



ASG & Student Trustee
ELECTIONS

Voter Information Guide

Voting: April 21-24, 2014
Student Union & Online

***Check your LACCD email to vote!*

ASG Constitution (2014)

Voters will choose to keep current ASG Constitution or to approve proposed changes. A yes vote will accept changes in entirety.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Amends Article II, Section D: Voting
 - *Clarifies language for voting requirements and quorum to be 50% plus one of the ASG board*
- Amends Article II, Section G, Article 2: Club Council Composition
 - *Changes the Club Council Treasurer duties to be assigned to the Club Council Chair*
- Amends Article II, Section H: Programming Board
 - *Paragraph 1- Purpose: Changes language from “Disabled students day” to “Student with Disabilities Awareness”*
 - *Paragraph 2- Composition: PB Secretary will be responsible for taking minutes at the Joint Council Meetings*
- Amends Article II, Section I: Joint Council
 - *Paragraph 2- Composition: strikes required participation by ASG President and ASG Secretary, Club Council Vice Chair, Club Council Secretary*
- Amends Article III, Section A: Responsibilities and Duties of the ASG
 - *Clause e- Secretary: Adds duty to format and post agendas for ASG Senate and ASG Finance Meetings with input from the Chair(s)*
 - *Clause f- Parliamentarian: Makes Parliamentarian an appointed rather than elected position, Adds facilitation of parliamentary procedure trainings for ASG members at least once a semester, adds duty of facilitating Robert’s Rules of order at Joint Council Meeting*
- Amends Article VII, Section A: Compensation of ASG Officers
 - *Paragraph 1, Standards of Compensation: Language changed to clarify procedure for requesting stipend*
- Amends Article VIII: Impeachment
 - *Section B: adds notification of accused party during investigation period*
 - *Section C: Changes language from “ASG Code of Conduct” to “ASG Governing Documents”*
 - *Section C, Paragraph 3- Hearing: Includes “will have their formal hearing at the next ASG Senate meeting. The formal hearing will be their Impeachment hearing.”*

Candidate Statements

LACCD Student Trustee (1 position)

LaMont G. Jackson

My name is LaMont G. Jackson. I've been a fulltime student within the LACCD since the 2011 fall semester. I've attended classes at LASC, ELAC, & WLAC campuses. This semester I'll be taking day, evening, & online classes.

I'm running for the LACCD Student Trustee position for the 2014-2015 academic year because as LACCD Student Trustee, I know that I'll be more effective at the district level representing all of the students in the LACCD. Some of the issues that I'd like to address & resolve as Student Trustee include informing the students of the LACCD what SB 1456 is really about, & how it will affect students beginning the fall 2014 semester. Being a disabled student myself, I want to ensure that all DSPS offices in the LACCD are in compliance & have all of the necessary equipment to give disabled students the same opportunities for student success that non-disabled students have. I also want to make sure that all of the LACCD Veteran students have the necessary resources.

I've been an ASO Commissioner. I'm currently ASO President at LASC. I sit on the District Citizen's Oversight Committee & District Budget Committee for the LACCD.

Kevin Lou

I'm currently a full-time student at East Los Angeles College that has studied here for the past two years, and would love to be given the opportunity to give back. Not only do I want to help student interests at East Los Angeles College, I'd also love to work to improve student life at other LACCD colleges. I attend classes both during the day and evening, so I understand the needs and concerns voiced by students of all types.

Romey M. Weller

I am currently a full time student at Los Angeles Harbor College. I have been attending LAHC since the fall semester of 2013. I plan to transfer to a university after next school year. I wish to attain the office of student trustee to best support and represent my fellow classmates. On campus I am currently a member of the Associated Students Organization. Additionally, I am a trained volunteer listener at a depression hotline. I look forward to hopefully becoming more involved in my college community.

LACC ASG PRESIDENT (1 Position)

Victoria Boutros

My name is Victoria Boutros. I am the current Vice President of Finance for the Associated Student Government here at Los Angeles City College. My desire to be President of the Associated Student Government springs from my deep sincere craving for a change in terms of the way education is perceived by society. I strongly believe in the advocacy of higher education, as it is essential in creating change on an even bigger level.

Because I have had the opportunity to shadow two ASG presidents, I feel that my capabilities and competency to the work, will greatly serve the board. I am currently the Region delegate, and have already begun to form relationships with other schools in the region and district.

My role in student government has not only taught me to be a leader, but has allowed me the opportunity to collaborate with individuals who share my goal in creating real changes in terms of encouraging education. Through this organization, I have been a part of creating valuable resources at LACC including: The Resource center, which distributes clothes and non-perishable food items, as well as free fresh organic produce to students in need. It is my goal to continue to contribute to the world of education.

I am a leader, an advocator, and a fighter. These are my strengths and my weaknesses. It is my duty to do all I can to better this earth for the sake of humanity. Through learning and teaching, I will strive to create solutions for the problems we face as a society.

Shamir Moorer

It is important that our students are aware of our current and future legislation policies for each fiscal year. Students need to be informed of the various issues and activities that are taking place within our schools community. As the President, I hope to make each student more aware of the changing policies and legislation that impacts them on a daily basis. My goal is to get more students involved in the processes that impact their education. Each student will have an opportunity to get involved by voicing their opinion of any concerns they might have.

I believe this experience will help improve my leadership skills and allow me to develop a new strength at school in the area of student government. My current goal is to finish my degree in sociology then transfer into social work. Through my experience, I have learned that I am very ambitious and love to help make a difference in the lives of others. I look forward to becoming a part of ASG to offer my leadership skills as well as continue to get more involved with the student life here on the LACC campus.

LACC ASG EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (1 Position)

Anna McKinley

I am interested in joining the Student Government at Los Angeles City College. I would be a great addition to the Student Government because I am a very responsible student (I have a 4.0 GPA from the 33 units I have taken at LACC), I am ambitious, and I am interested in learning how the Student Government works and how I could better our surroundings here at school and in general. I am planning on transferring to UCLA for a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Japanese.

My future goal is to become an Ambassador and some of the requirements for that are: to speak 4 languages fluently and to have a higher degree in politics or government. Having the experience from the LACC Student Government would give a great base for my future diplomatic duties.

I was born in Finland and speak fluent Finnish (English is my second language) – so, I would bring in another cultural background to the Student Government as well. LACC is a very diverse school and that is a richness we have here for sure, and I am eager to enrich it even more.

LACC ASG VICE-PRESIDENT of FINANCE (1 Position)

Carmen Olvera

This spring 2014 semester marks my second year here at Los Angeles City College. I plan on transferring in fall 2015 to UCLA and it would be a great honor if I were to be elected to serve as the Vice President of Finance for the Student Government. In these two short years here at LACC, I have accomplished so much and I have reached more direct career and educational goals for myself. I have also discovered some extra-curricular activities that I am extremely passionate about here on campus and more specifically the Student Government. Today, because of the boundless efforts of my peers and my program advisors here at LACC, and my involvement in campus life, I have been able to thrive in my position of Student Senator in the Associated Student Government. I am a student leader on campus, an advocate, and an outstanding student.

My major is political science because I have always had a passion for politics, and I believe that with my continued involvement in student government my policy making and implementing skills will only be strengthened. This year I would like to further my experience in ASG and grow more as an individual by fulfilling the position of Vice President of Finance. I am extremely confident that I can successfully serve in this position to my full potential. In shadowing the current VP of Finance I learned that this is something I want to do. I am a fast learner and I have an interest in finance. Creating, maintaining, and organizing budgets along with processing funding requests for different campus activities is something I can do in an efficient and ethical manner. Regardless of the outcome I will continue striving to be an exemplary student and continue advocating for students on campus.

LACC ASG VICE-PRESIDENT of CLUBS (1 Position)

Jessica Shifflett

I'm Jessica and I want to make a difference on the LACC campus. I was 2004 Freshman Class President in high school, but had to drop out due to personal complications in home life. I returned to get my GED and continued through college only a few years later, pursuing a degree in Law. I helped found "What 2 Can Do", which you can find online or on YouTube, where we personally go out and donate time, money, and necessities to people on Skid Row. I'm hoping to not only gain a position where I'm able to help encourage or motivate others, but gain the happiness and enjoyment I receive from that. A majority of my fight in life was fueled by believing I'd be able to use my knowledge and passion to benefit others or change lives, and I want to see that happen. I'm ready to make it happen, and I want to start as Vice President of Clubs. I hope to not only help create or organize more clubs, but help current and existing clubs grow and flourish. I'd like to create a positive student club life and increase not just the number of clubs, but the number of students participating in our student organizations. I'm hoping to gain knowledge, experience and utter enjoyment. Thank you for your time, consideration, and this opportunity.

LACC ASG EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (1 Position)

Lidia Bernal

I was pleased when I heard about your opening for Executive Secretary in Associated Student Government. First and foremost; I would like to introduce myself, my name is Lidia Diaz Bernal. I was excited to learn about your search in finding individuals who are not only committed to creating a better campus environment in which students may learn, study and come to know one another but also one who represents students' needs and concerns. Through my understanding in this position I will be serving as an advocate for student interest, promoting student life initiatives, and presenting a forum for opinions and issues to be raised. My abilities will surely prove me to be a good fit for Secretary in ASG at Los Angeles City College.

Some qualifications I believe I obtain for the position as Secretary are that I am very organized, efficient, and understanding. I have actually developed these skills through life's hardships and having genuine humility. I want to expand the office of Senate to not only one of which chronicling what gets done but also to one that actually goes out there and makes a difference. As Secretary, I would reach out to the rest of the ASG and my fellow peers in order to inform them by any means necessary about important events they should know about. My goals are to provide complete support to the ASG.

I believe that working together with other individuals in ASG, I will learn to negotiate, communicate and manage conflict. This is an opportunity to improve leadership and interpersonal skills while also increasing self-confidence. I do look forward to ASG functions like, planning programs related to student interests, providing forums for the student issue discussion, and helping to continue to build and sustain a successful campus community.

LACC ASG SENATOR (9 Positions)

Lisa Bao

I want to represent for the unheard voices at LACC; the individuals who have no idea that ASG exists and are unaware of how important it is for them to express their opinions on how to better the school that they attend. Every student deserves to be heard, and while my goal is to reach out to all personality types, my spotlight will shine on the intimidated and introverted, as they are the ones I want to especially instill the confidence in to express their ideas. I want to promote ASG's mission by creating different ways to reach out to students and treating each voice just as important as any other. I plan to do this with my communication and interpersonal skills.

While I carry strong leadership qualities, I believe it is equally important to be a strong team member. I am a keen listener and am eager to hear the opinions of others, but am not afraid of standing up for my own despite the majority. When tackling problems, I believe no answer or solution is black or white. I can think simply, but my qualities thrive best when I experiment with complex ideas and multiple concepts.

My passion for giving back to the community has a significant part to do with my desire to be a member of ASG. I have organized multiple canned foods and clothes drives to donate to local shelters, and tutor homeless children once a week through an organization called School on Wheels. Since my freshman year of high school, I have enjoyed setting aside time to help others. With so much of my time spent at LACC, I no longer want to do just the bare minimum of doing homework and taking tests. I do not want to just go through the coasting motion of an average college student. I want to be a part of the waves that change the direction of the current.

Andrea Dominguez

I am a focused individual who sets high goals and works hard every day to achieve them. Some of my most important goals is to transfer to University with good grades, getting a minor in Pre-Law and graduate soon, so I can apply to Law School, where I will study and give my all to pass the bar exam and practice Law, to help others working in a firm or company where I can give my hundred and ten percent.

I want to join the student government to work in a surrounding where I can implement my skills in leadership, and drive, where I can help, give ideas and seek solutions with an innovative mind and determination. I'm a hard working team player with excellent problem solving skills. I do not have experience on this, but I learn very fast, I'm a very motivated person who loves life and likes to be involved in many things to make a difference, and I have a feeling this is the club for me, and I'm sure that Student Government is going to teach me a lot about the career I'm studying. I want to gain experience in Politics, learn the politic language, how the elections work, and more.

I would like the opportunity to tell you more about my skills that can contribute to the successful day to day running and operation of this district.

Patricia Green

No campaign statement provided

Onitra Johnson

I came to live in Los Angeles via Sacramento, where I lived for six years before joining the Air Force. Before moving to California I lived in Germany, Texas and Fairfield, CA, because my parents were in the military.

I served in the US Air Force for 6 ½ years and separated as an E-5/SSgt. My job was Mission Support, Personnel. Some of my duties included coordinating between the Squadron Commander and the Mission Support Center, organizing Commander's Call for the entire Squadron, customer service, lots of typing and running around camping wielding a M-16 at night (but that's another story). My time in the Air Force was invaluable and the skills I learned definitely help to this day.

I'm currently a Cinema and Communications Major. I love telling stories and I want to be able to tell my stories through writing, drawings, words, and moving pictures. I believe Cinema will help me with the writing and moving picture path and communication will help me with the words. I'm self-taught when it comes to drawing. I have ambitions to transfer to USC or UCLA. When I was six my dream was to be a 2-D animator for Disney. By that time that changed to wanting to work for Pixar. The goal now is to work as a screenwriter for both.

I love action movies, The Man from Nowhere, Fight Club, and the Matrix being three of my top favorites. I love reading, Neil Gaiman, JK Rowling, and Jim Butcher being my top favorite fantasy writers. But I'll read almost anything and right now I'm really into self-growth books. I also enjoy Comics, Manga and Anime. My current hobbies include Kung Fu and Roller Derby.

Robin Stuart

My name is Robin Stuart. I have been a fulltime student at Los Angeles City College since Fall 2012. I want to become a senator for LACC's Associated Student Government. I want to become a senator because I know the importance of student government when it comes to rights and privileges for students in a public institution such as LACC. I would make a great representative for LACC's students because I am an ambitious student who strives for excellence. I grew up all over Los Angeles being in the foster care system so I want quality education accessible to all Angelinos. Being a senator will provide opportunity for me to contribute to my community and all of Los Angeles Community Colleges.

I have always had a passion for leadership and responsibility. Although Associated Student Government is new to me, I do have some experience with student clubs. In Spring 2012, I was elected Vice President of the Black Student Union at LATTC and was elected President for Fall 2012. I left Trade Tech to attend City because I felt it was a better route for my education path, which is Sociology. I have joined three clubs at LACC and was V.P. for the LA Conquerors.

I also plan to study law and I hope to learn exactly how Associated Student Government operates to compare and contrast to U.S. Government. I aspire to be in Los Angeles City Council and I believe being part of ASG can be great hands on experience as far as communication, decision making, and team collaborations.