

Ruth Dimagmaliw – PCC Personal Statement

1. Please explain your involvement in FSA and what does FSA mean to you?

I have been a member of the Pagkakaisa Dance Troupe for the past 3 years as well as being one of the PDT coordinators this past year. I have also been a part of KAMP for the past 3 years, volunteered for ASF, as well as just recently been involved with People Power this past year. I've also held the position of FSA Historian for the 2009-2010 school year. FSA is a community and space for me to express myself, teach and learn from, as well as connect with others through lasting relationship.

2. Why are you applying for this position?

I am applying for this position because I want to continue in fighting for the Mainstage Issue. Despite obtaining funding for this year, there is still no permanent solution. It is important that we as a community continue to fight for this and secure our place and our culture at this university. I have been involved with the Mainstage Issue since it first began, first as a volunteer and now more recently as a performing aspect coordinator within PCC Core. I believe with the knowledge and skills that I've gained in the past few years, I can help our community take even more steps in securing a solution.

3. What are your goals for the position/aspect if elected? How do these goals relate to FSA as a whole student organization?

My main goals are to continue the education of the UCSC community about the Filipino culture as well as secure a solution for the Mainstage issue. PCC is a terrific way where we can display our culture in an engaging, entertaining, and educational way. It is important that we keep striving to educate various aspects of our Filipino culture to the UCSC community and to ourselves. By doing this, we help ourselves understand where we come from and where we're going.

4. Leadership qualities that you possess that would help you with this position and any relevant experiences you have (i.e. planning events, working with other organizations, being a member of other student organization).

I have been part of the planning process for Unity Showcase this past year. Through this experience, I have written several budget proposals as well as learn to plan strategically in an organized matter. I have also gained a great knowledge about SOAR and other campus resources.

For the first two years in college, I was involved with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as a representative for the UCSC swim team. Through this committee, I was able to work with OPERS for two years. At OPERS, I learned first hand what it was like doing logistics such as budgeting, time management, creating timelines, and event planning.