



# Associated Students, Inc.

## ASI Board of Director Application 2019-20

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<b>First Name:</b>	Alexander	<b>Monday:</b>	9AM to 11AM & 12:15-1:30PM & 3PM to 6PM
<b>Last Name:</b>	Berry	<b>Tuesday:</b>	9 AM to 10:45 AM & 3 PM to 6 PM
<b>Position:</b>	Vice President for Academic Governance	<b>Wednesday:</b>	9AM to 11AM & 12:15-1:30PM & 3:00PM to 6PM
<b>Major:</b>	History	<b>Thursday:</b>	9 AM to 10:45 AM & 3 PM to 6 PM
<b>Class:</b>	Sophomore	<b>Friday:</b>	9 AM to 11 AM & 12:15 PM to 4:30 PM

### 1. What previous experience have you had in the area in which you are applying for?

I have served as parliamentarian on SGC for the past semester, and I have aided in edits to the codes of procedure of both the Cabinet of Academic Senators and the Shared Governance Council in my role as Chief Justice. I have also read in full the Constitution of the Faculty of the California State University, Los Angeles, found in Appendix C of the Faculty Handbook and Chapter II of the Faculty Handbook, which outlines in-depth the structure and function of the Academic Senate. Together, these documents form the basis for the shared governance structure of the university, and provide the rules by which our Senate operates. My position internally, as well as my intimate knowledge of the Academic Senate's rules and functions, lends me a unique understanding of the relationship between the primary policymaking body on campus and our student government which I believe will be helpful to me in my role as Vice President for Academic Governance. My time as Chief Justice has also given me experience writing policy, working internally to make sure that policy passes, and managing the people responsible for helping me research and develop new projects.

### 2. State briefly why are you are applying and/or are interested in this position

Under the leadership of a new President, ASI has undergone a shift in its footing, away from ASI's traditional program-focused structure and towards an organizational footing aimed at advocacy. I fully support this shift, and I want to be a part of the team responsible for engaging in real, effective student advocacy. One of the major things I aim to do as Vice President of Academic Governance is implement a unified policy platform for our Academic Senators, focusing on issues with academic and career advisement, facilities management, and student support. By creating a platform that focuses on issues that students care about, we can both show the student body that we are working towards tangible goals, while also providing predictability to our faculty colleagues in the Academic Senate.

### 3. What do you feel are some of the major problems facing the students of Cal State LA?

One of the major problems facing students here is the academic advisement system. It's alienating, draconian, and bureaucratic. In my own experience, I have found google to be more helpful than the advisers made available to students in NSS. To make matters worse, the college advisement system is paired with individual departmental advisement structures, which leaves students wondering where to turn. This also means that the quality of advisement can vary from department to department. In my department, history, there is a single faculty adviser that rotates every semester, depriving students of the opportunity to build connections with a mentor.

For transfer students, who make up a vastly increasing percentage of the student population, matters are even worse. At transfer orientation students are encouraged to pick whatever classes aren't full. After their first semester, however, they are badgered by the university to pick classes that they need to complete their degree.

Students have noticed these issues. When a joint USC-UCLA research team came in to study the history program at CSULA, over twenty people in my thirty-person class complained about academic advisement and class placement in one way or another. Thus, I feel that addressing the outdated and confusing academic advisement system should be one of our major policy priorities.

### 4. List activities and/or organizations that you have been involved with (on or off campus)

Associated Students, Inc. - Chief Justice (Aug. 2019-Present)  
 University-Student Union - Board Member (Nov. 2019 - Present)  
 Mock Trial Association - Historian (Mar 2019. - Present)  
 Early Entrance Program Club - Archivist (Aug. 2019 - Present)

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Interview Time: _____		
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	YES	NO
Are you considered in GOOD STANDING with the University?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Have you been enrolled at Cal State L.A. for one (1) semester prior to application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Undergraduate Only: Do you have a minimum 2 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Graduate Only: Do you have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are you available for scheduled meetings as specified in the application packet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you agree to serve a minimum of two (2) hours per week physically in the ASI Offices? (Note: Board applicants agree to be available for a minimum number of service hours per week in addition to office hours as outlined in the Board of Directors Code of Procedures Policy 002)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If you are a Board of Director College Representative applicant, have you declared a major for the College position you are applying for and enrolled in at least one (1) course within the College? (Note: If you are a Charter College of Education Representative, have you declared a major in that College?)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
Have you earned at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit per semester at Cal State LA during the past 12 months prior to application (not including remedial courses)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Will you be enrolled in at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit during the semester you are applying.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are you aware that you must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units per semester while in office?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are you aware that you must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester while in office?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Have you earned less than (150)-semester units?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	