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DASB Senate Application Questions

Why do you want to join the DASB senate, and what do you hope to achieve?

Since last time I applied for DASB senate, my answer to this question has mostly not changed, so I will summarize what I have previously answered.

After having attended this school for three years now, I can say without a doubt that I am very fond of De Anza College. After having met amazing teachers, made many friends, and being given the chance to explore the multitude of classes offered in order to find my major, I would wholeheartedly recommend this school to anyone.

However, the qualities of this school only exist because staff, faculty, clubs, administration, and other workers here contribute their efforts to make sure the college grants students with the best possible experience. Notably, the work of the DASB senate is absolutely crucial to ensuring that future students get to experience what I did, and therefore I consider it my responsibility, if I am to continue encouraging people to attend this school, to contribute my skills and aptitudes to DASB.

To address the question of what I hope to achieve more specifically, I feel obligated to mention the times that we find ourselves in. It goes without saying that our college has suffered from the shift to online classes, and so have the experiences of the students who attend the school. Not only is it important for us to support students as they quarantine, but it is crucial that we ensure the shift back to in-person classes happens as smoothly as possible. I understand that this process is not as simple as opening up the campus once more, since the quarantine period has disrupted our budget, clubs, events (especially the flea market), and generally caused confusion among those who attend the school, as well as those who work for it. I should also mention that our

students' mental health has been impacted, and therefore the spirit they will bring with them once classes return to campus.

One crucial step in the right direction will be to ameliorate the flea market, since this will not only contribute to improving the spirit of our students, but also increasing our budget. I plan on continuing my work with the flea market committee to ensure the best possible outcome regarding this matter.

Another area of importance will be the communication between De Anza College and its students. Since students presently lack the ability to talk with faculty and staff in person about school related matters, we must ensure that we effectively communicate what resources are available to them, as well as what the school has in plan in the near future. This will be especially important during the transition to in-person classes, since this process will likely be accompanied with much confusion. I plan to, once again, work with the marketing committee on this matter.

When it comes to the senate, I believe that my judgement of how the numerous aspects of this school should go forward will be of significant contribution to passing the policies that will lead the school in the right direction.

I, as a singular student, may not be able to fix every problem we will encounter, but I firmly believe the contributions I can make will make a difference.

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

There are numerous skills and experiences I possess that will be of benefit to DASB.

First, I have experience gathering information and skillfully formulating it into writing, since I not only served as a reporter/journalist for De Anza College's school newspaper, but also took the feature writing/reporting class offered by its department. The thought process involved with formulating a story which will capture readers' attention, and maintain it through the length of the article is one which is directly applicable to any scenarios where information needs to be relayed through writing. Making choices concerning what information to include, what order to present it in, how to formulate it, and what photos/diagrams to employ is a skill I expect to use when contributing to DASB's marketing operations.

I have experience in photography and videography, as well as using software such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe After Effects, and Adobe Premiere Pro to edit photos, videos, and designs. I also have access to the equipment necessary for realization of professional looking projects, and I am fluent in their use.

As a political science major, I will be perfectly able to understand the workings of DASB, as well as its agenda, and I look forward to using my judgement to contribute thoughts and opinions which I consider to be valuable.

I also have considerable experience and comfort when it comes to public speaking. Through the numerous musical performances I have taken part of as an acapella singer, beatboxer, and piano player, I have familiarized myself with being in the public eye, and have no trouble articulating myself in such a scenario. There are numerous instances in which I was tasked with addressing crowds throughout my years in high school and college, and I have enjoyed these thoroughly.

I should also add, since this will be my second time serving as a senator for DASB, that I have gotten the chance to familiarize myself with the workings of the senate and the responsibilities which I will be given.

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

Managing my time has never been an issue for me, mainly due to my organizational skills.

I work a night job five days a week, and I am enrolled in two classes. So far, this has been entirely manageable, and I can say without a doubt that these two occupations will not pose any problems when it comes to my ability to serve in DASB senate, as well as the committees I will be taking part in.

Additional comments

Thanks to all of you reading this that have been working from home to keep DASB running well.

You've truly done an excellent job, and I look forward to speaking with you soon!