Candidate Statements – Student Trustee 2016

Ali Asghar

Student representation will be a priority under my leadership as Student Trustee of LACCD. I have been a four term Senator of the Associated Students Organization at Pierce College. I have fought for our students on a consistent basis. I have advocated for our students to have healthy food options. I worked with the former student trustee and my campus administration to keep our food trucks on campus am currently advocating for reduced textbook costs on all our nine campuses. I work in unison with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. I have been a former delegate for Pierce College for the SSSCC and Region 7. I have been a former executive board member of Region 7. I am well versed in parliamentary procedure. I have attended every LACCD Student Affairs Committee since October 2014. My mission is to bring harmony between our students, administrators, faculty, and classified staff. My primary goal is to effectively use the Power of 9 to lobby our efforts in Sacramento and Washington D.C. As students we can use our 9 plus one rights. I will make sure our students are represented at various committees on our 9 campuses and the various District committees.

Gerson Liahut-Sanchez

Prior to his candidacy for the LACCD Student Trustee, Gerson Liahut-Sanchez served in ELAC’s Associated Student Union as the Chief Justice in the Fall of 2014 where he represented students in the college’s grievance and disciplinary hearings process as well as the student government’s parliamentarian for advice on Robert’s Rules of Order and the CA Brown Act. The following semester he was promoted to Vice President of Finance, where he managed a 210 thousand dollar budget and the Student Representation Fee account. He was inspired to join a community lead organization called Student Senate for California Community Colleges, a group of students from all over the State of California that raise awareness about issues within the Community College Student community. As an undocumented student, he noticed the struggles of the community and was inspired to become an advocate for undocumented rights. This has led him to pursue a career in Law, where he is seeking to obtain two bachelor’s degrees, in Legal Studies and Communication Studies, with the intent to attend law school. As LACCD Student Trustee, Gerson looks forward to working collaboratively with Chancellor Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees, LACCD College Presidents, and ASO/ASU/ASG Student Body Presidents to improve Student Success and Transfer rate.

Alexa Victoriano

My name is Alexa Victoriano I am a first generation Chicana, the first in my family to graduate from High School, and to pursue a postsecondary education as a non-traditional student. I attend Los Angeles Harbor College double majoring in Communication Studies and Political Science. I began to get deeply involved in student government after seeing a need for change. Through the valuable experience as Vice-President, I began to develop my interest in politics. In addition I have also been involved in other organizations such as: the Puente Program, Alpha Gamma Sigma (Publicity Officer), Vice-President of Pacific Islander Club, founder of Model United Nations, LA Harbor Rotaract, Latino Caucus and many more. I believe I have the qualities to serve proudly as student trustee. With your support, we can work effectively and efficiently to fight for your rights. I will listen to the concerns of the students’ and do my best to ensure everyone’s voice is heard in order to build a better community. Regardless of our backgrounds we all share similar challenges that must be addressed. The path to success is built through our voices. With your vote, we can begin to make our district better for all.

Bryant Orlando Woodert

Bryant is the current President of Student Government at Los Angeles City College. Bryant worked with his campus administration and achieved the cancellation of the following fees: $5 ID card replacement fee, $1 mandatory receipt fee, enforcement of first two transcripts for free. This information has been shared with all campuses. As Chair of the Higher One sub-committee, Bryant was instrumental in reviewing fee charges and presented his findings to the Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees. This resulted in the elimination of the $0.50 fee per debit card transaction; reduction of LACCD card replacement fee from $20 to $10 with the district absorbing the remaining $10 cost on behalf of students, resulting in a $0 zero cost for students to replace debit cards. Further, Bryant worked with the Vice-Chancellor in obtaining information that allows students to apply to receive a refund on ATM fees of up to $5.00 per day when a Higher One ATM is not functioning. Bryant Woodert began his time in leadership as the ASG Senator of Diversity and Equity and continued on to serve as Executive Vice-President of Associated Student Government at LACC. His current role as President and his past experience in Student Government gives him an understanding of student needs. His ability to work with administration and district leadership for substantive change allows him to be a strong advocate for students and would make him effective as Student Trustee.