

General Online Application | 2020-2021 [#17]

ASI 2020-2021 - General Application <no-reply@asicalstatela.org>

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Application Type	ASI Academic Senator-at-Large Application
Position Applying For	ASI Academic Senator-at-Large
Name	Merridith Chou
Birth Date	[REDACTED]
Class Level	Senior
T-Shirt Size	Medium

Eligibility

DIRECTIONS: For each question, please select YES or NO.

Note: If you answer "NO" to any of the questions below, you may not be eligible. For more information, please contact the ASI Administrative Office, 323-343-4778

General Eligibility Verification

Are you considered in good standing with the university?	Yes
Have you been enrolled at Cal State L.A. for one (1) semester prior to application?	Yes
Undergraduate Only: Do you have a minimum 2 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	Yes
Graduate Only: Do you have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	Yes
Are you available for scheduled meetings as specified in the application packet?	Yes
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)	Yes
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?)	Yes
Undergraduate Applicants	

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)? Yes

Will you be enrolled in at least six (6)- semester units of academic credit during the semester you are applying. Yes

Are you aware that you must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units per semester while in office? Yes

Are you aware that you must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester while in office? Yes

Have you earned less than (150)- semester units? Yes

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

I have previously served as an Undergraduate Academic Senator in ASI. I have experience advocating for student interests to a faculty-majority body, and advocating for student interests to administration. As a representative on the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee, I have a keen understanding of how budgeting can be prioritized to align with students' best interests and how issues like mental health support and facility maintenance ultimately must be addressed at a fiscal level. I also have experience holding ASI events, like the International Fair and the Student Resource Fair, which allow students to find communities on campus and to get involved.

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

Last year, recruiting students for ASI external committees and helping them find their voice for leadership was something I was very passionate about. I would like to continue doing that as a Senator and empower student voices when it comes to systemic issues as well. I would like to address issues such as overpolicing and systemic barriers to education access that affect our students. Cal State LA serves many non-traditional college students, who may not have had the same opportunities and privileges compared to many other college students. Cal State LA serves a diverse community of first generation students, returning students, students of color, and incarcerated students. This is one of the finest attributes of our Cal State LA community, but I believe there is still work to be done. Many of our students belong to minority groups that have been and continue to be systemically oppressed, whose voices have long been silenced. As a Senator, I would like to enact policy and fiscal changes that would reflect the concerns and interests of our students, and continue to further Cal State LA's mission of upward mobility and educational opportunities for everyone.

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

I would like to empower students to realize that they can be advocates and leaders for the issues they care about, from banning tuition hikes and prioritizing mental health to educational inequality and facility accessibility. There continue to be barriers to our students' access to education. I would like to dismantle things like tuition hikes, overpolicing, and overdue facility maintenance that makes class inaccessible to students with disabilities. In this time, it is also crucial to support students' basic needs, then their academic needs, and then foster a sense of community. This begins with ensuring our students have access to food, shelter, and healthcare- including mental health. Then we can ensure students have access to electronic devices, wifi, and textbooks to support them academically. Finally, we can foster community through the first two actions and by empowering students to participate in serving and advocating for their needs. As Senator, I want to fill as many student representative committee seats as possible. I would like to provide actionable things that students with concerns are able to do. I believe this would allow us to most faithfully represent students' top interests, and further empower students by giving them avenues where they can be leaders for the issues they're passionate about - part of ASI's mission.

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

Red Cross
ASI
Chemistry Research Lab - Dr. Sode
United Nations Foundation
Speech and Debate Club

Contact

In order to process your application, please fill out the following sections COMPLETELY. If appointed, you are responsible for updating the Executive Director in the ASI Administrative Office of any changes in your contact information. Please be advised that all information in this section will be kept confidential.

Major	Biochemistry
GPA	3.71
Campus Identification Number (CIN)	[REDACTED]
Cal State LA E-mail Address	mchou9@calstatela.edu
Personal E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
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Hours Available To Serve Example Format: 9AM to 12:30PM & 3:30 PM to 6 PM	
Monday	9am-4pm
Tuesday	9am-12pm
Wednesday	9am-4pm
Thursday	9am-12pm
Friday	9am-4pm

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Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the State of Student Rights and Responsibilities of California State University, Los Angeles, I give permission to the Registrar's Office at California State University, Los Angeles to release the academic information listed on this application to the A.S.I. Administrative Office and President. I hereby acknowledge that in order to be a candidate/nominee/appointee, or to hold any position within any Cal State L.A. auxiliary organization, I must undergo compliance and eligibility checks pursuant to the corporation Bylaws, Codes of Procedures, laws and policies of Cal State L.A. and the State of California. By checking below I give permission to release academic information to Associated Students, Inc. regarding my G.P.A. and status as a "currently enrolled & continuing student" at Cal State L.A. I also understand that I will be compensated via a Grant-In-Aid Stipend (GIA Stipend). I agree that if, for any reason, I become ineligible to service in office, all work performed will be considered voluntary.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Consent	- I Accept
Initials	MC

Draw your signature into the box below.

