

General Online Application | 2020-2021 [#24]

ASI 2020-2021 - General Application <no-reply@asicalstatela.org>

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Application Type	Committee Appointment Application
Position Applying For	DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER
Name	Alexis I Obinna
Birth Date	██████████
Class Level	Senior
T-Shirt Size	3XL

Eligibility

DIRECTIONS: For each question, please select YES or NO.

Note: If you answer "NO" to any of the questions below, you may not be eligible. For more information, please contact the ASI Administrative Office, 323-343-4778

General Eligibility Verification

Are you considered in good standing with the university? Yes

Have you been enrolled at Cal State L.A. for one (1) semester prior to application? Yes

Undergraduate Only: Do you have a minimum 2 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months? Yes

Graduate Only: Do you have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the last 12 months? Yes

Are you available for scheduled meetings as specified in the application packet? Yes

Do you agree to serve a minimum of two (2) hours per week physically in the ASI Offices? (Note: Board applicants agree to be available for a minimum number of service hours per week in addition to office hours as outlined in the Board of Directors Code of Procedures Policy 002) Yes

If you are a Board of Director College Representative applicant, have you declared a major for the College position you are applying for and enrolled in at least one (1) course within the College? (Note: If you are a Charter College of Education Representative, have you declared a major in that College?) Yes

Undergraduate Applicants

Have you earned at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit per semester at Cal State LA during the past 12 months prior to application (not including remedial courses)? Yes

Will you be enrolled in at least six (6)-semester units of academic credit during the semester you are applying. Yes

Are you aware that you must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units per semester while in office? Yes

Are you aware that you must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester while in office? Yes

Have you earned less than (150)-semester units? Yes

What previous experience have you had in the area in which you are applying for?

I have extensive experience listening, sharing and communicating experiences of different populations and communities. I can effectively communicate the needs of the underserved communities, as well as the positive impacts from the direct effect of policies set in place by an organization. I have knowledge in understanding policies as well as expressing them to the community and organization that set them in place. I understand that policies only work when collaborated by all people directly effected, and I understand how to compromise, because unfortunately not everyone can have what they want all the time, there has to be a balance. Thanks to interning for the Department of Children and Family Services Youth Worker Program, I have experience writing multiple directives including but not limited to allocating a portion of funds to recruit foster youth into the workforce development program. I have successfully created these directives from scratch and had them passed for the whole Workforce Development Aging and Community Services in the state of California. I have efficient communication and networking skills, as well as the ability to articulate words based on the situation and population. I am the right candidate to ask tough questions to and dedicate my time to answering and serving the community at Cal State Los Angeles. As an advocate of justice for over 7 years, I am confident I represent the people and what they need, as well as understanding the need for diversity and safe spaces, which we need now more than ever. I have the confidence to positively represent the school as well as the diverse community at Cal State LA. I often have to advocate for many foster youths, and I use my story to represent what is and isn't working in the foster care system, as a social work major I am the best candidate to understand and collaborate on what the students and faculty need.

State briefly why are you are applying and/or are interested in this position

As a mixed raced, dominant black looking woman who was a foster youth who knows the struggle, we can see I have faced many hardships due to my intersectionalities. There are many vulnerable populations I can relate to and help represent more in our diverse college. As a social work major it is my job to ensure equity among students and faculty. I believe I represent the voice of the unheard college students. African Americans and blacks are represented as less than 3% in the school, and there are no statistics on how many foster youth attend, however that does not mean we should neglect what all students need to feel safe in a college university. I have experience helping change two laws in the state of California for foster youth, meaning I mean business and am willing to advocate for what is right in our academic community. The way I achieved this is by working in a team, collaborating stories, engaging and facilitating listening sessions to ensure every foster youth's voice was heard, and having general respect, by using these key factors we were able to achieve our goal of successfully passing the laws. I am dedicated to meeting with students and effectively expressing benefits and concerns students and faculty are receiving as a result of policies from the school. It is time we have equity and justice, and I am here to serve all populations and uphold the values that contribute to upward mobility in California State University Los Angeles. As a social work major, I have always had a desire to understand diverse populations and represent the larger community. I have the capacity to research and articulate on a grand scale different services all people attending Cal state LA (including faculty) can benefit or be harmed as a result of what is currently being implemented

What do you feel are some of the major problems facing the students of Cal State LA?

I believe there is a disconnect between the "higher ups" and students. I want to work together so every population is seen and feels heard. I wish our school spoke up more and facilitated more historical events for all the cultures to create community and harmony on campus. By understanding how and where everyone came from, we can come together as a community to better serve populations. We have a huge Social Work department, and what a better way to learn cultural competence and understanding why some people believe what they do, than to have more conversations, that also make people feel appreciated and seen for once. We can see many of our students are going through a lot with the black lives matter movement, even the nonblack students, and it's our job to facilitate these conversations and thinking spaces as an institution. Covid-19 has really shook up everyday life and we can see that a

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Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the State of Student Rights and Responsibilities of California State University, Los Angeles, I give permission to the Registrar's Office at California State University, Los Angeles to release the academic information listed on this application to the A.S.I. Administrative Office and President. I hereby acknowledge that in order to be a candidate/nominee/appointee, or to hold any position within any Cal State L.A. auxiliary organization, I must undergo compliance and eligibility checks pursuant to the corporation Bylaws, Codes of Procedures, laws and policies of Cal State L.A. and the State of California. By checking below I give permission to release academic information to Associated Students, Inc. regarding my G.P.A. and status as a "currently enrolled & continuing student" at Cal State L.A. I also understand that I will be compensated via a Grant-In-Aid Stipend (GIA Stipend). I agree that if, for any reason, I become ineligible to service in office, all work performed will be considered voluntary.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Consent - I Accept

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