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**How did you hear about the DASB Senate?**

I heard about DASG during the start of my 2020 winter quarter. I learned more about the type of work that the DASG does through the DASG website and through the senate meetings. I first learned about the midterm senate elections through email and De Anza discord announcements.

**If you have held a DASB Senate position in the past, what was your position?**

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

I would like to join the DASG senate because of the countless opportunities to create positive change for current and future De Anza students. Being a part of a program to help create progress through equitable solutions and contributing effort, towards making De Anza college a better experience for all students aligns with my interests in leaving behind a friendlier and positive environment for future students. I hope to increase visibility towards the DASG senate members through social media platforms, and bring attention towards unaddressed student issues through SRS committee events.

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

"I have been involved with the Mentors at De Anza program as a peer mentor, helping orientate new students on the various clubs, programs, and support services that De Anza college has available for its students. Empathizing with the multitude of feelings that comes across new students, I have been able to establish a baseline of understanding and knowledge of what De Anza college has to offer with new members of the community.

Additionally, I believe that my multicultural upbringing will allow me to not only connect with the diverse De Anza student body, but also actively participate and interact with various parts of the community. Being a listener to the marginalized groups and also becoming an active participant and voice for the underprivileged is a pursuit I will strive for as a member of the senate."

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

Besides school work, I currently devote part of my time in Mentors at De Anza. My aggregate weekly time commitment for Mentors at De Anza is around 4 hours including the course work, writing meeting notes, and meeting with my Mentees. I have been managing my time by spreading out the workload throughout 2 week days averaging an approximate 2 hours per 2 weekdays. My current time schedule for homework has been lenient and relaxed averaging around 5 hours of free time I have for myself throughout the day for most days. If I become senator, I will most likely devote some of this free time for time dedicated for meetings and senate work.

### **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

"Throughout just three senate meetings that I have been able to attend, I have witnessed firsthand the level of efficiency and passion that the members of the senate possess. Budget deliberations, renaming of the senate, and the revision of the bylaws, are only a handful of the many major changes I saw. I would also like to sincerely thank the members of the senate and the interns that have helped guide me along the senate and committee meetings I have attended so far.

I would like to express my desire to serve as senator for this term through serving on the committees of Environmental sustainability, SRS, and Flea market as it will give me the platform to not only voice the concerns of students but to understand and earn the perspectives and experiences necessary for a position as a senate chair for the next term. De Anza college holds pride in the level of responsibility that is given to the Student government, and it would be of great pleasure to be part of the DASG the as a senator."

### **What student concerns do you feel the DASB should address?**

"Some of my concerns are on the disconnect that regular students have to the De Anza Senate. Providing greater visibility towards senate meetings through social media would also gradually increase the use of the under-utilized senator office hours.

Additionally, Student feedback from professors have dropped a large amount since the pandemic. Of the students that I've talked to who have stated that teachers posed a challenge to their success, many stated the lack of communication on the part of the instructor and the late grading which left students in the dark in terms of their progress.

Lastly, a personal concern of mine since the beginning of my tenure at De Anza was the thoughtless use on the "biodegradable" utensils that has been used in the cafeteria. Not only are many of these "biodegradable" utensils unable to be recycled, they don't degrade as stated, in landfills and natural environments. Many of the single stream recycling plants end up throwing away these plastic utensils to landfills which in some ways, make them worse than traditional plastics. As a senator, I will make sure the following issues are addressed accordingly and resolved appropriately."