as they are my own. Thank you and I appreciate your vote.

### Laher Tandel

2023-24 will be my third year as a student at American River College. As a student that consistently takes courses and spends a large fraction of my time on campus, I would love the opportunity to create a positive impact on the student body and devote time and effort into becoming involved with the campus community. I understand and relate to specific needs and interests of students and participating in the student senate will allow me to advocate for those interests.



## ASB Student Senate Whip

Maksim Yeremuk

My chief aim within the Student Senate is to increase its influence on campus, by being more involved with the students it represents. This means larger funding for clubs, class materials, special events and occasions, even things like organizing rallies, coordinating with professors and staff to change class related items, change fees, change how campus looks, and a generally larger, more encompassing student government at ARC.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through appointment.*

- Director of Finance
- Director of Communications
- Director of Activities
- Legislative Analyst
- Senators (up to 10 positions available)

## Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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### ASB Clubs and Events Board President

Kimberly Bossman

My name is Kimberly Bossman and I am running for president of CAEB. I am currently the vice president on the board and one of my goals for the upcoming year is to have more clubs on campus. However, my main goal is to create opportunities for campus involvement that all students can participate in.

### ASB Clubs and Events Board Vice-President

Asal Hamrah

I want to make a difference. I am confident in my leadership skills, and I can run a group. I love helping other people with the best of my abilities. The way I describe myself right now, interestingly reflects my high school self, if you'd like I will for sure tell you about my background as well.

## ASB Clubs and Events Board Director of Public Relations

### Michael Horne

my name is michael horne, i was in the student government at sacramento city college as the secretary of public relations which my duties include advertising the events of student government which i create flyers, brochures, power point, and create songs and music video that advertise student government positions and advertise all they do. i am a disable student in dsps, and i can cite by memory all 27th amendments of the united states and my adhd analyze and translate unconstitutional law. i am a mechanical prodigy. i am a science prodigy, i am a legal prodigy. i am athletic prodigy. i am a business prodigy. i am math prodigy. i am public speaker prodigy. i am a honor student at american river college and i am a honor student at sacramento city college in the paralegal, mechatronics, and the administration of justice

## ASB Clubs and Events Board Director of Media Relations

### Fernanda Mendez

I hope all the students in ARCC are having a great day. I am looking forward to ASB's ballot to run for Director of Media Relations. To be honest, I initially considered applying for this position just for fun. Yet, as time goes on, I begin to question how I will act in this job and assist the numerous students at this community college. As the director of media relations, I want to build partnerships with stakeholders, sponsors, and funders. In order to reflect the College's solitary and the opportunities for everyone, I want to develop a brand identity.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

*These positions will be filled through appointment.*

- CAEB Commissioner of Finance
- Club Representative Whip
- CAEB Historian

# Cosumnes River College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

#### Miranda Rocucci

My name is Miranda Rocucci and I am one of the candidates running for Student Senate President. I am currently finishing up my second year at CRC. I am majoring in TV Production with a certificate in Small Business Entrepreneurship. During my time at CRC, I have never felt so involved until I became a part of Student Government that has changed both me and my college life. I am currently running to become your next ASCRC President. I have been passionate about being in this position as I have a dream for this campus. If I were to become your president I promise I will get more student involvement and you, the students, voices heard. I am someone who loves to get out of their comfort zone and to try new things. I believe that I am the best Candidate for this position for many reasons. One, is that I have gained lots of public speaking, communications skills, and leadership skills ever since I was in middle school. Next, is my experience as Vice President this 2022-2023 school year. Being the Vice President, I was able to learn what the President currently does in case she was not available. Lastly, I have been in Student Government ever since my senior year in high school, giving me experience in both leadership and student government involvement. Thank you so much for your time in reading this and I hope you will vote for me for your new ASCRC Senate President.

#### Andrea Swan

Andrea Swan is a practicing psychotherapist currently attending the LRCCD completing PreMed courses to fulfill her objective of transitioning into Psychiatric Medicine. While she is passionate about all things mental health, Andrea remains committed to academia and is a devout scholar: "I've spent the majority of my adult life researching and discovering through the attractions of education. It pulls me in. My love of learning is endless. This election is important to me in more ways than one, but ultimately my decision to run was a developmental one; it's my shot at generativity. Who better to lead our students in success, than a successful student? As someone who has navigated the education system successfully many times (1 certificated, 2 Associates, a Bachelors, and a Masters) I am prepared to advocate, orchestrate, provision, and reveal as much as I can in the ways that the senate vote will allow. I want you all to enjoy this experience as much as I do."

## Student Senate Secretary

### Alexandra Lopez

Hello CRC Students, I am running for re-election for the Student Senate Secretary position at Cosumnes River College. Being actively involved in the community was a passion I discovered in high school. I held several positions within a wide variety of clubs and programs. Once I entered higher education, I continued to grow my passion for community and leadership work. Within my first year, I took advantage of the resources and programs available on campus. For instance, I am an active participant in the Puente Project. I serve as Vice President of the Puente Club. I participated in the FYE, MESA, and Peer Mentor Programs. I am also an active participant in the TRIO-STEM program. Throughout my time in these programs, I have developed and strengthened my skills by becoming more resourceful and aware of the opportunities on campus. I have experience with leadership positions on campus and exposure to the background operations on campus by serving as Student Senate Secretary for the 2022-2023 academic year. As Student Senate Secretary, I participated in and facilitated events on and off campus. I attended various training opportunities, meetings, outreach, and conferences to advocate for our CRC Students. My experiences qualify me as an excellent candidate for Student Secretary. Not only am I very resourceful, but I am knowledgeable about the amount of effort and dedication it takes to navigate the responsibilities of Student Senate Secretary sufficiently. If re-elected as Student Senate Secretary, I will continue to advocate for the voice of our students. To ensure awareness of all programs and opportunities available on campus to our students. I hope each student will thrive from the resources and opportunities available at CRC.

## Student Senate Treasurer

### Holden Alameda

Hello CRC students! My name is Holden Alameda, and I am running for Student Senate Treasurer! This spring has been my first semester of being a CRC senator, and a huge issue I want to tackle is students not realizing they can be advocates for themselves. They can voice their opinions on changes in curriculum and transfer requirements. In a year where we experienced on-campus violence and mental health struggles, we must start standing up for ourselves and peers. As Treasurer, I plan to fundraise for events with Student Senate, CAEB, faculty, and CRC students. With these gatherings, I hope to promote student advocacy and show what they can do to have an impact on this campus. These events will vary from public forums where students can come by and openly discuss issues the Senate should consider, to even social media engagement. What separates me from other candidates is the passion and enthusiasm I have for service. There is no greater joy than serving others instead of myself, and I want to do that for this campus. I am also persevering and willing to accomplish the Senate's goals for CRC. Even if I am facing a challenge, or even have no clue what to do, I will learn, adapt, and find a way to overcome any hardship thrown in my way.

## Student Senate Senator (Up to 11 Positions Total)

### Mohammad Taheri

My name is Mohammad A. Taheri and I'm majoring in computer science. I'm running for this year's election so I can bring more awareness to the programs and resources that students are unaware of that could help them improve their experience as students of CRC. I'm confident that I will thrive in this position because I have the motivation and drive to assist students and in addition encourage them to voice their views and concerns.

### Husna Taheri

Hello, my name is Husna Taheri. I am currently studying political science here at CRC. I want to run for this year's election because I want to learn the skills and to better improve the student life on campus. I wish to focus on mental health programs and diversity on campus. I am confident and dedicated to ensuring all student's needs and desires are met, along with their voices and concerns being heard.

### Scott Lee

Hi students of Cosumnes River College! My name is Scott Lee, I am running for the position of Senator in the Student Senate. I am currently a Business Administration major. I have held multiple leadership responsibilities whether it be from school or work. As Senator I hope to advocate for student engagement on campus, promote informational resources, and overall enrich the student experience. I am confident in my ability to lead and advocate for all. I am excited to participate as a member of the student senate and empower the voices of students.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Vice President
  - Senators (up to 11 positions total)
- \*Director of Legislative Affairs

## Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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### ASB Clubs and Events Board Commissioner

#### Ali Din

Hello everyone! My name is Ali Din, I am a first year student and a Computer Science major. As a first year student, I have observed student engagement in clubs and events happening on campus is low and I want to change that. I want to increase our sense of community and make everyone feel more included on campus. That is why I am running for Commissioner of the Club and Events Board (CAEB). As the next Commissioner

of CAEB, I will work with clubs to increase publicization of their meetings and events so that participation in clubs increases, I will assist students with the creation of new clubs on campus so that any student can join a club of their interests, I will advise existing and new clubs on how to run effective meetings and events so that students feel encouraged to participate more, and I will work with the CAEB board to plan more appealing events for students to partake in. Some events that I plan on organizing with the CAEB board include Multicultural Day (s), Sports Day(s), CRC Spirit Day(s), College Games and Karaoke Night( s) and many others! I am ready to be CAEB Commissioner, because I have tremendous experience under my belt. Currently, I serve as the CAEB Secretary and before that I have served as Vice President of Social Affairs of my high school's Muslim Student Association and I have served as Academy Relations Coordinator and Recruitment Committee Chair of my high school's Biomedical Academy. I hope I can count on your vote and together we will increase student engagement at CRC! Go Hawks!

## ASB Clubs and Events Board Vice Commissioner

### Mohaimen Abualturshi

Hello, my name is Mohaimen Abualturshi and I am currently in my 3rd semester at CRC. In my free time, I love to play sports and spend quality time with my family and friends. As a student at CRC, my main goal is to help other students succeed and make meaningful connections with my peers. I believe that building strong relationships with others is one of the most important things we can do in life, and I am excited to meet each and every one of you. Let's work together to make the most out of our time here at CRC and achieve our academic and personal goals!

## Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Secretary
- CAEB At-Large Representatives (up to 10 positions total)
- \*Director of Finance

## Constitutional Changes

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### ARTICLE I. PREAMBLE

#### SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

We, the students of Cosumnes River College, do hereby establish the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College (ASCRC), which includes the Cosumnes River College Student Senate, the Cosumnes River College Clubs and Events Board and the Cosumnes River College Joint Budget Committee, as a means to represent all of the students of Cosumnes River College. We, the students of Cosumnes River College, do hereby establish this Constitution and assume the powers and responsibilities of self-governance. Further, the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College is recognized as the representative ASCRC by the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees.

#### SECTION 2. MISSION

It is the mission of the Cosumnes River College Associated Students to:

- A. Provide the students of Cosumnes River College with a voice in the College's and the Los Rios Community College District's shared governance process.
- ~~B. Promote the intellectual, artistic and social life of the students of Cosumnes River College and its educational center(s).~~
- ~~C. Advocate for the common interests of students at the local, state, and federal levels by encouraging student responsibility as granted by Assembly Bill 1725 and all other applicable state and federal laws.~~
- ~~D. Promote student involvement and activities that reflect the diversity of the campus community and foster cultural awareness and acceptance.~~
- ~~E. Provide a mechanism for the appropriate allocation of Cosumnes River College Associated Students resources.~~

## ARTICLE II. NAME, MASCOT, COLORS

### SECTION 1. NAME

The name of the student association shall be Associated Students of Cosumnes River College (ASCRC).

### SECTION 2. MASCOT

The mascot of the ASCRC shall be the Hawk.

### SECTION 3. COLORS

The colors of the ASCRC shall be navy and orange.

## ARTICLE III. COMPONENTS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

### SECTION 1. COMPONENTS

The Associated Students of Cosumnes River College shall consist of the following three components:

- A. The Cosumnes River College Student Senate (SS).
- B. The Cosumnes River College Club and Events Board (CAEB).
- C. The Cosumnes River College Joint Budget Committee (JBC).

## ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

### SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASCRC is to provide the students of the College with a representative entity that participates in the shared governance of the College and the District and to promote the intellectual and social life of students at the College through authorized clubs and college activities. The ASCRC further provides a conduit of information for communicating with, securing input, ~~foster cultural awareness and acceptance~~, representing views and reporting back to the students.

### SECTION 2. SHARED GOVERNANCE AND REPRESENTATION

Through the Student Senate, the ASCRC participates in the College's shared governance process to inform decisions that have or will have a significant effect on students. The Student Senate also serves as the means through which students may be nominated to participate on College and/or District committees, task forces or other governance groups. ~~The Student Senate shall advocate for the common interests of students at the local, state, and federal levels by encouraging student responsibility as granted by Assembly Bill 1725 and all other applicable state and federal laws.~~ The Student Senate is also charged with the responsibility to recommend expenditures of the College's Student Representation fees for authorized activities. The Student Senate is the only entity empowered to take positions on legislative issues within its purview under Los Rios Community College District Policies and Regulations.

### ~~SECTION 3. COMMUNICATION~~

~~The Student Senate further provides a conduit of information for communicating with the student constituency, for securing the input and views of their constituency, and for representing all views of their constituency. The members of the Student Senate have a responsibility to report back to their constituencies.~~

### SECTION 4. ACTIVITIES

Through the Club and Events Board, the ASCRC promotes the intellectual and social life of students at the College through authorized club activities and promotes the intellectual, artistic, cultural, and social life of students by programming college-wide events and bringing artists and speakers to the college.

## ARTICLE V. RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY

### ~~SECTION 1. AUTHORITY~~

~~The Associated Students of Cosumnes River College exists solely by virtue of and pursuant to the authorization of the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees, its enactment of LRCCD Policy 2311 and California Education Code section 76060. The Associated Students of Cosumnes River College hereby recognizes that by virtue of possessing the power to create the ASCRC, the Board of Trustees also retains the power of oversight over the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College and the power to revoke this authority and to dissolve the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College.~~

## ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

All enrolled students at Cosumnes River College shall be members of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College.

## ARTICLE VII. ASCRC STUDENT SENATE

The Student Senate shall have executive officers and senators each of which shall be elected ~~or appointed to serve by the students of the Cosumnes River College pursuant to the election procedures established by Los Rios Community College District Policy 2311 and Administrative Regulation 2311.~~

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Student Senate shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Legislative Affairs ~~(Article X)~~, and up to 11 Senators each of which shall be elected to serve by the students of ~~CRC pursuant to the election procedures established by Los Rios Community College District Policy 2311 and Administrative Regulation 2311.~~ The Student Senate may include appointed members to fill



vacancies ~~in accordance with Article XIII and the voting rights of the position.~~

## SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE

Any student enrolled at Cosumnes River College in a minimum of five semester units during the ~~fall and spring~~ enrolled semester, with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and in good standing shall be eligible to serve on the Student Senate as an officeholder (~~Los Rios Community College District Regulation R-2311, section 1.1.2 in compliance with California Education Code section 76061~~). ~~Students do not need to be enrolled in 5 unites based on a documented disability per Los Rios policies.~~ At any one time, a student may serve only on a single Student Senate for any of the Los Rios Community Colleges.

- A. Student Senate and CAEB officeholders shall not concurrently hold more than one elected Student Senate office or CAEB office.
- B. Student Senate President or Vice President may not concurrently serve as the Commissioner or Vice Commissioner of the Clubs and Events Board.
- C. The Los Rios Community College District Student Trustee may not serve as the President of any Student Senate while serving as Trustee.

## SECTION 3. TERM

The term of an executive council member and elected senators is for one ~~academic~~ year commencing ~~July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30 at the last senate meeting of the spring semester and concludes at the same time the following year.~~ Any person elected or appointed to a vacant position shall serve the remainder of the term.

## SECTION 4. VOTING

- A. All members shall have one vote in any matter decided by the Senate, except for the President who may vote only in the case of a tie ~~or to affect the outcome of the vote.~~
- B. Proxy votes are not permitted.
- ~~C. A majority of the members of the Student Senate may vote to include an item on the Agenda, in accordance with the Ralph Brown Act.~~

## SECTION 5. POWERS, BUDGET AND DUTIES

### A. POWERS

The Student Senate shall have the following enumerated powers, and such powers as necessary to carry out these enumerated powers:

- i. Nominate or appoint students to College or District committees, task forces or other governance groups.
- ii. Pass resolutions on participatory governance and legislative matters within its purview as stated in District Policy.
- iii. Coordinate with the Clubs and Events Board of Cosumnes River College to conduct college-wide activities.
- iv. Recommend expenditures of Cosumnes River College's representation fees for lobbying activities and trips as authorized (~~California Education Code, § 70060.5~~).
- v. Recommend the expenditure of its budgeted funds.
- vi. Engage in fund raising activities to pursue or activities matters within its purview as stated in LRCC District Policy.
- vii. Enact resolutions concerning matters that have a significant effect on students, including 1) grading policies; 2) codes of student conduct; 3) academic disciplinary policies; 4) curriculum development; 5) initiation or discontinuation of courses or programs of study; 6) institutional

planning and budget development; 7) standards and policies regarding student preparation and success; 9) any student fees within the authority of the district to adopt; and 10) any other District or College policy, procedure or related matter that the board of Trustees determines will have a significant effect on students, **AS GUARNETTED BY THE EDUCATIONAL CODE.**

## B. BUDGET

The Student Senate shall receive an annual budget for general expenses and senate events determined by a formula set by the Joint Budget Committee. The Student Senate may petition the Joint Budget Committee for additional funds to support projects related to the purposes of the Student Senate. The Student Senate shall also receive as a separate portion of its budget the allotment of the student representation fees (California Education Code, § 70060.5).

## C. DUTIES

The Student Senate shall have the following duties:

- i. To communicate the existence and resolution of issues of importance within its purview to the shared governance entities of the College and to the student body and the constituencies the senators represent.
- ii. To act in the best interest of all of the students of the College.
- iii. To participate in shared governance by appointing members and students who will serve on those shared governance committees, including those related to accreditation, and those serving/elected to the Student Senate.
- iv. To ensure that the importance of diversity is taken into account in appointments to shared governance committees so that the members of those committees reflect the diverse nature of students who attend the College they serve.
- v. To provide for the collection of broad student opinion and establish a systematic way of soliciting the diverse perspectives of their constituency.
- vi. To communicate to the Board of Trustees through their President's membership in the Student Advisory Committee and through the elected Student Trustee.
- vii. To provide orientation and/or training of all new members. This training must include, but is not limited to, the purposes and mechanics of the shared governance process, and methods of securing constituency input on matters that have a significant effect on students.
- viii. To coordinate its activities with the Club and Events Board.
- ix. To adopt and update its bylaws from time to time as necessary.
- x. To follow the Ralph Brown Act, as applicable.

## SECTION 6. APPOINTEES: RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

A. The list of students that shall be considered for appointment to elective office, as a representative of a shared governance committee, or any other appointment shall be secured by an application process open to all students of the College. The nomination of students who apply shall be in accordance with the Student Senate Bylaws. Any nomination created by appointment must be ratified by a plurality vote by the Student Senate members in attendance.

B. All appointments to shared governance standing committees shall continue from the date of the

appointment until the earlier of the following dates: the office becomes vacant; a successor is selected; or the last senate meeting in the spring semester of the current year.

- C. All appointments to shared governance committees shall carry with them the charge that the person who is appointed to that committee shall:
- i. Report back to the larger group of student leaders concerning the work of the committee;
  - ii. Solicit any necessary input of the student leaders as to recommendations as to that work; and
  - iii. Ensure that the work of the shared governance committees is shared widely among students so that their input can be solicited in a timely manner.

## SECTION 7. COMMITTEES

The Student Senate may create any subcommittees necessary for the temporary (ad hoc) or continuing (standing) tasks to assist the proper functioning of the organization.

- A. There shall be the following standing committees:
- i. Environmental Affairs Committee to be responsible for researching environmental issues affecting Cosumnes River College, and providing recommendations for improvements thereof; for setting environmental policy within ASCRC and recommending environmental policy for the surrounding areas off campus; for addressing campus structural environment, suggesting modification and improvements thereof, and ensuring a safe and healthy environment for the students of Cosumnes River College.
  - ii. Finance Committee to be responsible for advising the Student Senate on matters dealing with the fiscal concerns of the ASCRC; recommending action on financial allocations, and disseminating information concerning the tasks of the committee.
  - iii. Legislative Affairs Committee to be responsible for helping to research common issues of students and presenting information to the ASCRC, and interpreting the constitution and ASCRC Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII. CLUBS AND EVENTS BOARD

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) shall include an Executive Council which consist of Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Secretary, Director of Finance, and up to ten At-Large Representatives who include students from the general student body and/or one club representative per chartered club. The Clubs and Events Board may choose to expand its membership to beyond these parameters through the ASCRC Bylaws, but only to students enrolled at Cosumnes River College.

- A. The CAEB Executive Council shall be elected by the students of Cosumnes River College.
- B. The Commissioner has the authority to appoint up to ten At-Large Representatives who may or may not have a club affiliation.
- C. Each club may appoint one Representative to represent the interests of the club at board meetings. A Representative may only represent one club, even if they are a member of multiple clubs.

### ~~SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE~~

~~Any student enrolled at Cosumnes River College in a minimum of five semester units during the fall and spring semesters, with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and in good standing shall be eligible to serve on the Clubs and Events Board as an officeholder (Los Rios Community College District~~

~~Regulation R-2311, section 1.1.2 in compliance with California Education Code section 76061). At any one time, a student may serve only on a single Clubs and Events Board for any of the Los Rios Community Colleges.~~

- ~~A. Clubs and Events Board officeholders shall not concurrently hold more than one office on this board.~~
- ~~B. Clubs and Events Board Commissioner or Vice Commissioner may not concurrently serve as the Student Senate President or Vice President.~~
- ~~C. The Los Rios Community College District Student Trustee may not serve as the Commissioner of any Clubs and Events Board while serving as Trustee.~~

### **SECTION 3. TERM**

~~The term of office for CAEB officeholders is for one year commencing at the last board meeting of the spring semester and concludes at the same time the following year. Any person elected or appointed to a vacant position shall serve the remainder of the term.~~

### **SECTION 4. VOTING**

- ~~A. All members of the Clubs and Events Board shall have one vote in any matter decided by the Board, except for the Commissioner who may vote only in the case of a tie.~~
- ~~B. Proxy votes are not permitted.~~
- ~~C. A majority of the members of the Clubs and Events Board may vote to include an item on the Agenda, in accordance with the Ralph Brown Act.~~

### **SECTION 5. POWERS, BUDGET AND DUTIES**

#### **A. POWERS**

The Clubs and Events Board shall have the following powers:

- i. Develop general guidelines for approving student clubs consistent with Los Rios Community College District and Cosumnes River College policy.
- ii. Plan and coordinate yearly activities and celebrations for the entire College consistent with its mission and budget.
- ii. Plan and develop special one-time events consistent with its mission and budget.
- iv. Coordinate with the Student Senate to provide large scale events encouraging student lobbying and other activities related to student representation fee.
- v. Coordinate with the professional development committees at the Colleges to plan large scale events for students, faculty, and staff.
- vi. Coordinate with the Student Senate to conduct college-wide activities.
- vii. Recommend expenditures of its budgeted funds.
- viii. Approve, reject and coordinate club fundraising activities in consultation with the CAEB advisor.
- ix. Engage in fund raising activities to pursue activities or matters within its purview as stated in Los Rios Community College District Policy.

#### **B. BUDGET**

The Clubs and Events Board shall receive an annual budget for general expenses and club events determined by a formula set by the Joint Budget Committee. The CAEB may petition the Joint Budget Committee for additional funds to support projects related to the purposes of the Clubs and Events Board.

### C. DUTIES

The clubs and Events Board shall have the following duties:

- i. Act in the best interest of all of the students of Cosumnes River College.
- ii. Ensure that the importance of diversity is taken into account and encouraged.
- iii. Provide orientation and training of all new members as to the purpose of the Board.
- iv. Encourage the formation of campus clubs.
- v. Provide opportunities for student club event programming each semester.
- vi. Coordinate activities and celebrations for the entire college throughout the year.
- vii. Coordinate, as appropriate, activities with the Student Senate.
- viii. Adopt and update ASCRC Bylaws as necessary.
- ix. Follow the Ralph Brown Act and other governing documents, as applicable.

### SECTION 6. COMMITTEES

The Clubs and Events Board may create any subcommittees necessary for the temporary (ad hoc) or continuing (standing) tasks to assist with the proper functioning of the organization.

## ARTICLE IX. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board shall each elect an equal number of voting members to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) by majority vote of each body. A single club shall compose no more than one half of the JBC membership. The ASCRC President, or designee, shall serve as the Chair of the Joint Budget Committee and is not counted in the equal number of voting members. The Club and Events Board Commissioner, or designee, shall serve as the Vice-Chair and is counted in the equal number of voting members.

### ~~SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE~~

~~At all times during their service, each member serving on the Joint Budget Committee must be enrolled at Cosumnes River College in a minimum of five semester units during the fall and spring semesters, with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and in good standing (Los Rios Community College District Regulation R-2311, section 1.1.2 in compliance with California Education Code section 76061). At any one time, a student may serve only on a single Joint Budget Committee for any of the Los Rios Community Colleges.~~

### ~~SECTION 3. TERM~~

~~The term of office for a member on the Joint Budget Committee shall be consistent with the respective term of office for the position each holds in the Student Senate and/or the Clubs and Events Board.~~

### SECTION 4. VOTING

- A. Each representative shall have one vote in any matter decided by the Joint Budget Committee. The Chair of the Committee may only vote in the case of a tie or to affect the outcome of the vote.
- B. Proxy votes are not permitted.

~~C. A majority of the members may vote to include an item on the Agenda, in accordance with the Ralph Brown Act and other governing documents.~~

## SECTION 5. POWERS AND DUTIES

### A. POWERS

The Joint Budget Committee shall have the following powers:

- i. In conjunction with Cosumnes River College's Student Development Office establish and/or amend an ongoing formula for the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College general fund dollars that provides regular funding for the operating expenses of the Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board.
- ii. In conjunction with Cosumnes River College's Student Development Office hear and decide on individual funding request proposals from the Student Senate, the Clubs and Events Board and other student groups for support outside typical operating expenses.

### B. DUTIES

The Joint Budget Committee shall have the following duties:

- i. Act in the best interest of all of the students at Cosumnes River College.
- ii. Ensure that the importance of diversity is taken into account and encouraged.
- iii. Provide orientation and/or training of all new members as to the purpose and procedures of the Joint Budget Committee.
- iv. Adopt and update ASCRC Bylaws as necessary.
- v. Follow the Ralph Brown Act and other governing documents, as applicable.

## ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

### SECTION 1. LIST OF OFFICERS

The Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board shall each have officers elected as set forth in this Article. The Executive Officers of the Student Senate shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Legislative Affairs. The Executive Officers of the Clubs and Events Board shall be: Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Secretary, and Director of Finance.

### SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE

~~A. Each Executive Officer selected under this Article shall be enrolled in Cosumnes River College at the time of election, and throughout his or her term, in a minimum of five semester units during the fall and spring semesters.~~

~~B. Each Executive Officer selected under this Article, at the time of his or her election, and throughout his or her term, must be enrolled at Cosumnes River College in a minimum of five semester units during the fall and spring semesters, with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and in good standing.~~

C. Each Executive Officer selected under this Article shall participate in orientation and/or training as required by the Advisor of that component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College. If an Executive Officer selected under this Article fails to complete the training in a timely manner, that position shall be deemed vacant.

### SECTION 3. ELECTION

Each Executive Officer elected under this Article shall be elected by the members of the Associated Students

of Cosumnes River College, [or appointed as necessary](#).

#### SECTION 4. ORDER OF SUCCESSION

- A. The Student Senate order of succession of each Executive Officer elected under this Article shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Legislative Affairs
- B. The Clubs and Events Board order of succession of each Executive Officer elected under this Article shall be Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner, Secretary, and Director of Finance.

#### SECTION 5. DUTIES OF ASCRC STUDENT SENATE OFFICERS

For each officer elected under this Article, the following lists their duties in addition to those identified in the ASCRC Bylaws:

- ~~A. President: The President is the Chief Executive Officer for the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College. The President shall act as a spokesperson and shall preside over all meetings. The President shall not vote unless there is a tie. The President shall serve on the Executive Council. The President shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.~~
- ~~B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assume tasks of the President in case of his or her absence or vacancy. The Vice-President shall serve on the Executive Council. The Vice-President shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.~~
- ~~C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be in charge of all record keeping and dissemination of information. The Secretary shall serve on the Executive Council. The Secretary shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.~~
- ~~D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall track and report all expenditures. The Treasurer shall serve on the Executive Council. The Treasurer shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.~~
- ~~E. Director of Legislative Affairs: The Director of Legislative Affairs shall be responsible for advocating the common interests of students at the local, state, and federal levels by encouraging student input as granted by Assembly Bill 1725 and all other applicable state and federal laws. The Director of Legislative Affairs shall ensure maintenance of the Constitution and Bylaws in accordance with District policy and regulations and serve on the Executive Council. The Director of Legislative Affairs shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.~~

#### SECTION 6. DUTIES OF ASCRC CLUBS AND EVENTS BOARD OFFICERS

For each officer elected under this Article, the following lists their duties in addition to those identified in the ASCRC Bylaws:

- A. Commissioner: The Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer for the Clubs and Events Board. The Commissioner shall act as spokesperson for the clubs and shall preside over all meetings of the CAEB. The Commissioner shall not vote unless there is a tie. The Commissioner shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.
- B. Vice-Commissioner: The Vice-Commissioner shall assume tasks of the Commissioner in case of his or her absence or vacancy. The Vice-Commissioner shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be in charge of all record keeping and dissemination of information. The Secretary shall undertake other administrative duties as outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.
- D. Director of Finance: The Director of Finance shall keep track of and report all expenditures of the Clubs and Events Board. The Director of Finance shall undertake other administrative duties as

outlined in the ASCRC Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI. REMOVAL

### SECTION 1. EXCLUSIVE METHOD

The exclusive method for the removal of an officer or member of the Student Senator or the Clubs and Events Board by the students is by recall due to illegal or unethical conduct.

### SECTION 2. RECALL PETITION

To recall an officer of the Student Senate or Clubs and Events Board, Cosumnes River College students must submit, to the CRC Student Development Office, a petition with the signatures of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the number of voters who voted in the last election. Those signatures shall be verified by College officials and only those signatures of currently enrolled Cosumnes River College students shall count towards the required number of signatures.

### SECTION 3. RECALL ELECTION

A recall election shall be set within fourteen (14) calendar days after the requirements to enact the recall have been fulfilled. A vote of not less than three-quarters (3/4) of the students who vote in the recall election is required to remove an officer or member from office.

### SECTION 4. OTHER REMOVALS

Members of the student government may also be removed following the procedures described in the bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII. MEETINGS

### SECTION 1. QUORUM

A quorum to conduct business of any component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College shall consist of a majority of the currently elected or appointed members of that component. A majority is defined as anything more than half.

### SECTION 2. MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular meetings of the Student Senate and of the Clubs and Events Board shall be held a minimum of six times per semester unless otherwise ordered by their respective Executive Boards. ~~Regular meetings of the Clubs and Events Board shall be held a minimum of six times per semester.~~ Regular meetings of the Joint Budget Committee shall be held a minimum of two times per semester.

### SECTION 3. RALPH BROWN ACT

All meetings of each component of the Associated Student Body shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). All agendas shall be published in accordance with the Brown Act. The Secretary shall be responsible for posting the agenda, but any other officer is empowered to post the agenda. ~~All minutes of meetings shall be made available by the next meeting of each component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College.~~ Special and emergency meetings may be called as provided for in the Brown Act.



## ARTICLE XIII. VACANCIES IN OFFICE

### SECTION 1. EVENT OF VACANCY

An office or member's position of any component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College becomes vacant upon the happening of any of the following events:

- A. No officer or member is elected to that position during an election.
- B. The officer or member resigns.
- C. The officer or member is recalled.
- D. The officer or member misses three (3) regularly scheduled meetings without excuse.
- E. The officer or member is determined to have failed to maintain the qualifications for the office.
- F. The officer or member is determined to have engaged in illegal behavior while acting in his or her role as a member of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College.
- G. The officer or member fails to complete any required orientation or training as outlined in Los Rios Community College District Policy 2311 section 6.1.5.

### SECTION 2. DETERMINATION OF VACANCY

The existence of whether an officer's or member's position of any component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College is vacant shall be made as follows:

- A. ABSENCES, TARDIES, ELECTION FAILURE - The existence of a vacancy based on unexcused absences, unexcused tardies, the failure to elect a candidate at an election, recall or resignation, shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining elected or appointed members of the component in which the vacancy occurs.
- B. ILLEGAL CONDUCT - The existence of a vacancy based upon illegal conduct shall be determined by Campus Life Coordinator, with other college officials, including but not limited to the Student Discipline Officer.
- C. INELIGIBILITY - The existence of a vacancy based upon ineligibility shall be determined by the Campus Life Coordinator, or college administrator.
- D. PERFORMANCE – The Advisor, in consultation with the remaining executive officers of the component may declare a seat vacant if the officer fails to meet the duties of the component and attendance as outlined in the ASCRC Constitution and Bylaws.

### SECTION 3. FILLING A VACANCY

In consultation with the Campus Life Coordinator, a component of the Associated Students of Cosumnes River College shall fill vacant positions by appointment and confirmed by a majority vote of the component members, or alternatively by a special election. Special elections may only be held with the concurrence of the Campus Life Coordinator or college administrator.

## ARTICLE XIV. LIMITATIONS ON POWERS

### SECTION 1. ADVISORS, EDUCATORS, RESOURCES

~~The ASCRC, and each component thereof, shall have a faculty advisor appointed by Cosumnes River College. Every act or omission of the ASCRC, and any component thereof, shall be subject to the review and approval of the Student Development Office, the faculty advisor, the Vice President of Student Services and the President of Cosumnes River College. Advisors may work with elected and appointed student~~

~~representatives to address performance related concerns as part of the learning experience that is student participatory governance. Ultimate review and approval of the actions and omissions of the ASCRC and each of its components remains with the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees or its designee(s). Efforts should be made available to incoming student representatives that define the role and scope of the Campus Life Coordinator, raises awareness of the Coordinator's educational function, and informs student representatives of the resources available to them as it relates to shared governance, legislative advocacy, and campus activities. If the Campus Life Coordinator should find that a decision or action is beyond the defined purview of the elected student officer or member, he or she will have the ability to take corrective action in consultation with the appropriate college administrator.~~

## **SECTION 2. SUPREMACY CLAUSE**

The ASCRC and its components are bound by the Policies and Regulations of the Los Rios Community College District, and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

## **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS**

Only the Student Senate may adopt official positions on specific state or federal legislative issues. The Student Senate shall not adopt any official position on a legislative issue unless the outcome will have a significant impact on:

- A. The students in their role as students,
- B. College or District policies, regulations, or procedures, or
- C. Shared governance of Cosumnes River College.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Student Senate may adopt resolutions in support of statewide and local education bonds. In no event shall ASCRC, or its components, endorse or oppose a candidate for political office.

## **SECTION 4. RESERVATION OF POWERS**

All powers not explicitly granted to the ASCRC remain with the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees or its designee(s).

# **ARTICLE XV. ELECTIONS**

## **SECTION 1. DIRECTION AND DATE**

The elections for the ASCRC shall take place under the direction and supervision of the College Vice President of Student Services or designee. The elections shall be held in April. The election shall be held on the same days during the same hours at each college. The April election dates shall be scheduled one year in advance during the spring semester.

## **SECTION 2. SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

Special elections may be called as necessary. Special elections may be held only for (a) changes in the constitution; (b) the creation of a new elective office in the ASCRC; or (c) after an election, all elective offices of the Student Senate or Clubs and Events Board remain vacant.

## **SECTION 3. VOTER ELIGIBILITY**

Students may vote in the student association elections at any and all colleges at which they are enrolled at the time of the election.

#### **SECTION 4. ELECTION INTENT**

It is the intent of the ASCRC that the elections for the ASCRC shall be held in accordance with all of the following principles:

- A. The elections shall be fundamentally fair.
- B. The elections shall be a learning experience.
- C. The elections shall uniformly enfranchise voters with elections open to students from various locations on campus, at educational centers, and at all times of the day during which classes are offered.
- D. The election shall be based on the universal suffrage principle of “one person-one vote.”
- E. The election shall preserve the principal of confidentiality of the ballot.
- F. The election process shall provide for the adequate distribution and display of comprehensive campaign information to all eligible voters.
- G. The election process shall be subject to limitations on campaign expenditures.
- H. The election counting processes shall be transparent.

#### **SECTION 5. OVERSIGHT**

The President of Cosumnes River College, or his/her designee, retains oversight over these elections and may investigate any irregularities that may have affected the fundamental fairness of the elections.

#### **SECTION 6. IRREGULARITIES**

In the event the President of Cosumnes River College, or his/her designee, concludes there was a material irregularity in the election, the President, or his or her designee may, pursuant to Los Rios Community College District Policies and Administrative Regulations:

- A. Validate the election;
- B. Invalidate the election and require a re-election;
- C. Validate the election by excluding votes from a polling place where the irregularity occurred; or
- D. Make any other determination that fairness requires.

#### **SECTION 7. CAMPAIGNING**

- A. For campaigning policies refer to the Los Rios Community College District Policy and Regulations 2311 section 5. Campaigning policies and regulations are subject to amendments by the District.
- B. Updated campaigning policies shall be included in the petition packet for candidates seeking elected office.

### **ARTICLE XVI. AMENDMENTS**

#### **SECTION 1. PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT**

This Constitution may be amended by concurrent resolutions passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Student Senate and two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Clubs and Events Board and ratified of Cosumnes River College students in an election. The Constitution may also be amended by a petition signed by the students and ratified by the students in a student election.

#### **SECTION 2. RATIFICATION**

Any amendment requires the ratification of 2/3 of the students enrolled and voting in the College on the date that the resolution was approved ~~or the valid petition was presented.~~

### **SECTION 3. REVIEW**

Any amendment of this constitution is subject to the review and approval of the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees or its designee(s).

## **ARTICLE XVII. BY-LAWS**

### **SECTION 1. ENACTING BYLAWS**

Each component of the ASCRC shall enact bylaws which govern the day to day operation of that component of the ASCRC. Those Bylaws are subject to the approval of appropriate college officials.

### **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT**

Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a 2/3 vote of the component of the ASCRC that seeks to enact them.

## **ARTICLE XVIII. ENABLING/RATIFICATION**

### **SECTION 1. ENABLING**

This Constitution becomes effective upon adoption by 2/3 of the student body voting in a generally ~~by~~ or special scheduled election of the students of Cosumnes River College.

### **SECTION 2. PROCEDURES**

The date of ratification of this Constitution and any subsequent amendment must be listed as an appendix to this constitution.

### **SECTION 3. SUPERCEDED CONSTITUTIONS**

Upon ratification of this Constitution, followed by spring elections to fill the offices as described within this document, all prior constitutions and bylaws of Cosumnes River College are null and void and of no force or effect.

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# Folsom Lake College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### President

#### Jacob Yang

My name is Jacob Yang. I am a third-year student here at FLC. I am majoring in statistics and hope to transfer to UC Berkeley at the end of next academic year. I want to continue to be the Student Senate President because I have a passion for helping the community and getting involved locally. I think that there is a lot of work left for me to do, especially since we are just getting into the post-COVID area, so I would love to continue working to help further the community. I am running for president because I want to be in a position where I can help change the community.

### Vice President

#### Seline Venzon

While currently being involved in ASFLC for nearly three months, I have enjoyed taking on the role of representing and advocating for my fellow students at Folsom Lake College. Because of my involvement, I am more excited than ever to continue my journey with the Student Senate. I love representing students here at FLC and want to educate students on the many resources FLC provides to guide them through their academic careers. I am fully committed to running for the primary leadership role of Vice President to oversee and propose information relevant to FLC students. I am currently in my first year at Folsom Lake College with a major in Computer Science and a focus in Cybersecurity and Software Engineering. I currently serve as Treasurer for ASFLC and Historian on Clubs and Events Board. Though I was appointed at the beginning of Spring 2023, I look forward to running for Vice President in this upcoming election to stay more involved with FLC and to continue doing what I love! I enjoy being on campus, whether it be in class, at work in the Welcome and Student Success Center or hanging out with friends. Aside from my school involvement, I enjoy going to the gym and spending time with my family.

#### Akash Singh Bhatia

Greetings all, My name is Akash Singh Bhatia, and I am running to be the Vice President of ASFLC. I hail from Vista Del Lago High School before transferring to Folsom Lake College. Before then I was unaware of the responsibilities of the senate due to me not partaking in the Student Senate of VDLHS. Upon my arrival in FLC, I wanted to partake in a Senate in order to gain the knowledge that comes with becoming a member of the senate and what it means to climb up the ranks and gain the respect of your peers. I started out as a senator, like every other member before me, but when our previous president left for Sac State our Vice

President then was ascended into the office of Presidency. This left the position of Vice President available, and which was eventually filled by me. Since then, I have performed my role with diligence and duty and hope to continue doing so next term.

## Francesca Flores

Hello, my name is Francesca Flores. I'm running for the position of Vice president because I enjoy serving the community — our fellow students. As a fellow student myself, with a unique background of graduating high school early, I believe I can not only connect with other regular students but young high schoolers like myself. I enjoy collaborating with others and making a difference. Thank you. I've moved to the area from the Bay Area and recently graduated high school at 16. I'm studying business and planning on transferring fall 24'. In my free time, I love to sing/songwrite, make films act/produce, and make YouTube videos. I enjoy the student senate at FLC because we do activities for the community and are the voice for our fellow students.

## Secretary

### Shreya Sareen

Hello, my name is Shreya and I'm currently working on earning an Associate degree in Computer Science and I hope to obtain a Masters degree in the future. I enjoy walking in nature, stargazing, listening to lofi music, and spending time with my cat. I am running for Secretary because I'm committed to advocating for the needs and concerns of our student body and ensuring that all important information is communicated effectively to all members and students and that students are informed about the organization's activities and decisions. I have been a Senator for the Spring 23 term and I took pleasure in being involved on campus and I hope to continue serving our campus community as Secretary. Thank you for your consideration.

## Treasurer

### Mythreyee Shankara Narayanan

My name is Mythreyee Shankara, and I enjoy connecting with and meeting new people. Some of my hobbies include dancing, and paper crafting. I turn to dance after a long day and look forward to relaxing after a long day of classes or working. One of my few abilities is that I can spot the essentials and discern the details, which makes me good at handling money. I believe that my ability to understand student government needs and my financial acumen make me an excellent candidate for any role that involves managing finances. I am excited to explore opportunities where I can use these skills to make a positive impact. I would like to be elected to the position of treasurer on the Student Senate Board.

## Director of Legislative Affairs

### Alisha Nagpal

My name is Alisha Nagpal and I am running for Director of Legislative Affairs. I am a 1st year business economics student aiming for a transfer to a UC. I also am the current ASFLC Director of Legislative Affairs for the 22-23 school year, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role and would like to continue it for the next year. I loved being part of the campus community during my first year at FLC. I was a part of various participatory governance committees, organized events such as Lobby Day, and alongside the rest of ASFLC attempted to raise student participation on campus following the pandemic. Off campus, my hobbies include camping, hiking, traveling, playing/watching soccer, and hanging out with friends. I am running for Director of Legislative Affairs because I enjoy being involved on campus. I was the ASFLC Director of Legislative Affairs for the 22-23 terms, and I loved the work that came with it. Being able to advocate for students and ensure that their voices are heard has been a big part of my job, that I have appreciated doing. I hope to continue doing it by reprising my role as DOLA for the 23-24 terms.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions)

### Justin Remy

My name is Justin Remy, and I'm running for Folsom Lake College Student Senator. I have been working for the last 7 years, but I recently decided to return to school to get a degree. I understand the struggles of returning to school after so many years away, and I want to represent all those people who have ever considered going back to school. As a student senator, I vow to work hard to ensure that all students at Folsom Lake College are given the resources and support they need to succeed in their studies. I believe that our college should be a place of learning and growth for all, and I will work to make that vision a reality. Vote for me, and I promise to fight for a better future for all Folsom Lake College students. I have decided to make a life-altering change after 7 years of working in the corporate world. I'm currently attending Folsom Lake College to pursue a degree in computer science. It was one of the hardest decisions I've ever made, but I am excited to see what the future holds. When I'm not studying, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy watching a good movie or getting out and being active. I'm confident that this new chapter in my life will bring me the happiness and fulfillment that I have been searching for.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Senators (up to 14 positions total)

# Clubs and Event Board Candidates

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## Commissioner

Sara Schulz

I am running for Commissioner of Clubs and Events Board because I would like to get more students involved on campus. With previous experience in this position, I would like to expand on ideas and plans from the past to further improve. I am a current student at FLC majoring in Psychology. My hobbies include horseback riding, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Vice Commissioner
- Director of Finance
- Secretary
- Events Coordinator
- Historian
- CAEB At-Large Delegates (up to 10 positions total)



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### Student Senate President

#### Mollie Nielson

I am currently Secretary of Public Relations on the Clubs and Event board here at SCC. I have taken classes related to policy work such as communication and administration of justice courses along with others that allow me to not only gain relevant experience but also interact with students and staff on campus. In my time in student government, I have participated in activities like lobbying for mental health resources for college students at the state capitol and sitting on an impressions panel to help select our next college president. My experience is invaluable to me and a huge part of why I am seeking this position and I hope to keep improving so I can be the best asset possible to the students I represent. Although I enjoy my position on the Clubs and Events Board and planning meaningful activities for students, my greatest interest is in policy work. Moving from the Clubs and Events Board to our Student Senate is how I can work on what I am passionate about which is making sure that Sacramento City College is a campus that hears what every student needs and works to help them get it. My interest in policy stems from my interest in helping people and that is what I will do if elected as Student Senate President.

### Student Senate Vice President

#### Tellous Sudds

Currently serving on student senate as Sec. of Senate. I like being engaged as a leader and serving as being the best academically I can achieve.

#### Fatima Mohammadi

Hello SCC students, My name is Fatima Mohammadi, and I am a senior year student majoring in Pre health occupation (registered nurse). I have previously served on the Student Senate in numerous roles, including senator in 2019, and currently I am secretary of technology at clubs & events sports. And now I want to run for vice president at the student senate council because after all the experience and looking at the students' situations I am ready to run for this position. The reason would be to run for this position is because I have also been helping many student from the past year two years with their application to apply for college and how to get extra help as we know many student been waiting in line all the time and their issues aren't solving each time, so I step ahead helped many immigrants student with their application including fafsa, college application, and making counseling appointment for them. As a student senator, one of my main goals is to bring students on main track and be their voice to reach to the district. I know there are many resources that many peer institutions provide yet we are still lacking. As was indicated by the responses to the legal aid survey sent out by Student Senate, not only would students eagerly

make use of such services, it would also increase financial accessibility to those who couldn't normally afford legal representation. As an experienced student of SCC at the student council we have worked on many issues for our students and heard many student's voices. Being a vice president has been a rewarding experience that has certainly shaped my SCC experience for the better. I hope you will select me so that I may continue to have the privilege of representing you. As your Vice president, I will stand beside your president, offering support and stepping in when she/he is not able to be here or asks for some extra help. I will not just sit in the student council and think how we will work best for you instead I myself will always step forward to ask your issue and reach your voice to the student council. We all work together. So you always matter for the SCC college, your vote matters and your voice matters, so step ahead and vote for the better. Thank you.

## Secretary of Legislative Affairs

### Desiree Jauregui

Hello! My name is Desiree Jauregui, my pronouns are she/her, and I am running to continue my work as your Secretary of Legislative Affairs for Sac City's Student Senate. A little over a year ago from today, I launched my campaign to run for Senator. At that point, I had no idea what to expect from joining student leadership; I've had some experience in the past, but never at the collegiate level. Once I got elected, I was beyond excited and couldn't wait to start serving. I went into last semester with an open mind and allowed myself to get involved in anything I could. From promoting civic engagement and literacy during the local election season to attending my first professional conference with my peers and other community college student body associations in San Diego, my first year in office helped strengthen my leadership skills and molded me into a more compassionate and understanding individual, characteristics I believe are important to have in any leadership position. This semester, I was appointed to become Secretary of Legislative Affairs for the Student Senate. I took my newly developed passion for higher education advocacy, along with the students of Sac City in mind, to the state capitol and helped coordinate the Senate's successful participation in Los Rios' Lobby Day. Additionally, I've assisted with the council's efforts to recruit more students to join student leadership to ensure we're having a student voice representing each position available on our board. This will remain one of my main priorities, should I continue my work in the Senate. Along with a more engaged student body, I plan on continuing to promote civic engagement and literacy on campus and look forward to collaborating with elected officials to assist with these efforts. With your vote, I'll be able to continue promoting Sac City student's views on all policy and legislative issues to local, state, and federal officials, staying up-to-date on current legislation impacting our students, and making this institution a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment of learning and experience. Thank you!

## Student Senate Treasurer

### Safiya Peragallo

I, Safiya Peragallo, will be a good Treasurer for the Student Senate of Sacramento City College because I have always had an interest in finance. I have a keen eye for detail and tracking how money is budgeted. As a young woman who doesn't live with her parents, I always keep watch on my savings, checking and spending limits per month. I believe I would be an excellent Treasurer because I could replicate my own organizational and budgeting skills that I use in my own life to Sacramento City College. I also have outstanding communication skills which I believe is essential in working with the other members of council to ensure the most organized and effective council possible.

## Student Senate Secretary

### Monique Castex

My reasons for seeking office is to try something new, and having the ability to put my skills to work. I am a member of the SCC basketball team. I am also interested in the clubs such as art and BSU.

## Secretary of Public Relations

### Kiana Arias

I am currently the Secretary of Public Relations for the Senate. I also was also class president in high school for all four years. I am seeking office to be able to better the lives of our students as well as continue to develop as a leader. I am a pre-med and pharmaceutical chemistry major. Currently I am also a hospice volunteer as well. Outside of academics I love to read and weight training.

## Secretary of Outreach and Development

### Darius Canuela

Education is the key to building upward mobility and positive social change, so every student at SCC must have an equal opportunity to succeed. As the Secretary of Outreach and Development, I would take a step towards achieving this by researching education-based policies to implement at our school, serving as liaison to underrepresented student populations, promoting and leading philanthropic efforts, and promoting a community-oriented mindset. My former roles as a volunteer teacher have given me the skills necessary to meet the student population's needs, and I'm confident that my efforts will improve the quality of education.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 20 Positions)

### Truc Ngo

I am currently the President of the International Students Club. With this position, first of all, I know how to recognize and evaluate the student body needs, therefore, within two active semester, I have organized activities, events and workshops that benefit not only international student body but also other student bodies at SCC. Moreover, I have the chance to work with SCC staff, faculty and professors. Therefore, I've learned a lot about paper works, work procedures and work ethic. I am also volunteer as International Student Ambassador for the International Student Center. I help the center with preparing and organizing event, days such as Orientation Day and other important events, making posters and promoting. With this position, I also have the opportunity to work and communicate with a lot of students, which helps me to improve my social and soft skills, moreover, the flexibility and understanding when working with people in a community. To sum up, throughout this journey, I encourage student participation in events and programs that acknowledge and value the diverse racial and cultural backgrounds of the college community and help people better appreciate those differences. I seek for office as to first improve my leadership experience. I believe that with the improvement and development in leadership and office experience and skill, I would be able to contribute much more to the college community.

Secondly, I want to raise my voice for the international student body. Last but not least, I want to experience as much as I can in different working settings and environment, which contribute to my insight, exposure and diversity.

### Kekoa Williams

[I am] seeking political experience and extra curriculums for application to a four year university. [I enjoy] cooking, traveling, gardening, reading, writing, tennis, soccer, skydiving.

### Xinyi Wang

This is my second year at Sacramento City College, and in the past two years I think I have a basic understanding of the school, so I would like to seek a job in the senate to further help build the college. I'm also looking for a leadership position, and I think this would be a good opportunity to exercise myself. In the community life, I participate in the science in the museum volunteer activities, I like to let more people, especially children, learn about science and fall in love with science. I worked at school as a tutor in math and chemistry, and I enjoyed helping others with their studies.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Secretary of Sustainability
- Secretary of Technology
- Senators (up to 20 positions total)

## Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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### CAEB President

#### Kyle Felver

Hello, My name is Kyle Felver and I am running for Clubs and events Board president. And you are probably Wondering why of all people you should Elect me as president. Ever since I was a child I wanted to make a difference to the world. Leave my mark to the world. Our time is short on this earth. Ever since I joined this college I knew right away that there is one clear problem. Communication. Every student leader towards the public need clear communication on what's happening with the school. I want to change that. Let everyone know what's happening with the school As you know, most of you don't know me personally. Some of you do, but I am always interested in what people have to say and will not without a doubt help people in need. I am always eager to support anyone unconditionally. People have questions, I answer them to my best ability. I have over 10 years of community volunteer experience. Vote for me as Clubs And Events Board President.

## CAEB Vice President

### NeKayla Irvin

Incumbent - I love my position, I enjoy having my hands in a bunch of different baskets and I would love to continue that track. I love my position, I enjoy having my hands in a bunch of different baskets and I would love to continue that track.

## CAEB Secretary of Equity & Diversity

### Grace Adekaya

As someone who is passionate about community involvement and making a positive impact, I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for the secretary of equity and diversity role. I come from a culturally diverse background and have collaborated with people from a diverse background which has allowed me to learn to communicate effectively in a team setting, developed cultural competence, and enhanced cultural awareness. Although I have no prior or direct experience for the specific role, I am open to learning and can easily adapt to new roles. Additionally, my energetic attitude, critical thinking skills, attention to detail, and collaborative skills would enable me to manage projects successfully. Above all, I am deeply committed to making a positive impact in the community, and I believe this role would allow me to participate and contribute in a relevant way.

### Kandi Pattersom

Through my work in the nonprofit field, I have helped to create more opportunities for people through out different communities. I have served on committees to plan programs and polices that help to promote more equity through my community and other communities of color. I feel that if im chosen to be apart of this board, I would bring new ideas and communities to the Los Rios Community. As i return to school i push myself out side of the box of my own community. to show leadership to new and growing communities that are diverse in there own ways. I am seeking this appointment because i bring strong leadership and i want to demonstrate more diversity to the Los Rios Community College System. I seek this office to become more of a leader with in the college community and at SCC campus. My interest are teaching , movies and learning. My activities are watching sports and being around good people.

## CAEB Treasurer

### Emilie Beal

I have almost always been in leadership positions for different programs. Ever since middle school, when I was my school leadership's Vice President, I have been able to express my opinions and help better the environment I am in. I have also been President in my church group for a couple of years; I created and planned activities for the Youth program and made sure there was equality within the group. My reasons for seeking office as President of Clubs And Events Board are to get to know my College's community better as

well as allow myself to use my leadership skills to better my school. I want to introduce myself to people around me at Sac City since I haven't been able to truly get a good in-person introduction to the school (since I take mostly online classes). I want to be able to have a say in choices that will create a welcoming environment for upcoming students as well as students who haven't been able to get a chance to feel a part of the community during their year(s) at Sac City. As a member of the Clubs And Events Board, I will make it my top priority to create a welcoming and exciting environment at Sac City College by making plans for school-wide events and clubs that will help connect students and put a smile on their faces.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Treasurer
  - Secretary of Public Relations
  - Project Coordinators (up to 10 positions total)
- \*Secretary
  - \*Secretary of Technology

# Los Rios Community College Districtwide Positions

## Student Trustee Candidates

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*Note: Statements are presented exactly as written by the candidates.*

### Jay Doherty

My name is Jay Doherty and I am running for Los Rios Student Trustee. After two semesters as a director of ARC's Associated Student Body, I have an appreciation for the importance of student representation. In this role, my top priority has been to make myself accessible to students so I can hear their concerns and advocate on their behalf. This approach is essential to effective representation, and the student body needs someone with this philosophy in the district office. To ensure that I'm accessible to all students attending a Los Rios college, I plan to distribute flyers with my phone number and email at each campus because I believe this is critical for proper representation. With these values in mind, I have already started to represent the Los Rios student body in the district office. Last month, I worked on a district committee with administrators to return restaurant services to all Los Rios cafeterias. After 2 months of evaluation, we secured a contract that will, by this Fall, offer high quality food, sustainable dining, and affordable prices at FLC, SCC, CRC, and ARC. I plan to continue this work if elected as a trustee. Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to vote for Jay Doherty as Los Rios Student Trustee.

# Candidate Forums – Dates & Locations

There shall be at least one public candidate forum held at each college at which all candidates are invited to participate. These forums will be held one week before the elections, starting on April 18.

**Tuesday, April 18 at American River College from  
12:00 to 1:30 pm**

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Location is in the Center for Leadership and Development, Student Center Building.

**Wednesday, April 19 at Cosumnes River College  
from 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is in the CRC Quad, near the fountain.

**Thursday, April 20 at Sacramento City College  
from 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is the SCC Student Center.

**Monday, April 24 at Folsom Lake College from  
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is the Peregrine Room (FR-240).