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Candidate Name: Megan Ayala

Major: Communications, with an emphasis in Public Relations

Bio: Hello! My name is Megan Ayala, I am a third-year Communications major with an emphasis in Public Relations and I have been a part of the Titan Student Centers Governing Board in some capacity for the last two years along with other involvements within Housing and Residence Life. First, I served as a Housing Representative while I was the Treasurer for the Resident Student Association and then last semester I was able to come on to the board as a Student-At-Large while I was the Marketing Coordinator for the Resident Student Association which was amazing! At the end of last fall, I went through a special election and currently serve as the Vice Chair for Marketing and Outreach on the Titan Student Centers Governing Board. I truly enjoy the projects that are ahead of me and look forward to the rest of this semester and campaigning for this role as well.

Platform: If elected into this position I would hope to be able to continue with the work I am doing as Vice Chair for Marketing and Outreach and continue to work on marketing the Titan Student Centers to the best of my ability throughout each of our spaces. I would want to go further with projects in the Titan Student Union that include the update of the second level, adding color and University Branding throughout the expansion to make our entire union cohesive, also I want to continue to work on the position description of what the Vice Chair for Marketing and Outreach truly does. Overall, the experience of being a part of the bigger changes that are in the works, or even the smallest ones, make me very excited and hopeful to continue to work in this capacity for another academic year. The Titan Student Centers exist for the students and I hope that in this position I am able to effect positive change for the centers and the student population to ensure that our centers remain the safe space that they truly have become in the time they have existed.
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Candidate Name: Austin Mendes

Major: Business

Bio: Austin is a 3rd year business major with a concentration in management. He got his start in ASI through Street Team his freshman year. Street Team led him to join ASI's Titan Student Centers Governing Board during the second semester of his freshman year. Since then Austin has been fully committed to the Governing Board, having served as a Committee Member on Facilities and Operations, the Second Alternate Student–at–Large for the Governing Board, the Alternate Student–at–Large, and now currently as a Student–at–Large while sitting on the Committee for Facilities and Operations. He has been an active participant on the Governing Board for the past two and a half years, striving to be a voice for the students. His time spent on the Titan Student Centers Governing Board has shaped him into a strong leader and a passionate advocate for his fellow students.

Platform: If elected to serve on the Titan Student Centers Governing Board I will spend my time working to be the voice of my fellow students. I have been a passionate advocate for the student body during the past two and a half years and plan to continue being that voice if elected. Having been involved with the Governing Board, over the years, I have been able to help shape our student centers into what they are today. When I first joined the Governing Board the expansion of the TSU had not yet taken place. There was a lot of work that needed to be done, and a number of different issues that needed to be resolved. I worked to help ensure that every issue the Governing Board faced was resolved smoothly and in the best interest for the student body. During my time on the Titan Student Centers Governing Board I have never missed a meeting, showed up late, or voted in a way that was not in the best interest of the student body. As your current Student–at–Large I am always on time, well informed on the issues at hand, transparent, open to suggestion, willing to collaborate with others and working to represent all students of Cal State Fullerton. If elected to serve I can promise you that I will do everything in my power to fight for the students and ensure that you get the best out of your experience here at Cal State Fullerton.

Slogan: Make Moves with Mendes
Candidate Name: Rebecca Hesgard

Major: Business Administration & Women's Studies

Bio: As a third-year student double majoring in Business Administration and Women & Gender Studies, I have always sought to be a well-rounded student and individual. The value I place on education is reflected in my work ethic that has kept me on the Dean's List for all five semesters I have attended CSUF.

When I am not focusing my efforts on school, I am channeling my energy into volunteer work for student rights. This includes fighting for everything from the accessibility of student resources to the affordability of higher education. I have worked with both faculty – as an Undergraduate Course Assistant, and other student organizations including SQE, WGSSA, and more.

Education is something I am deeply passionate about, which is why I hope to be elected by the students of Cal State Fullerton as a member of the Titan Student Centers Governing Board.

Platform: Being a part of both the business and humanities disciplines, my perspective is shaped to comprehend the structure of working as a student representative as well as the human components that make any good leader successful for the people, or peers, they serve.

The Titan Student Centers Governing Board has a responsibility to the student body to create and maintain the spaces and services that make our time at CSUF worthwhile. I want to ensure that Cal State Fullerton puts students at the forefront of its goals.

Some of the ways I intend to develop the quality of student life and to create change in this
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position is by making myself available to listen to the voices and concerns of students and student organizations. And when voting, especially for allocation of resources or funds, I plan on being incredibly mindful of how those decisions are best beneficial for the student body.

Education has been so impactful on my personal development, so my hope is that I can contribute to making your experience as students of this campus more accessible, affordable, and meaningful.

Slogan: Becca's got your (quality education's) back!

Candidate Name: Connor Sebo (picture coming later)

Bio: I grew up a few miles away from Fullerton in the city of Garden Grove. Ever since high school, I have been interested in making a positive difference in the lives of others. At school, I found the that the best way to do this is to get involved. I am an art major with a planned concentration of animation. Currently, I am the Events Coordinator for the Titan Tusk Force (we put on programs like Taco Tuesday, Thirsty Thursday, and Greek Cup). I am also the current Health and Safety Officer on the Executive Board of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at CSUF. I've been working since I was fourteen, so I'm no stranger to hard work and time management. I've always worked in some type of service; I started in retail and have been working in restaurants since. I love people and I love talking to people, so I look forward to the opportunity to make a positive impact.

Platform: Being an active gym-goer, I am interested in continuing to listen to student input and adapting our operations to fit their needs. This goes for all the areas that the student at larges govern, including the food options in the TSU, services offered by in the gym, the organization spaces offered, and much more. Currently, we hold two galleries a year in which the school purchases the artwork of art students. Firstly, as an art major, I can tell you that this is not advertised enough. I would make more of an effort to inform art students of this incredible opportunity. Second, I would like to make one of these galleries for the faculty. We have professional artist working on our campus and we aren't showing them the love and support we could be.
Candidate Name: Britlynne Davis

Major: Communications

Bio: Hi! I'm Britlynne Davis and I'm a freshman this year. My experience at Cal State Fullerton has been such an amazing one. From living in the dorms, to joining my amazing sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, I have loved attending this school. I am a Communications major with an emphasis on Public Relations, so this job would be perfect for me. It would be a perfect way to grow my knowledge and love for this business as well as provide a wonderful experience, and I believe I would do well at it. Thank you (: 

Candidate Name: David Ayala (picture coming later)

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Bio: Hello all! I come from a very loving environment at home that has turned me into the strong individual that I am today. I enjoy playing soccer and tutoring students as I am a former AVID Tutor at my alma mater, Newport Harbor High. I have lived many different experiences that have taught me extraordinary characteristics such as determination, honesty, trustworthiness and being a hard-working person. I am a third-year student looking to be more involved on campus in many ways! I am currently in the process of becoming a Resident Adviser for the upcoming academic school year and I look forward to ensuring that the students living on campus will have the best experience as possible! And so, that is why I would be thrilled to help in accomplishing that by being both an RA and a part of ASI to be involved in two different parts of the collegiate experience!

Platform: I hope to work on improving the overall experience that students will have in the coming years. I want to ensure that our school spirit and pride is raised such that our sports teams, clubs and communities feel like Titans and that they carry that love for our university for the rest of their lives. I want to offer students anything that they may need in order to succeed and so that they may feel a strong support from the school. I am very interested in having more events such as concerts and sports competitions. I would also very much like for the Greek community to feel more included on campus so that students may also attend
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Greek events as a fan base. Indeed, these are all ideas that I have in place in order for our students to become more of a united group and not one that is separated by many different things because in the end, our education is what connects us all here at Cal State Fullerton.

Slogan: Vote 4 David, your Mockingjay.

Candidate Name: Eric Achatz

Major: Political Science

Bio: I know my previous experience in government and politics will help me to be a very effective and informed member of the Titan Student Centers Governing Board. Through my experience as an intern in the College Legal Clinic and the United States House of Representatives I have gained valuable skills such as collaborating with others, grasping difficult material and adapting to situations quickly. I have also served as an engaged member of the University Affairs arm of ASI, and Lobby Corps. While Interning in Washington D.C. through CSUF's D.C. Scholars program, I was able to attend briefings of great educational worth such as integrating technology into k–12 and University educational systems, and I finished projects with my fellow interns that would be added to real legislature fighting for passage on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives! The skills and knowledge I have earned over the years through on campus organizations and clubs will play a vital role in having great communication with my colleagues and will allow me to knowledgeably deal with the policies and programs of the Titan Student Centers Governing Board that affect the amazing students of CSUF.

Platform: I support a platform that focuses on getting students active and involved on campus in any way possible. No matter what someone’s major or minor is, I want to make sure that CSUF has opportunities for them. I believe that this can be accomplished as a member of the Titan Student Centers Governing Board through improving the communication between students, staff, and faculty. Having strong communication and leadership skills are very important to me and I will uphold them as important standards for all students. In a sense the students I will be representing are constituents and as a representative of them it is my duty
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to accomplish casework on their behalf. My understanding of the inter-workings of government will allow me to accelerate dealings with regards to student concerns and finding viable solutions for them. I have a strong interest in making more opportunities on our campus that will easily allow students to participate in the benefits our great University provides. I believe that by advertising persistently and by encouraging all students to get involved in programs at CSUF, our University can reach new heights of success. Setting up events that encourage student involvement and working for common sense regulations that students need to succeed are a great concern of mine. I want to expand on the programs we offer students through the TSU and work toward making sure we have some of the most efficient operating facilities. The policies that allow our University to be transparent and more beneficial to all students are of vital importance. These policies will play a role in the lives of all students, and I know that my previous political and legal experience will work as a great asset for the purpose of serving all students.

Slogan: As students, we rise to together! Standing with Eric means empowering education for everyone!

Candidate Name: Damoira Chung

Major: Sociology

Bio: Hi everyone, I am Damoira and I am a third-year sociology major who is really passionate about volunteering. During my time here at CSU Fullerton I have been involved with the Human Services Student Association, Intervarsity, and ASI Street Team. You may have seen me passing out tacos or promotional items at ASI Titan Tusk Force events, because I love showing my Titan pride at athletic events and lending a helping hand at events that benefit students. Aside from passing out free food in my spare time, I have also worked with the Titan Student Centers Governing Board. Last fall I was ASI President’s Designee on the Facilities and Operations Committee and am currently a Student–At–Large for both Facilities and Programs and Services Committee. Besides volunteering, attending athletic events, and getting to know new people, one of my favorite things to do is to go on road trips or travel with friends and family. By far my favorite place
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has been Jamaica since I love the island and got to see family members whom I have not seen in a long time.

Platform: If elected to continue working with the Governing Board my goal is to make sure that we do more outreach to the CSUF community so that every student has a chance to get their voice heard, because everyone's voice matters. As a student–at–large I am a representative of the students, so my main goal is to find out what students' needs and desires are and work to bring those needs to our student centers. Some projects that we are currently working on are space allocation, storage space, and daily use lockers on campus. If elected I hope to help accomplish a system that is easier for clubs and organizations to receive offices, meeting rooms, or storage space. As well as bringing daily lockers for commuter students or other students who are in dire need of a place to store their belongings. Another one of my goals is to collaborate with or support other ASI Programs as well as other organizations on campus, like Student Life and Leadership, the WoMen's Center, and the Career Center. Collaborating and supporting different groups on campus will also help more people become aware of TSC Governing Board. I want our student centers to be an absolute equal and safe place for any student. With this being said, as a student–at–large I would serve as a liaison to any student(s) who feel uncomfortable or have feedback on how to make our student centers more beneficial to the needs of the student body.

Slogan: If you want Mo' out of your student centers, Vote for DaMOira!
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Candidate Name: Tori Hust
Major: Criminal Justice

Bio: My name is Tori Shea Hust and I am an 18-year-old freshman here at California State University, Fullerton. I value my academics, am extremely involved on campus and want to make changes for the better of the community. I currently sit on the Executive Board of the Resident Student Association as Marketing Coordinator and on The Movement Dance Team as Historian. I am also a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary where I participate in community service and academic events with other members of the CSUF Housing community. I was recently selected to participate at the California Higher Education Student Summit with ASI, where I will be advocating for a fully funded CSU system. Through this opportunity, I have been able to get involved with Associated Students Incorporated through Lobby Corps and am learning so much from the experience. I am extremely hardworking, goal-oriented and always do my best in order to help others to succeed. I am majoring in Criminal Justice in hopes of working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Platform: In my time on the Titan Student Center's Governing Board I hope to accomplish many things. For one, I would like to work with students and find out what they believe should be changed or implemented in the Titan Community. I love advocating for other's needs, and want to make sure that everyone is excited about being a Titan. California State University Fullerton is your home, and I want to make sure that you feel that way. I would like to make all students aware of the facilities and services that are offered at the institution, in order to benefit them by providing as many resources as possible. I value diversity and want every person, regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity and religion to have an unbelievable experience while studying at California State University Fullerton. I want to create a safe space in a unified setting that allows for students to productively reach their academic goals while having an amazing experience. In addition, I would like to get more students involved in Associated Students Incorporated. I want to host networking/socializing events that would bring students together and help them to achieve long term goals. In being a member of ASI Lobby Corps, I have found that policies are extremely important in society as they hold us to a high standard. While being on the Governing Board I hope to develop
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policies that are beneficial to all students, and reconstruct those that have issues. Furthermore, I would do my best to make Titan food services more available to students, widen the operating hours of facilities to help students with busy schedules and update equipment utilized in facilities, in order to keep CSUF at such a high standard.

Communication, advocating for students needs and working to improve the society in which we live, are all very important to me. While being on the Titan Student Center's Governing Board, I promise to work toward a better community, implicate beneficial policies for students and provide students with access to all the opportunities that are available to them.

Slogan: In Hust we Trust!