

DASB Senate Application

**1. Why do you want to join the DASB Senate, and what do you hope to achieve?**

I have been a part of DASB for the past 7 months as an intern at the finance committee. Working with the committee made me realize how integral DASB is to the student welfare at De Anza. From organizing student events to advocating for student rights, I highly appreciate the work DASB undertakes for the college. I have always been a very active member of my community and I feel the DASB senate is the perfect platform for me to engage with the college community and work towards creating a better college experience for all my peers.

I hope to continue working with the finance committee and help my fellow senators and interns with the budget development and budget approval. I also hope I can be a good representative of the students here at De Anza. I would like to help voice their concerns and work on creating policies and developing ideas which contribute to an amazing student experience.

**2. What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASB Senate?**

Over the past few months I have developed a keen understanding of how the senate works and the positive impact it has on the college. I also have been involved on college in various clubs and other activities. Hence, I can empathize with various students from different departments and understand their concerns. Furthermore, as an international student I bring a unique perspective.

I am a team player and like working together with people. I'm also very flexible and can work and negotiate with a various people. I am also very respectful of other people's opinion and ideas. My decisions are logical and based on facts and I always try keep the bigger picture in mind. I believe these are the vital skills needed to be a responsible senator. I look forward to being able to work as a part of the senate and represent the students!

**3. What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?**

I currently have 4 classes (18.5 units). I am also the treasurer for the women in computer science club. I fundamentally believe that effective time management is the key of being successful. I have allotted time slots for all activities I undertake hence I am able to manage all my duties responsibly.

**4. Concerns voiced by students.**

I feel the major concern students have is how the the current situation is going to affect their college experience. DASB senate plays a very key role in ensuring that student concerns are heard during this period.

A lot of students I spoke to were concerned about how the online learning system is impacting the quality of education imparted. Some of them strongly advocated for the system to be pass/no pass. Most of them felt the professors should be more lenient for this quarter and curve the grades.

My peers were also concerned about the safety issues involved with using Zoom as the primary software. With cases of zoom bombing rising and email ids/passwords used for zoom being up for sale, a lot of students are concerned if this is the ideal software to use. I suggest De Anza can look into buying subscriptions for a more safe software or send out an email

informing about the safety precautions students can take while using the software (not using their primary email, using strong passwords etc).

Another concern voiced by one of my classmates was how would the status of student jobs be when campus reopens. Would existing employees be retained ? Or would they be laid off.

One concern which I had was how this going to impact the DASB Budget and consequently the student programs in 2021-2022. I hope I can work with the senate and contribute my expertise to the college in these trying times.