

## 2017 GSA Elections Candidate Statements

### ***MICHAEL SKILES***

#### ***Presidential Candidate***

Hey Bruins! I'm Michael Skiles and I've loved working with you this year as GSA President and Graduate Chair of the UC Council of Presidents. When KREC was closing, I promised we'd save our gym. Together, we did! We now have a better gym on the way and thousands of us are enjoying LA Fitness passes until it opens. When last year we had just one GradBar per quarter, I promised we'd seek funding and economize so we could have bi-weekly socials. We delivered on that promise; record-setting numbers of students have enjoyed our soirées, banquets, and wine tastings. We also expanded parking access for hundreds of students and employment opportunities through our new TA Marketplace. Now, let's get free printing across campus, more student organization funding, and make sure every student has a good place to park or free transit, higher stipends and affordable housing! Let's Keep Moving Forward!

### ***ALEXANDER FUNG***

#### ***Vice President of Internal Affairs Candidate***

Hello! My name is Alexander Fung and I'm a Master's of Public Policy candidate from Luskin School of Public Affairs. Currently, I'm serving as GSA Director of Communications and President of International Graduate Students Association. My vision is to continue outreach to the student body and advocate for your needs and concerns, so that I can represent your voices at the administration level.

If elected, I promise to protect your interests in the UCLA administration. I hope to have your support in working to ensure that your voices are heard in the administration. I believe it is time for us as students to push for initiatives that would create everlasting impacts at UCLA!

#### **Platforms:**

- Create Additional Travel Grants
- Enhance Career Services & Food Security Resources
- Establish Graduate Organization Presidents' Roundtable
- Expand Affordable Housing
- Improve Parking Conditions
- Expand the GSA Student Interest Board

Go Bruins & Vote Moving Forward!

***PARSHAN KHOSRAVI***

***Vice President of External Affairs Candidate***

Hey Bruins!

My name is Parshan Khosravi and I am currently an MPP student here at Luskin School of Public Affairs. This year, I served as the GSA Legislative Liaison for the office of External Affairs. In this role, I worked on expanding GSA's external advocacy by lobbying at the statewide and national level and advocating for students through the UC Student Association, where I have served as the Treasurer of the organization. I am a firm advocate of student labor rights will use my platform to continue advocacy on this issue among others listed below.

What will I work on?

1. Federal & State Advocacy
2. Union Representation
3. Campus Climate for Graduate Students
4. Keeping UCLA a Sanctuary UC
5. TA & RA Support
6. Reinstate Graduate Legislative Advocacy
7. Undergraduate-Graduate Partnerships
8. Master's Students Resources
9. Policy Fellowship Programs

This election, VOTE Parshan for VPEX and vote Moving Forward!

***Rebecca Katz***

***Vice President of Academic Affairs Candidate***

Hey Bruins! I'm Rebecca Katz and I'm pursuing an MBA at UCLA Anderson School of Management. As an alumna of NYU's Gallatin School of Interdisciplinary Study, I recognize the value of cross-campus learning. UCLA's graduate students should be actively encouraged to enrich their education by taking courses in complementary disciplines; let's transform these from rare exceptions we have to apply for, into well-publicized opportunities!

I am also a Forté Fellow and member of Anderson's Women's Business Connection (WBC), and am passionate about increasing the representation of graduate student women on campus in STEM and Management fields. Further, let's encourage the university to deal with its TA shortage by posting more jobs to our TA Marketplace and

easing restrictions on the number of quarters students can TA. Let's fight for more travel grants, student funding, department diversity, and a fair, transparent, and accountable Title IX system. Let's keep Moving Forward!