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ASI 2021-2022 - General Application <no-reply@asicalstatela.org>

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Application Type	ASI Internal Committees
Position Applying For	Environmental Policy Committee Member
Name	Jacob Israel Ramirez
Class Level	Graduate
Are you considered in good standing with the university? Be considered in GOOD STANDING with the University-must not be on academic, disciplinary or administrative probation.	Yes
Graduate Only: Do you have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months?	Yes
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	
Have you been enrolled at Cal State L.A. for one (1) semester prior to application?	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	Yes

Representative, have you declared a major in that College?**What previous experience have you had in the area in which you are applying for?**

I have had two forms of experience in regards to the position I am applying for. I have had practical and academic knowledge in respect to environmental policy. The first form I have had the honor of being chosen as an intern for the Voto Latino organization, based in Washington D.C. In 2019 I was allowed to expand my strengths and services in return for organizing several events and organizing methods of campaign support. The 2020 Census was the grand finale of the internship and it was amazing to be able to witness the formation of everything one aspired to do. While perhaps it is not exactly environmental work, it is similar in the ways I can apply myself to this position. My knowledge of environmentalism is not strictly limited to the classroom, but also through means of practicality. Hence, environmentalism is not limited to itself, but also racial and social issues. I believe that minority groups are also impacted by the problems of climate change, and other local issues that affect housing and general livelihood.

My second form of experience pertains to academia. I had an environmental policy class in my undergraduate years, and it was very thought provoking. The class allowed me to further explore themes of bureaucracy and varying degrees of environmental action itself. Meaning, environmentalism can exist as a spectrum of ideologies, and while I believe that professionalism should always be a priority in enacting specific policy reform, I also believe that personal convictions can arise from academic sources. From the class we read various instances where American politics clashed with pure environmentalism, and the outcome were learning experiences; it is not easy to enact policy without support from partnering organizations or through other powerful influences. One must be well versed broadly in policy action, and I believe that my internship and classroom experience has sufficiently jump started my intentional career in policy reformation. Being able to start in ASI would be an honor and privilege to begin such an endeavor.

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

I am applying for this position because I believe that in order to immerse yourself in policy action and involvement with the local community, it must begin with an institution like Cal State LA. I have many interests, but my preferred interest is environmental policy, and especially in a new environment itself. Since graduating from CSU Stanislaus in 2020, I have began to initiate a journey of volunteerism and activism that I want to strengthen over my time at Cal State LA. Furthermore, I want to be able to experience similar attitudes and understand the hard work that Cal State LA is doing for its students, faculty, and local community; essentially, being able to be a part of something bigger than yourself is always rewarding in its own cause. It is no mystery to anyone that LA suffers many environmental problems, and being able to offer some solutions is a start for the community, and action itself. Environmentalism has appeared to be one of the most fundamental key issues that we will experience in the years to come; if awareness was to be profoundly claimed in such a metropolitan area, I imagine only good changes to come about.

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

Perhaps one major problem that students are facing is lack of awareness, or inability to submit any action or thought towards environmentalism itself. Students perhaps do not feel engaged or close to Cal State LA at all, and feel it is merely an institution to receive academic recognition. I feel there might be a gap between student government and the general public itself. Students do not seem to be too engaged with clubs or other organizations, and as a whole we should strive to recruit brilliant and motivated minds towards critical causes.

Another problem that students might face are environmental dangers that actually surround the community; problems surrounding environmental hazards in areas of housing, schools, and work sites might pose a problem for their health. Students observe the daily reality they are placed in when these dangers affect loved ones, and other familiar individuals. Essentially, perhaps students can feel overwhelmed with such challenges, and it is our responsibility to call forward action for change for the local community. Environmental hazards affect low-income areas, and again considering the income inequality issue, I imagine LA is not innocent from such an issue. Racial and social issues stem from environmental problems as well.

Another issue might be on campus sustainability itself, perhaps students are not too aware of the changes the campus is currently undergoing for means of sustainability. Students must be aware of how Cal State LA attempts to solve some critical issues of sustainability and green energy. Alternative methods must always be an option for students to choose from, in terms of waste reduction, recycling, and clean water.

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

I have been involved with an internship named Voto Latino that emphasized on main issues the Hispanic population struggles with. Our greatest endeavor was the 2020 Census that we hosted at UC Merced; it had amazing turnout and we were able to partner with local organizations that strived for similar goals. Through data we were able to see that more Hispanic individuals actually filled out the 2020 Census, and we also made powerful impacts in issues of immigration/D.A.C.A recipients. We also committed ourselves to texting banks where we would send massive amounts of texts to hundreds of individuals in order to push for a specific proposition or policy.

what activities, work, or clubs/organizations do you PLAN to be a part of this coming year? List any leadership roles you will hold.

Aside from possibly joining this committee, I would also like to be a part of other environmental clubs on campus. I would especially want to join the Sustainability committee; I realize that it appears to be the most emphasized form of action on campus, and to be able to push for better stronger reform would be a privilege. I also want to be part of on campus action, such as rallies or even canvassing for environmental change. Any environmental panel/event would be amazing to be a part of.

I will continue my search for various clubs, but I also want to build my own club eventually. One of political thought.

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.

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Time Commitment

As you plan to apply for a position in Student Government, please note the required meetings for the position you are applying. You must attend all meetings that entail your position and not take a class during that timeframe. As a student representative, you are also required to Serve a minimum of two (2) hours per week physically in the ASI Office. (Note: ASI Board of Directors applicants agree to be available for a minimum number of service hours per week in addition to office hours as outlined in the ASI Board of Directors Code of Procedure)

Do you agree with the time commitment? Yes

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

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 JIR

Draw your signature into the box below.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Rini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.
