Candidate Name: Jesse Rodriguez

Major: Political Science

Bio: My name is Jesse Rodriguez and I am a Political Science major. Fun fact: I am one of the biggest Adele fans you'll ever meet. CSU Fullerton is my home away from home and I've always enjoyed staying involved as much as I can on my campus. I am deeply passionate about education, giving back, and politics. I love to meet people and create those friendships and experiences that simply make your life better than it was before. I got involved with ASI out of pure curiosity, and it has enhanced my college experience greatly. Getting involved meant getting out of my comfort zone, trying new things, and learning what it takes to be a student leader. All this has made my college experience worthwhile. I think college is that time where you don’t necessarily "find yourself," but actually get to become who you really are for the very first time. I'd like to think that this is what I am doing right now.

Platform: I have been a member of the Board of Directors for one year now and it has been a noteworthy experience. If elected again I will continue my efforts to support the campus community and our students in general. We are definitely in a political climate that resonates deeply with students and I'd like represent their voices, provide support, and pay close attention to their concerns. I'd like to make it easier for students to understand the role of student government on our campus by promoting scholarships, leadership and involvement opportunities. I think this past few months there has been a significant attitude shift in ASI that can only mean good things are coming. We took an official stance by opposing the potential tuition increase affecting the CSU system and made it known to our students that we're aware of the issues that matter. I'd like to support more and more students by taking similar action. For instance, working with other Directors from other colleges by being advocates for student concerns, attend as many club-organized events as we can, minimizing the gap between student and student government overall. I'd like to inform students about where fees money goes, anything regarding tuition, and the resources available to them on or campus. I want our student government to stay up-to-date with the issues that concern students. With the recent Presidential election, students need to know that our campus is
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filled with resources and people available to help you be successful regardless of your background, who you are and where you come from. I'd like have ASI show support for our LGBTQ, Undocumented, and minority communities. Our campus is diverse and we need to embrace this diversity as part of the identity of CSUF student body. I want to create an environment in our ASI that has us, the student leaders, feeling inclined to constantly show support to student clubs, organizations, and advocacy efforts that shed light on the issues affecting the our community I hope to continue being a resource, continue being a supporter, and being a student leader that makes a difference in student government with help from staff, faculty, administration, and students. ASI has potential, power, and the platform to build this support system for everyone to benefit from and I want to be a part of it. Thank you for reading.

Slogan: "By the students, for the students."

Candidate Name: Jose D. Solano Jimenez

Major: Political Science

Bio: My name is Jose and I am a Political Science Major. I have been at Cal State Fullerton for a year and a half, and prior to starting here I was at Fullerton College. There I was involved within the Associated Student Government and eventually became the student President to the college. Here, I have continued to be involved because I believe in student leadership and the importance for students to be engage on campus, and for students to advocate for students. In my experience, I have had the opportunity to be around many professional staff, and administration, which has prepared me to stand up for the needs of students regardless if I am speaking to the President of the University. I’ve also advocated at the state level through ASI Lobby Corps speaking to state representatives to support, and provide the necessary funding, while keeping education affordable for our students. I choose to be involved because I am passionate about it. While many students do want to avoid a two-hour administration meeting, I want to be at that discussion, because decisions are made by those at the table. I promise to represent all HSS students as best as I can.
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Platform: I want to work within ASI to change funding policy to be able to provide "situational funding" for our student organizations to be able to travel, even if the meeting place is not a conference room at a hotel. I would want to work to possibly fund travel to conferences outside the U.S. for our student organizations. I want to serve on ASI to make sure that ASI is accountable to our students, and are doing what is possible to best support our students, and make sure that money is being spent in the best interest of the students to help their student success. I want to ensure that this institution continues to be an inclusive, diverse and be a supporting, engaging, environment to allow students from all walks of life to develop and grow as individuals. Something that I would like to see happen within the college of Humanities and Social Science, is improving our bathrooms. There needs to be improvements made to our building to better serve our students. I want to advocate to the institution to improve the quality of the restrooms and make sure that they are up to current building code so there is access to all.

Candidate Name: Elizabeth Jimenez Perez

Major: Sociology

Bio: I identify myself as a Chicana, feminist, and activist woman. I am also an ally, a student, a person who fights for people's rights, who does not conform, who challenges others, and who loves herself. My experience at Cal State Fullerton has been amazing. Since the first day I stepped foot at CSUF, I knew this campus would be my home simply because I was amazed to see how diverse our campus is. Throughout my college career, I have had the privilege to be part of extraordinary organizations, like Hermanos Unidos for instance, who focuses on increasing the retention, and graduation rates of Latino males and the Association for InterCultural Awareness (AICA) which raises awareness and celebrates cultures. Apart from my school involvements, I enjoy working out, dancing, watching Netflix, and hanging out with my love ones. Overall, I love being involved on our campus and helping my community.
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Platform: If elected, my main purpose will be to represent every student on campus. It is important for me to take into consideration how every resolution or policy will affect every community in this university. I want to use this opportunity as a tool to help students gain humility campus wide. I want to be the voice of the students and make them feel safe at CSUF. If elected, I hope to assist students to solve issues on our campus because it is important to raise awareness of issues that affect students. This can range from bathroom issues in the Humanities building, to coordinating more events that will help students learn about resources. Cal State Fullerton is a very diverse campus, yet, with the political and social climate it is becoming difficult to instill the university’s values of inclusion and diversity. If I am elected I want to make a change by advocating student interests.

I plan on outreaching to professors in my respective college and discussing ideas on how we can improve the department and address issues that our students are facing, or what the department can do to help the students be successful. I hope to collaborate with organizations and plan events to raise awareness about issues, cultures, or anything I can help out with. I also plan on dedicating time to outreach to students to receive feedback about campus, department issues, or ideas on what student government can do to be more helpful or transparent. Another reason why I plan on outreaching to students is to inform them about resources, ASI scholarships, how they can get involved with ASI or other organizations, and to inform them where the student government offices are located. I would also want to work with the Diversity Initiative Resource Centers (DIRC) and collaborate with them in coordinating events to raise awareness about different identities, cultures, or workshops. Overall, my purpose is that anything I do, I must do it to make our campus a better place, and support our student body. I, Elizabeth Jimenez Perez, want to be the voice of our campus community.

Slogan: United we are Stronger!