



APRIL 2021

# ASOC MEMO

## ASOC ELECTION DEBATE

Despite the warm feeling of being able to wake up five minutes before class, Zoom University has been challenging on our student body. With the disconnect between students and teachers and the social struggles of being off-campus, it is imperative that we have voices that will address student concerns. On Thursday, April 16th, ASOC hosted its first (and hopefully last) virtual election debate. The debate, which included all participating candidates, functioned as a Q&A in which candidates answered concerns over diversity, inclusion, collectivity, and each candidate's goals/missions. As the upcoming school year will most likely face a monumental transition back to in-person learning, it is crucial we know who will be at the front line. And if I haven't lost you yet, make sure to keep reading! After all, a voter guide never hurt anyone?

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### May 8

- Last day to drop with a "W" grade for late-start term classes

#### May 14

- Last day of instruction before Finals

## ASOC CANDIDATES

### *Candidate for ASOC President:*

#### **Alex Bonilla**



"Greetings, Fellow Ohlone Student, I am Alex Bonilla, a current student senator. I am running for ASOC President with the Coalition for Change. We are current student senators that intend to reestablish student life. This is a unique opportunity to establish new traditions and make a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community. During my career in the Navy, I was elected president of my command's morale, welfare, and recreation committee. This allowed me to organize rewarding opportunities to volunteer and socialize. It's this spirit, and my passion to ensure the best environment for my fellow student that I bring to this post."

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## Candidate for ASOC Vice- President:



**Kenneth Bui**

"Serving as an ASOC Senator has been one of the highest honors possible. I've been able to advocate for students in all matters, from vetoing the usage of invasive testing software like Proctorio, to for lobbying for better student-faculty relations and voicing student concerns among faculty, I seek to serve and further the interests of all Ohlone students, and as vice president alongside the Coalition for Change, I will put all my efforts into making sure that Ohlone puts students' interests first. Our goals are to improve communication, student-faculty relationships, and make reopening easy for all of us. Please vote!"

## Candidates for Inter-Club Council (ICC) Chair:



**Daywa Beland**

"Hello everyone! I'm Daywa Beland, and I will be running for ICC Chair. I'm very excited to be a part of such an impactful community like ASOC. Being a part of many clubs throughout high school and college, I realized that these clubs are crucial for students' unity as it allows students of the same interests to come together! While understanding this, I know that this position will let me cooperate with students and bring them closer than ever despite the circumstances. I enjoy meeting new people and learning about them as this opens many new perspectives!"



**Haru Tsuchiya**

'Being an ASOC senator has allowed me to interact with its members and staff of Ohlone and other community colleges. With the new perspectives I've gained from my time as a senator, I will engage in open-minded discussions that are brought to the Inter-Club Council. As ICC Chair, my goal is to increase student involvement in clubs, encourage underrepresented student groups to leadership positions, and support club-related events for a more fulfilling online schooling experience. I will serve as a representative voice of diverse backgrounds, addressing issues and needs to the ICC and ASOC Senate. Thank you!

## Candidates for ASOC Treasurer:



**Amanda Lau**

"Hey Renegades! My name is Amanda Lau, and I am running for ASOC Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year with the Coalition for Change. During my time as an ASOC senator this year, I have planned and executed events, voted on bills that directly affect the student body, and acted as a student representative in several faculty committees. Through these experiences, I have curated a passion for representing students at Ohlone and bridging the gap between students and faculty and hope to take the next step of becoming an executive officer. I highly encourage partaking in the election and voting! Thank you."

**Rachael Chan**

"I am running to be your Treasurer because I want to utilize the resources and opportunities available in order to improve student life on campus. I am confident in my abilities in fulfilling this role because of my experience as an intern for former California State Assembly member Kansen Chu, student body Treasurer at my middle school, and as the current Executive Assistant at a small business in the local area. These opportunities allowed me to expand on my interpersonal and intrapersonal skills and helped me gain real-world experience. I look forward to actively participating in the betterment of Ohlone!"

**Candidates for ASOC Legislative Representative:****Catherine Simon**

"Hello students! I'm Catherine Simon, and I'm running for ASOC Legislative Representative with the Coalition of Change. Being a part of ASOC as Senator of the Art helped me understand essential documents like the bylaws and Robert's Rules. During my time in ASOC, I helped plan an Alumni event and am currently working on an art show. This helped me gain experience to further my skills such as planning, organizing, and management. Furthermore, back in high school, I was a part of Leadership class and ASB. My goals include improving student-to-staff communication, creating a more welcoming environment for all staff and students at Ohlone, and encouraging more student participation. I encourage you to vote for who you believe is best for that position this upcoming April. Thank you for listening, together we can make 2021-2022 the best year yet for Student Life at Ohlone!"

**Sharnell Smothers-Billings**

"I am running for a seat at the table of Ohlone's student body. I am majoring in Sociology, a subject in which has allowed me to develop a passion for equality, equity, and inclusion among all. I adamantly believe, as a student of color that my perspective on campus issues will not only greatly benefit the minorities of our college community but will also contribute to the academic success of our school as a whole."

**Candidate for Student Trustee:****Kevin Hamilton**

"My name is Kevin Hamilton, and I'm a first-year student attending Ohlone College. Before enrolling here, I had just graduated from Newark Memorial High in June of 2020. And like most high school seniors at the time, my graduation was a virtual celebration. Currently, I'm in my second full-semester of school, and I'm working hard to earn an associate degree in business. To learn more about the field and its various subdisciplines, I joined the Ohlone Business Society earlier in the semester, and it's been a great experience so far to connect with new people and gain essential skills and valuable advice from guest lecturers and club leadership.

After graduating from Ohlone College in the near future, I plan to transfer to one of the nearby four-year institutions like Cal State East Bay and continue my studies."

**Now that you know each candidate, what are you waiting for? Go vote!**





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# OHLONEHACKS

Have you ever wanted to learn how to build something, but didn't know where to start? Are you interested in gaining a new set of skills? Do you want to spend a weekend meeting new people and exploring something new? Look no further and attend OhloneHacks! OhloneHacks is focused on community outreach and providing participants opportunities to learn from industry professionals. OhloneHacks 2021 will be the 2nd-iteration of OhloneHacks, held online from Saturday, May 1st at 12 PM to Sunday, May 2nd at 6 PM, 2021. This 24-hour hackathon will be filled with inspirational mentors, enthusiastic hackers, and informative workshops r

anging in many topics such as AWS Cloud, Machine Learning, IoT Security, Python, Ethical Hacking, and more. Students with all levels of coding experience are encouraged to join and discover their potential as problem-solvers and tech leaders! Hackers will spend their weekend crafting and building their dream ideas, where the best projects in the category can win up to \$1000! To register visit: [www.ohlonehacks.org/sign-up](http://www.ohlonehacks.org/sign-up). If you would like to volunteer or be a mentor for the event, please send an email to [team@ohlonehacks.org](mailto:team@ohlonehacks.org). For more details regarding the event, check out the OhloneHacks website at [www.ohlonehacks.org](http://www.ohlonehacks.org). Don't hesitate to message the event organizers with any questions or concerns at [team@ohlonehacks.org](mailto:team@ohlonehacks.org).

## ANIME MOVIE NIGHT

Reliving childhood memories, Ohlone students were mesmerized by the animated fantasy illustrated through the visual masterpiece that is, Spirited Away. As viewers enjoyed their snacks they were captured by the journey of Chihiro, watching a fantastic story filled with wild characters unfold. At the end of the night, attendees played a game of Kahoot with trivia based on the film, in which three lucky attendees won Amazon gift cards. If you missed ASOC's Anime Movie Night, be on the lookout for more events like this one in the future!



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