

## Everett Au – Internal Co-Chair Personal Statement

1. Over the past 3 years of my enrollment at UCSC I was heavily involved in FSA. I have been a member of Isang Himig, KAMP, and was a volunteer for ASF. Additionally I coordinated the Pagkakaisa Dance Troupe (PDT) my 2nd year and the Kasama Ballroom Dance Troupe my 3rd year. I consider myself heavily involved within FSA because of how much I commit to it. As an active member my first year and a member of FSA core my 2nd and 3rd years, I have dedicated a great deal of my time to the FSA community. That being said, I consider FSA an irreplaceable part of my UCSC experience. It is where I made some of my first friends and a place where I've shared some of my best memories while at UCSC. FSA is a community that I hold close (almost tangent) to my heart. I consider everyone within it my family.

2. I am applying for this position so that I can give back to the FSA community as much as I can during my last (hopefully haha!) year at UCSC. That's not the only reason, however =>. I am applying because I want to make this upcoming year one to remember. I want to inspire people new to the FSA space to want to: get more involved, meet new people, have a positive and engaging college life, be retained, and create a family at UCSC. For those returning to the FSA space (I didn't forget about you =>P), I am applying so that I have the opportunity to provide you with experiences that are fulfilling and enriching. I want people to remain invested in the FSA community, and to see it for the one-of-a-kind spaces it is.

3. If elected, I am dedicated towards keeping and following through with most if not all goals I set for myself. I take the promises and goals I make very seriously and will do everything within my power to fulfill those promises and goals. That being said, I only have a handful of main goals I will keep. (1) I am dedicated towards preparing this upcoming year's core to be the best of my ability. I will always be there whenever they have questions, or if they need direction regarding something. (2) I am dedicated towards creating a space where people are motivated to invest themselves in the community. (3) I am dedicated towards doing my best to make the FSA community as close as a family. (4) I am dedicated towards providing a space where all feel welcome. (5) Finally, I am dedicated towards fulfilling the responsibilities of FSA internal Co-Chair to the best of my ability.

4. One of my personal quests as a student at UCSC is to get as much from the college space while I can. Over the past 3 years I involved myself in a multitude of "resources" on campus with the mindset of learning something new from each resource. I use the term "resource" to not only as the conventional definition, but to describe people I encounter, mentors I've had, organizations/ groups that help me grow, and experiences that impact my college life. Regarding leadership positions, while at UCSC I was a co-coordinator for PDT, a soon to be past co-coordinator for Kasama, and an intern for the Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center. Through these roles and positions I developed strengths and qualities such as public speaking, being fair-minded, keeping my life organized and manageable, organizing small and large scale events, managing a sizable group of people, the ability to adapt to various situations, and self-confidence.

What makes me a unique candidate in my mind are the opportunities that helped define me as the student leader I am today. Through my internship with AA/PIRC I learned a huge amount regarding my own strengths and weaknesses, and how to be an effective student leader. For example, as an intern I was introduced to processes and procedures that, if used properly, would improve the planning processes of events. This along with the other traits or qualities I've learned/ developed are what make me a unique and effective student leader.