

Julian Laguisma – Administrative Officer Personal Statement

1. In the FSA I am a part of Isang Himig. I have been a year round member and have participated in almost all performances, including the Hidden Voices winter concert as well as PCC. In addition, I am on the FSA Grad Entertainment and Funding Committee.

To me, the FSA is a family and Filipino voice here on campus. I come from a community where Filipinos are a vast minority and feel left out, so seeing the presence of the FSA in Santa Cruz showed me the importance of having people who connect and welcome our culture and upbringing. In addition, the FSA provided me a second family that brought me closer not only to the people within the community, but my Filipino background.

2. I am applying for Administrative Officer because I want to give back to the FSA in my best capacity. FSA has organized many events that have helped me become involved and proactive within the community. I have taken part in some of these events and have seen how stressful organizing events can be to coordinators. I know many people spend countless hours working behind the scenes to make these wonderful events happen and I want to be part of that process. I am ready to reciprocate what FSA has done for me and I believe that I can best contribute my abilities through the Administrative Officer position. I want to be there to help the performing aspect coordinators behind the scenes so that they in turn can concentrate on what they want their aspects to become.

3. If elected, my goal as Administrative Officer would be to serve as an aide and cohort to any and all of FSA core. I want to help all FSA core members in any capacity possible. This includes being proactive during meetings and intently keep record of what other FSA core members bring to the table. In addition, another goal that I would have for the position would be to streamline the bureaucratic processes within the FSA to make it easier for coordinators to do what they want. I want to be able to make information easy to digest and analyze. With these two goals accomplished, FSA core members will be able to act with the information they need without being bogged down by having to interpret information. By being able to do this, performing aspect coordinators will have more time to focus on their own goals for their aspects and will be more ready and informed in making their decisions.

4. As a leader I am responsible, able to prioritize, and take ownership of my actions. I am trustworthy, amiable, approachable. I am a member of the College Gymnastics Club at Santa Cruz and recently attended the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastic Clubs (NAIGC) National Championships as the sole representative for UCSC in both the competition and the annual national meeting. I am a gymnastics coach at two gymnastics gyms teaching recreational gymnastics to young children and maintaining their safety. In high school, I was a writer for my school newspaper responsible for taking notes in interviews and transcribing them to full articles. In addition, I was captain of my high school diving team and was team captain of my club gymnastics team--responsible for helping teammates improve and communicate with them about their problems. I was also coach for my high school diving team and my gymnastics club and was responsible for maintaining and coaching the team as well as communicating with the head coach and organizing competitions for both teams. Although many of my leadership skills pertain to sports, I want to contribute the leadership skills I do possess to the position of administrative officer. I believe I have taken on enough leadership roles that have prepared me to run for the position of administrative officer. I am hoping, if given the opportunity, that being administrative officer will help develop my leadership qualities even more so than they are now.