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How did you hear about the DASB Senate?

I first heard about DASG senate from my friend Katie Hsu, who served as the chair of diversity and events in DASB from 2019-2020. Previously I was the commissioner of the social justice committee at my high school student council. I aim to continue my service and contribution to the student's body at De Anza through serving as a senator at DASG.

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?

In the context of the pandemic, students' onsite classes in the fall are minimal. Especially for international students, it will weaken their language environment. Less onsite classes mean they have less chance to practice and getting exposure to the English speaking environment than in previous years. As a senator, I am passionate to help international students better adapt to school transfers (from cc to a 4 years institution) and making them feel supported during this uniquely challenging time. It could possibly provide them with an English language practice (peer to peer) environment by connecting them with school resources. As an international student I participated in De Anza TSA (Taiwanese Students Association) and De Anza CSSA (Chinese Scholars and Students Association, as president of 2021-2022). I am aware of the concerns and needs of international students. International students whose first language is not English tend to be with people from their home country. For example, Chinese people like to socialize with other Chinese students and speak Chinese all the time. It is common for them to live together and communicate in their native language daily. Many of them are willing to improve their English and learn more about American culture, but they are struggling and as a senator I delicate to connect them with more opportunities to enrich their experience at De Anza . I believe with a concerted

effort by other DASG members and me, we could catalyze change and build a "bridge" between international students. Let their social and academy life not be limited to people from their own country; We can facilitate activities to enrich the interaction and campus life of international and local students As a future student senator, I aim to bring cultural exchange, promote social justice and make our campus more diverse!

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

This is my sixth year in the United States as an international student, and I'm skilled at engaging international students with school and local resources and helping and encouraging them to step out of their comfort zone to embrace a bigger world. While serving as the president of the Chinese Students Association, I initiated the proposal to motivate Chinese students to take a more active role in involving in campus and practice their English without fear of making mistakes or feel embarrassed. Next step, I am looking to connect international students who are willing to commit to learning English with local students to promote cultural exchange. All am I doing aim to make our De Anza campus more diverse and make people feel a sense of belonging. - I started my business when I was 15 and I learned how to effectively communicate with others and promote change through my business experiences, my goal is to make everyone feel included. -My majors are Sociology and Asian American studies. I am an active member at Fight Asian Hate and currently I am an intern social worker at the local youth protection and prevention center. During this unprecedented time, we need to address critical issues on campus. We also need to add social awareness to the student's body, including international students who may not be familiar with American society.

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

I serve as the president of the Chinese Scholars and Students association this year. Usually I spend 4 of 7 days a week focus on my classes and I am confident to put 8-10 hours a week to serve my DASG duties. I could manage to commit at least 1-2 hours a day to be involve in my extra curiclms activities (Mon-Sun)

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

As a DASG senator, I aim to impact campus positively and really try my best to make a difference.

What student concerns do you feel the DASB should address?

From my point of view, the priority of DASG is to address students needs and empowering them with necessary opportunities. It is essential for DASG to make an effort to make students more engaged with school activities during this unique changeling time ; as well as to ensure their rights to the best of their ability and to secure the resources they need to succeed in their academia. - Our school has a considerable amount of under-resourced students, and they suffer most from the information gap- they do not know where to get the necessary support.. our job is to bridge that information gap. - Getting more people to know about DASG and make them aware that they can feel free to bring their concerns here - Build a bridge between international students and local students, improve cultural diversity.