

The interview-by-teleconference used Zoom Cloud Meeting platform and was used by each teleconferencing interviewee-participant. All teleconferencing interviewee-participants were valid over the course of the interview.

University-Student Union at California State University, Los Angeles

Board of Directors Emergency Nominations Committee

Minutes

August 1, 2022 | 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Committee: Fabi Avina, Karin Morales, Jasmine Heredia, Anh Le, Frangelo Ayran, Sarah Serrano

Interviewee: Joshua Velasquez, Stacy Mencias, Victor "Joey" Arias, Victoria Lozoya-Hernandez
Promize Simon, Yahir Flores

I. Meeting to establish procedure for interviews: July 28

II. Five applicants as of August 1:

- 2 at large student applicants
- 3 U-SU student staff applicants

III. First Interview conducted at 1:00 pm

Joshua Velasquez

- 3rd year Anthropology major interested in public and educational programming. Seeks to help bring students together so that they have the resources and knowledge of what is going on so that other students do not encounter issues and want others to succeed on campus.
- Joshua shared an interest in supporting students and impacting his community in positive ways. Joshua is well qualified to serve on the BOD

IV. Second Interview conducted at 1:30 pm

Stacy Mencias

- Seeks to be an advocate for others and build her communication skills to make connections with her peers. Wants to gather feedback and use the feedback to inform decisions rather than speaking for others without understanding their needs. Has experience in student organizations at previous institutions.
- Stacy expressed a desire to make an impact at Cal State LA and among the student body and has shown leadership in her home and school life that will help her grow on the BOD.

V. Third interview conducted at 3:00 pm

Javier Arzate

- Building manager in the U-SU, 1st year graduate student. Expressed that as an undergrad he didn't know much about the U-SU until he started working here and seeks to ensure other students learn about the U-SU and the resources and programs. Driven by his desire to be a role model to his younger siblings.
- Javier demonstrated a strong desire to help students at Cal State LA and his experience serving on the maintenance staff and now as a building manager will provide a strong perspective on behalf of the student staff of the U-SU on the BOD.

VI. Fourth Interview conducted at 4:00 pm

Victor "Joey" Arias

- 2nd year, non-traditional student who was a performer prior to pivoting to enrolling at Cal State LA. Is action oriented and seeks to be direct and make a real change in whatever he is involved in. Experience working with Cirque du Soleil and interacting with the creative directors of the show.
- Joey's passion is rooted in dance and performing, although a current student staff member of the U-SU did not express experience or direct interest in impacting students at the U-SU or at Cal State LA. Joey has an opportunity to grow in his experience in recreation and is encouraged to reapply in subsequent years if interested.

VII. Fifth Interview conducted at 4:40 pm

Victoria Lozoya-Hernandez

- Operations team member seeking to gain experience and interact with others in the U-SU to make decisions that impact Cal State LA students. Has experience volunteering outside of campus in a community organization and believes it is important to support activism that creates solutions for a better society.
- Victoria expressed a desire to support others at Cal State LA and in her community. Victoria's knowledge of the U-SU operations team and interactions with other departments makes her an asset to the BOD

VIII. Sixth Interview conducted at 10:30 am

Promize Simon

- 2nd year student seeking to gain leadership experience and get involved. Promize expressed being invited by a friend to apply because she would be a good fit. Seeking to build on her leadership and "putting herself out there" more than she did as a first year student
- Promize did not have much information about the BOD but sought additional information for clarification prior to answering the nominations committee's questions. Promize had thoughtful questions for the committee

IX. Seventh Interview conducted at 11 am

Yahir Flores

- 3rd year student seeking to get involved in their first full year on campus and support the creation of opportunities for fellow students who did not have on campus/engagement experiences due to the pandemic
- Yahir has leadership experience in high school, serving as President of student government and many other organizations and is currently involved as the Lobby Corps representative for ASI. Yahir showed enthusiasm for being a part of the BOD and had done research prior to his interview.

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