

## General Online Application | 2020-2021 [#38]

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** Nyah B Toomes

**Birth Date** [REDACTED]

**Class Level** Junior

**T-Shirt Size** Medium

### 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 feel as though I have the proven experience to take on the position as Diversity and Inclusion Officer because of my experience in being on the executive board of my sorority and my advocacy for the Black Lives Matter movement. As someone in a Vice President role, I believe it is apart of my responsibility to ensure that everyone feels included and heard. I also feel as though it is my responsibility to ensure that we only continue to diversify our sorority. With Panhellenic sororities being founded on segregation, I feel like it's my responsibility to help our chapter grow as far away from that history as possible in a positive way. Additionally, with the growth of the Black Lives Matter movement I have gone beyond reposting educational posts on my stories or Instagram feed. I strategized and used the method of raising money through Instagram bingo cards to raise funds for the Los Angeles Freedom Fund, Breonna Taylor's family, the BLM Los Angeles chapter, and the Innocence Project. In total, I have raised \$532 for these various organizations by virtually mobilizing my Instagram followers. Additionally, I joined forces with the three Panhellenic sororities to inspire them to raise their own money for Black Lives Matter as well. As a collective, we raised over \$3,000 for various BLM organizations. Lastly, I respect all groups by having learned and continuing to forever learn their histories to ensure that I am always inclusive and understanding.

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

I am interested in this position because when Analiz made me aware of the opportunity, I felt as though it was the perfect timing. I am in a time in my life where I am realizing that I am able to help others and uplift their voices and ideas to ensure the growth and inclusivity of the CSULA community.

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

Some of the major problems the students of Cal State LA are facing is the lack of availability of our CAPS program. We are currently in a state where our school is funding campus police more than we are funding our student mental health services. I truly feel like our students deserve a fair chance at getting the mental health services they need and denying them that right is not acceptable. Many of our students are first-generation college students, Dreamers, working full time on top of balancing school/family, never had affordable access to therapy or a combination of these situations. If I were given the opportunity to hold this position, mental health services for our students would be one of the main things I would advocate for. Another problem facing the students of Cal State LA is the lack of accessibility for our students with disabilities. Something that frustrates me how the dorms only have stairs and our students with disabilities have to go out of their way just to get to their dorms. Additionally, our elevators are often breaking down or under construction which is an extreme inconvenience to all students, including our students with disabilities. Also, some of our classroom layouts or computer labs do not give enough space for our students in wheelchairs to move freely around the room. Lastly, our campus demographics state that our student body is only made up of 6% black students in 2018-19, which I feel is inadequate and must be changed.

**List activities and/or organizations that you have been involved with (on or off campus)**

I have been involved with Delta Zeta sorority since fall 2018 as Ways and Means chair (2018-2019) and Vice President of Programs (2019-current).

I serve on the executive board as the Content Creator for Marketing Club. (2020)

I am also an Orientation Leader working for the New Student and Parent Program this summer.

I have also been involved with WriteGirl which is a nonprofit organization that offers free monthly writing workshops to students in the Greater Los Angeles area and provides them with mentors. I have been a mentee of this organization since 2013 and served as a Public Relations intern/Guest Alumni Speaker in Summer 2019.

Lastly, I was a Student Ambassador for the Tournament of Roses in 2018.

**Contact**

In order to process your application, please fill out the following sections COMPLETELY. If appointed, you are responsible for updating the Executive Director in the ASI Administrative Office of any changes in your contact information. Please be advised that all information in this section will be kept confidential.

**Major** Mass Communication

**GPA** [Redacted]

**Campus Identification Number (CIN)** [Redacted]

**Cal State LA E-mail Address** ntoomes@calstatela.edu

**Personal E-Mail Address** [Redacted]

**Address** [Redacted]

**Cellphone** [Redacted]

**Hours Available To Serve**  
Example Format: 9AM to 12:30PM & 3:30 PM to 6 PM

**Monday** 9:00AM-12:30PM

**Tuesday** 9:00AM-12:30PM

**Wednesday** 9:00AM-12:30PM

**Thursday** 9:00AM-12:30PM

**Friday** All day

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974**

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

**Initials** NT

**Draw your signature into the box below.**

