# 2024 Campus-Wide Election Ballot Order and Candidate Statements

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# **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# **Executive Alliance (1 position)**

### Austin Barthel and Andrew McKiernan

We are running because we are committed to making Student Government as effective as possible at serving students. This means recognizing the ways in which Student Government is currently falling short and working to improve it. First, we believe that Student Government should be defunded and its funds reallocated towards merit-based scholarships for UT students. Student Government has become a performative institution, where little more than virtue signaling gets accomplished. We propose putting the current over \$100,000 UTSG budget towards merit-based scholarships, which would better serve students. We additionally believe that the University of Texas must comply with the law. SB17 requires the university to cease maintaining its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion offices, rightly recognizing that these offices not only fail to improve the effectiveness of UT as an educational institution, but actively hinder it. However, UT has evaded complying with SB17 by means of transferring the responsibilities of DEI offices to other, technically unrelated offices, which we will push back against. We support diversity of both ideology and life experience on campus, but understand the ways in which DEI has failed to increase, and even reduce, such diversity. Finally, we will create a task force within Student Government which will focus on investigating and combating a recent rise in tension on UT's campus. Since the horrific October 7th launch on Israel by Hamas, there have been unsettling reports of vandalism of Jewish organizations on or near campus, and attempted disruptions of speakers discussing the war. We would create a task force designed to investigate the causes of these tensions and discuss ways to diffuse them. If you choose us to be your next President and Vice President, we will fight for a freer and less divided UT, and commit ourselves to supporting every student on our campus.

### Jonathan Griffith and Kore Sarfo

We believe in the transformative power of school spirit and the enduring bonds formed among Longhorns. The University of Texas at Austin is more than just an educational institution; it's a lifelong connection that shapes our identities and influences our paths. However, we acknowledge the need for greater unity and engagement among students. There's a noticeable lack of awareness surrounding Student Government and initiatives, exemplified by the low voter turnout of less than 10% of the student body. One of our goals is to amplify the voices of all Longhorns and bridge the gap between students and their representatives. We aim to increase overall student engagement with student leaders, ensuring that every Longhorn has a stake in shaping the future of our university. Together, we can cultivate a more vibrant and engaged campus environment where every Longhorn voice is heard and valued. Let's come together to build a stronger, more connected Longhorn community, fostering greater school spirit along the way. For more specific details on our platform and vision for UT, follow @jonathanxkore2024 on Instagram.

#### Grace Kelly and Elle Grinnell

We are Grace Kelly and Elle Grinnell, and we are running to Unite Together the student body at the University of Texas at Austin. Our vision is to cultivate a vibrant campus environment where every individual's voice is not just heard but celebrated, where every perspective is not just acknowledged but valued, and where every student feels an unwavering sense of belonging. By fostering collaboration, embracing inclusivity, and championing diversity, we aspire to build a university community that not only respects our differences but actively leverages them to achieve common goals. Our commitment extends beyond academic success: we are dedicated to prioritizing the mental and emotional wellbeing of each student. Through collaboration with counseling services, advocating for increased resources, and working towards destigmatization, we aim to create an environment that recognizes and supports the holistic needs of every Longhorn. Imagine a campus that mirrors the strength of our unity and the vibrancy of our diversity. Picture a future where every student not only thrives but actively contributes to the rich tapestry of the UT Austin experience. Your vote for unity is a vote for inclusivity, a vote for a more connected Longhorn family. Together, let's transform UT Austin into a place where every student feels not only academically fulfilled but truly at home, unleashing the boundless potential within our collective community. A vote for unity is a vote for Grace and Elle. To learn more about our platform, follow us at IG: @GracexElle2024 & Twitter: @GracexElle2024

### Ramya Nambala and Jonathan Wilson

Unify, restructure, and rally together. As passionate servant leaders, the Nambala-Wilson alliance formed after the SB 17 (anti-DEI) bill was passed. We're devoted to restructuring UT to maximize services we can provide to students, filling gaps created by legislation. Focusing on expanding resources to students and issues such as tackling food insecurity and improving the lives of minority & low-income students on campus, we're here to make sure UT is giving you all the support you need and deserve. Dedicated to unifying UT voices and involving the student body in Student Government through UT-wide org forums, we promise to nurture cohesive ecosystems on UT, bringing campus orgs to each other and creating a truly unified Texas community. We're prioritizing transforming the Forty Acres into a more connected community. Recognized on Austin's Inno Under 25 list, internationally recognized community organizer, entrepreneur/CEO, and bestselling author, Ramya is committed to leveraging her position, if elected as President, to create the greatest impact possible. This time last year, Ramya was fighting SB 17 and advocating for the protection of DEI in the Texas Capitol. She chairs Austin's Advocacy Advisory Committee, working to maximize funding for public schools and representing over 75,000 students. As the current McCombs School of Business Representative and vice chair of Governmental Relations for Student Government Assembly, Jonathan is dedicated to serving his community and representing each and every person's voice on campus. Running as Vice President, his most recent legislation addresses food insecurity by providing off-campus students with meal plans at free and reduced costs. What does your ideal Texas look like? For a thorough look into our policy papers and more, follow us on IG @Nambala.Wilson.2024 and please DM us with the change you'd like to see on campus!

# **University-Wide Representative (8 positions)**

#### Haeeda Mubashar

Hello Longhorns! My name is Haeeda Mubashar, a second-year Government major running for University-Wide Representative! I am committed to building on my work in Student Government to address student voices and concerns, creating a better campus experience for all! My platform focuses on three key areas: mental health, academics, accessibility & affordability. I plan to expand CMHC services to provide greater access to mental healthcare, consolidate research opportunities and reduce printing fees, pilot a survey for campus accessibility improvements, work with administration to enhance transportation options (Campus Shuttles, Surewalk, Lyft, etc), and contact the Co-Op and UHS to see how we can make textbooks and campus healthcare more affordable. Every student deserves a fair chance to live their best college experience. I hope to continue my work in this space, transforming it into one that addresses and solves the needs of all students. Learn more at https://linktr.ee/haeeda4uwide & @Haeeda4UWide!

### Matheo Joseph Hayek

No statement submitted.

### Anna Victoria Lavelle

Hi, everyone! My name is Anna Victoria Lavelle, and I'm a third year Computational Engineering student. I had the privilege of being elected to represent engineering students in the Student Government Assembly this past year, and I am hopeful that I might be able to turn my focus to university wide issues this year, my biggest priority being SAFETY. Improving the safety of our campus and surrounding area is multifaceted, but my first goal is to decrease the delay in receiving incident notifications. When it comes to our safety, we should be confident that the information we are receiving is thorough and up to date. I also hope to spread awareness of the safety infrastructure that is already in place, such as the Sure Walk program, and build upon it so that it becomes more accessible. Thank you and hook 'em!

### Arthur Blake

No statement submitted.

### Carla Lujan

Hello friends, I'm Carla Lujan. To me, being a representative means that you will listen to, empathize with, and love the people you are representing. This is more than a title or a reputation; This is a dedication toward those you care for. As a representative, I would have the goals to administer useful and accessible resources and security on campus, while also enhancing student feedback and communication. From encouraging food accessibility to advocating for a December ceremony for graduates. Any change, big or small, I will strive to continue to improve University life. The best part about being a representative is that you have passion from students, fellow representatives, and organizations to guide more initiatives. You emerge yourself into everyone's ideas, determination, and affection towards their beliefs, and to me, that's the greatest part about being a representative. I'd appreciate your vote. <a href="https://linktr.ee/carla\_lujan">https://linktr.ee/carla\_lujan</a>

#### **Isabella Feistauer**

SG has seen unprecedented changes to its governing documents and day-to-day operations due to SB-17. Having followed this decision since it hit the House Floor, I know how important student advocacy is in the fight to bring back DEI on campus. Last semester, as Co-Chair of the DEI caucus in Student Government, I raced against the clock to plan DEI training events for spirit groups before they became illegal. Now, representatives are limited in their power to help– but there is still hope. Student outcry and action can make a difference, and it starts with the relationships we build. After two years in the SGO space, I have the experience, connections, and attitude to make realistic changes to the authoritarianism plaguing our campus. Change starts here and today– with your help, I can hit the ground running and return to work like I never left.

### Nidhi Chanchlani

My name is Nidhi Chanchlani, and I am running to be your University-Wide Representative. I am passionate about creating immediate and impactful change and am pursuing degrees in Psychology, Government, and Humanities. I am heavily involved with the University through my roles as Policy

Coordinator on the Liberal Arts Council and a COLA Student Affairs staff member as a social media intern. My platform is centered around financial affordability, housing transparency, food insecurity, campus accessibility, mental health, and menstrual product accessibility. I thoroughly enjoyed my term as a COLA Representative of the 117th Assembly. As Student Affairs Chair, I passed and sponsored legislation on eliminating credit claiming fees, streamlining the registration process, and so much more. You can find more information about me and my platform on my socials, @nidhi4ut. I look forward to building a better future with you and truly making this OUR Texas.

### **Sophie Witherspoon**

No statement submitted.

### **Rachel Dolan**

No statement submitted.

### **Anthony Nguyen**

I once said that, as a short Vietnamese kid with two immigrant parents that came over during the Vietnam War, "finding home" has defined my life. In college, it's common to feel loneliness and a lack of structure. Connecting to the nickname I go by, "Ant," it is not how overwhelming the world can be or how small we may feel that defines our life's experiences but how strong we can be together. With the support of people I've met here, I'm working on more non-emergency ways for mental health care, a transparent tuition plan telling you where your money is going, reduced costs for to-go boxes (Eco2Go) at dining halls to greater food accessibility, and more. It's time to finish what I set out to do as First Year Representative. The voting link will be seen on <u>linktr.ee/vote.ant</u> on February 26th-27th. Vote Anthony for the Nguyen.

# **At-Large Graduate Representative (2 positions)**

**Daisy Flores** No statement submitted.

# Michael Alada

No statement submitted.

# **Transfer Representative (2 positions)**

### Juan Rodriguez

Hi, my name is Juan Rodriguez and I am running for the transfer representative seat. This is my first semester at UT, I'm coming from TJC, a small community college in East Texas and majoring in Economics and Philosophy. As both a first gen student and a transfer student, I know that acclimating and finding a place in a school with over 50,000 can be a little complicated sometimes due to a myriad of students. I'm campaigning on a promise to make that transition more seamless and less taxing. I know that everyone has a place at UT and finding it is a job we need to take on as a team! I believe in leveraging every single one of our resources and our unity as UT students to make our voices heard, so join me in this new phase of our lives and of UT's long standing phenomenal history, because what starts here on the 40 acres, changes the world. But that would not be possible without the collaboration and representation of every single one of our students!

### **Matthew Gomez**

No statement submitted.

# **Business Representative (3 positions)**

Ximena De Leon No statement submitted.

**Colin Gorham** No statement submitted.

Reis Fierman No statement submitted.

Caroline Curtis No statement submitted.

Anish Rudra No statement submitted.

### **Henry Rivers Hamilton**

What starts here changes the world is a phrase embedded in the minds of all students attending UT. Bold new leadership in the McCombs School of Business is one step to take on the pathway to greatness for our community. It is my priority to ensure prosperity and representation for all those who attend our esteemed college. I will do what it takes to represent McCombs. I will do what it takes to be your voice. Together, we can achieve anything.

### **Nathan Spencer**

No statement submitted.

# **Communication Representative (2 positions)**

### **Presley McGurl**

No statement submitted.

**Education Representative (1 position)** 

# Clayton Coffee

No statement submitted.

# **Engineering Representative (4 positions)**

### Sophia Snapp

My name is Sophia "Sophie" Snapp, and I'm a third-year Environmental Engineering student running for UTSG Engineering Student Representative. I strive to be a servant leader and uplift the voices of others. Throughout my time at UT, I have done my best to do so. My experience in two Student Government positions and various Cockrell programs—such as the UT CAEE Undergraduate Advisory Board and the Engineering Ambassadorship Program—has given me the skills I need to serve the UT Engineering community in this new role. With your support, I will use my platform to address the concerns of UT Engineering students, enact lasting change, and foster a sense of community. You can

learn more about me and follow along with my campaign via my Instagram, @snapp4students (<u>http://tinyurl.com/snapp4students</u>). Expect more links to be added along the way.

### **Kevin Nguyen**

I am Kevin Nguyen, currently 2nd year biomedical engineering premed first-generation student! I have been on student government as the former first-year representative and now the current engineering representative serving as the rules and procedures vice chair. I believe that expression is what counts in this world. I want everyone to stand out to feel special and to have individualism. Stop being a sheep and wake up to smell the flowers! Ethics is a huge part of what I stand for as an engineering and premedical student. I wish for the best possible outcome to happen during all resolutions passed! I hope to serve another term as the Engineering Representative to be the voice for everyone!

Reyan Ghanim

No statement submitted.

Evan O'Suilleabhain No statement submitted.

Sara Adio-Oduola No statement submitted.

Diego Hernandez

No statement submitted.

# **GeoSciences Representative (1 position)**

William Eagle No statement submitted.

# Information Representative (1 position)

Kieran Givens No statement submitted.

# Law Representative (1 position)

### **Rehm Maham**

As a candidate for Law Representative, I offer collaborative leadership and a commitment to constructive dialogue. Our Law School is an integral part of the university, and its voice deserves effective representation in this campus-wide institution. With my dedication to open and respectful communication, I aim to bridge divides and find common ground within Student Government, ensuring the Law School's perspective is considered in all decisions. I hope to be a bridge between our Law School and a better UT for all of us.

# Liberal Arts Representative (6 positions)

Pablo Gutierrez No statement submitted.

# Vivamaria Hanna

My name is Vivamaria Hanna, and I'm running to be your COLA Representative. I want to work with you all to ensure this campus can be a safe, secure environment that fosters real change. My platform will focus on ensuring textbook & UT housing affordability, improving Surewalk and Lyft accessibility, and advocating for smaller, underfunded COLA departments through legalization. Join me in building a more inclusive and supportive UT community for all students. Learn more about my vision for our campus @viva4cola.

# lla Ali

Hello! My name is IIa Ali and I am running to be one of your College of Liberal Arts representatives for UT Student Government. As a current student double-majoring in Health & Society and Economics, I have a diversified understanding of the workings of COLA and understand the importance of highlighting our College's strengths while aiming to improve various points of inadequacy. My vision for the future of COLA highlights the innovation, inclusivity, and community that constitute our College and the ethics of the individuals in COLA. Mindful of the various issues present in our College, I am dedicated to hearing the voice of the COLA student body and plan to implement numerous strategies to further strengthen our College and eradicate our weaknesses. I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to run as one of your representatives and I'm confident that together we can build a platform that serves as the stepping stone for the future of the College of Liberal Arts. Hook 'em!

# **Beomjun Kim**

My name is Beomjun Kim, and I am running for College of Liberal Arts Representative, with a focus on career development and elevating our academic standing. South Korea to California, California to Texas, I learned and adopted different cultures and beliefs that made me much more flexible. Therefore, I plan to expand internships, build partnerships with industry leaders, and advocate for skill-building workshops. Committed to showcasing our achievements, I'll enhance our visibility and College reputation through strategic communication and collaboration with academic departments, aiming for recognition on both local and national levels. By prioritizing career development and bolstering our reputation, I aim to ensure our students graduate not only academically enriched but also well-prepared for success in their future careers. HOOK 'EM!

# **Michelle Frobish**

My vision for the University of Texas is one that supports inclusivity, opportunity, and prosperity for all. I strongly believe in promoting an environment where every individual is able to thrive. Through collaboration and innovations, we can address our community's challenges and build a brighter future together.

# **Christina Jones**

Hello, my name is Christina Jones! I am originally from Alabama but am a current freshman here at UT Austin! I am a government major. I am beyond thankful to have the opportunity to attend UT. I am running to be a representative for the College of Liberal Arts in the upcoming school year. As an aspiring lawyer, I have always been passionate about being a voice for those around me. Positions like this one excite me because they are ultimately a perfect opportunity to meet people and build lasting connections. As a COLA rep, I may not have all the answers, but I can listen and can be a diverse and honest voice. A representative goes up to bat for their people and with COLA being the biggest college at UT Austin I am more than equipped to go up to bat for the College of Liberal Arts and make sure we continue to have the largest voice when it comes to legislation in Student government.

# **Emma Daniell**

As a Liberal Arts Representative, I plan on bringing the future of liberal arts majors to the forefront of UT Austin. Too often this group of diverse students are not given the same opportunities as other colleges to explore different career paths. I will ensure that we will get those same chances and more by connecting with our amazing alumni network. At the same time I hope to promote more inclusivity within our student organizations, encouraging unofficial membership trials and less rigid application processes. You should be welcome in more student organizations and groups without having to go through extreme recruitment processes! With inclusivity in these areas we must hold all of them to the same standards–beginning with a comprehensive anti-hazing initiative. Not just social organizations and greek life deal with this issue, and we can start dealing with this by addressing the problem across all of campus.

# **Thomas Michael Oppold III**

Coming to the University of Texas at Austin all the way from Charleston, SC has been a journey to say the least. But now that I'm here UT has changed me forever. I now want to give back to this community that has changed me so much. I am running for the College of Liberal Arts representative to help better impact UT but especially COLA. I feel that by being elected this position would allow me to help prove that COLA is one of the best schools at UT. I hope you can see the vision that I have for not just the school but for the entire University. I want to leave UT better then I found it and being on Student Government would be the biggest way that I would accomplish this. I hope you consider me for the position and see that I will represent you well.

# Natural Science Representative (7 positions)

# Marco Nevarez

Dear Fellow Students, I am excited to announce my candidacy for Natural Sciences Representative in the UT Austin Student Government. My focus is on advocacy, innovation, and community building within the natural sciences. I will advocate for increased funding and resources for research, improved facilities, and academic support. I aim to foster innovation through interdisciplinary collaboration and entrepreneurship. Additionally, I will create a strong sense of community through networking events and social gatherings. With your support, we can empower scientific progress and create a vibrant and inclusive environment for all natural sciences students at UT Austin. Thank you for your consideration. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/marco.\_.2004">https://www.instagram.com/marco.\_.2004\_</a>

# Sidnee Bell

Hi! My name is Sidnee Bell! I'm majoring in Public Health, and I am running for Natural Sciences representative because I am passionate about ensuring every CNS student has the support they need to be successful! As a representative, I would be excited to bring forth initiatives targeting three main areas: mentorship, sustainability, and entrepreneurship. I would like to create a program that connects students with faculty according to their interests to connect students with research they are passionate about. I aim to emphasize campus-wide sustainable practices to create positive environmental changes. I would also advocate for the creation of a science entrepreneurship program, as such a program would lead to student-led impactful changes. After all, what starts here changes the world! I would appreciate your vote! If you would like more information about my campaign and goals, visit https://linktr.ee/Sidnee4CNS or follow my insta: @sidnee4cns

# **Akshathh Mukkera**

Hello, I'm Akshathh Mukkera, a sophomore Public Health major, and a proud student at UT's College of Natural Sciences. From the moment I stepped on this campus at my orientation, I believed that this was the place that starts change in the world. Hello, I'm Akshathh Mukkera, a sophomore Public Health major, and a proud student at UT's College of Natural Sciences. From the moment I stepped on this

campus at my orientation, I believed that this was the place that starts change in the world. And in order for more students to realize their goals in changing the world, we need to facilitate a system that allows people of all backgrounds to excel at this college. As a representative for Natural Sciences, I want to advocate for more research and real-world opportunities for our students, and bring those who haven't had the opportunity to excel in these critical fields.

# Sreya Das

No statement submitted.

# Sarah Sheriff

No statement submitted.

# Luke Ruiz

Hello, students! I'm a candidate for the College of Natural Science Representative. My name is Luke Ruiz, and I am deeply passionate about connecting with people and serving as a voice for those who may not always be heard. My commitment to representing you stems from a genuine love for our community and a desire to ensure that every voice matters. If elected, my primary goal is to foster an environment where CNS students can come together, connect, and engage in on-campus activities. I believe that by creating opportunities for interaction and collaboration, we can enhance our college experience and build a stronger sense of community within the CNS.I am dedicated to advocating for your needs and concerns, and I am committed to working tirelessly to make sure that your voices are heard and addressed. Together, let's create a vibrant and inclusive environment where every CNS student can thrive.

# **Andres Paredes**

No statement submitted.

# **Public Affairs Representative (1 position)**

# Alexandra De La Mora

No statement submitted.

# **Social Work Representative (1 position)**

# **Abbey Lantis**

Hi y'all! My name is Abbey Lantis (she/her/hers) and I am running for the SSW SG representative for my final year at UT. As social work students, we have been taught the importance of service, social justice, and recognizing the dignity of all persons. I intend to uphold these core values among others in my time as a student government representative. I have been involved with student government since my freshman year and feel confident in my ability to engage with campus organizations and work with university entities to better the lives and experiences of students on campus. I hope to tackle various issues of sustainability, mental health, accessibility, and food justice—subjects that I am extremely passionate about and have experience with. Most of all, I plan to serve as an advocate for my fellow students and further their initiatives (that means you)!

# **GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY**

# **President & Vice President Executive Alliance**

**Grayson J Loudermilk** (Law School) **& Fischer Carr** (Law School) No statement submitted.

# **TEXAS STUDENT MEDIA**

# Daily Texan Editor-In-Chief

### Mihir Gokhale

Hey Longhorns! My name is Mihir Gokhale, and I'm running to be the next Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Texan. I've worked at the Texan for five semesters, and I absolutely love this newsroom. As Editor-in-Chief, I want to highlight the incredible breadth of perspectives on campus. In a charged election year and with recent state legislation, I will hone our coverage to examine politically sensitive issues and their impacts on the student body. I'm also committed to further opening up the newsroom to underrepresented communities. By giving more people a space in the conversation, I hope to facilitate common ground on contentious issues. Through coverage that emphasizes accountability and empathy, I know we can move forward with a better understanding of each other's experiences. Ultimately, I'm running to give YOU a voice — to hear from and advocate for you. To learn more, visit: https://sites.google.com/view/mihir-gokhale/home

### McKenzie Henningsen

Since joining The Daily Texan as a freshman, I've served as an associate opinion editor, associate copy desk chief and an editorial intern at Austin Woman Magazine. I am running for Editor-in-Chief because I believe independent, student-led journalism is crucial for students and the greater UT community. During my term, I will ensure that The Daily Texan publishes work that reflects our diverse campus, provides a platform for student advocacy and holds UT accountable. Always. My ultimate goal will be to spark conversations and progress by fostering a culture of diligence and fairness — in and out of the newsroom. The basis of journalism is and always has been people. This is our campus, and our voices deserve to be heard. As your Editor-in-Chief, I will do everything in my power to drive positive change for you and every other student at UT. Find more out @mckenzie4editorinchief on Instagram.

# **TSM Board (Moody College of Communication)**

Lauren Deaton

No statement submitted.

### Sabrina Mercer

No statement submitted.

### Mila Dueshop

HI! My name is Mila Dueshop and I am running for TSM board member. I am an advertising major and would love to get more involved in the moody college. Being on this committee would allow me to have a say and help oversee what media is released to our school. I would love to help diversify and include articles/segments about all organizations and groups that might not be getting the recognition they deserve at the moment. Our voices can be heard through our school information networks and I believe that everyone deserves a chance to be heard. Please help me put my goals into action by voting me into this board, Thank you!!

### Katy Niccol No statement submitted.

# **UNIVERSITY UNIONS**

# University Unions Board of Directors-at-Large

### Sophia Juarez

No statement submitted.

# Adrian Tristan

Hey Longhorns! My name is Adrian Tristán, and I'm running to serve on the University Unions Board of Directors to amplify the voices of students across the 40 Acres on issues pertaining to E+E, the Unions, and student success. In my tenure serving as a campus leader, I've pursued initiatives ranging from establishing UT's first-ever Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Caucus in the Student Government Assembly to advocating for equitable resources and support for student parents. As a queer, working-class Latino from Laredo, active participation has taught me how to create visibility for marginalized communities and meaningful space for underrepresented groups. The University Unions Board of Directors needs to be a tool for student empowerment and a mouthpiece for our voices—especially in the face of inappropriate overreach from State legislators and affluent alumni. I hope to receive your vote and enthusiastically uplift our vibrant student body! Hook' em Horns!

### **Ryan Huynh**

Howdy y'all, my name is Ryan Huynh and I'm so excited to be running for the Unions' Board! During my three years at UT, I have passionately served as a member of Student Government's leadership to address topics such as food insecurity, mental health, and college affordability, and was recently in D.C. tackling these issues. During this time I've been blessed to have worked with both the Unions' Board and Campus E+E which is why I'm running as I know how to continue supporting students here. I plan on advocating reviving the 'Creative 40 Acres' initiative to support students' creative ventures, utilizing the renovated Hogg Auditorium for classes, pushing E+E's initiatives to administration, providing special permissions for meaningful student events from cultural to recreational, and promoting services within the WCP, SSB, UA9, and Dobie. This year, UT will be FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS! Hook 'Em!!!

# E + E President

Reona Lee No statement submitted.

# **UNIVERSITY CO-OP**

# **University Co-Op Board Member**

### Melinda Wang

Hello! My name is Melinda Wang, and I am a sophomore from Katy, TX double majoring in MIS and Economics. Currently, I am in the UT Student Government Assembly as a COLA Representative and the Chair of the Financial Affairs Committee. Here, I lead a team responsible for allocating over \$50,000 to student organizations. Additionally, as a member of the Endowment Governing Board, I oversee all of SG's scholarships, distributing over \$10,000 directly to students. Outside of SG, I am in TX Management Information Systems Association, TX Blockchain, and Asian Business Student Association Consulting Team. Thus, I am especially excited about the financial responsibilities of the Co-Op Board – to contribute to the scholarship, grant, and funds processes. I will be an anchor of student voices and ensure our business and financial functions are aligned with the needs and perspectives of the student body. Hook' em!

# **Cosmo Miyahara**

Having gained experience representing students' voices through holding representative positions in Student Government, I feel prepared to represent my fellow Longhorns on the Co-op Board of Directors. Since my first day of school, I have always been fascinated by the efforts that the university's staff and faculty dedicate to students. From the entertaining events by Texas Athletics and Events + Entertainment to the countless resources available for our academics, career engagement, and mental health, finding something the university wouldn't offer is nearly impossible. Yet, at certain times, I have noticed the overlooking of students' feedback and opinions on infrastructures and systems, such as the affordability of academic resources. The first step to these challenges is better communication between the student body and the staff. I believe that my connections through Camp Texas, Longhorn Hellraisers, and Student Government will facilitate a communication representative to the student body.

# **Isaiah James Mosley**

Given that the CO-OP is the commercial hub of the university I am interested in ensuring that its governance represents the collective values of our student community. As a student whose education is made possible through scholarships, I want to provide the lived experiences and perspective of scholarship recipients to the board that oversees critical scholarships that aid in the continuation of scholastic endeavors. I am also fully committed to promoting and furthering the Co-Op's commitment to investing in student-entrepreneurs, specifically those identifying as women, LGBTQ students, and students of color. It is my hope that being a member of the board will allow me to advocate on behalf of students for increases in access and innovation of student resources like Longhorn Textbook Access and the Co-Op's Course Material Scholarship. It is my view that the Co-Op is not simply a self-sustaining commercial entity but a hub for community investment.

# Harrison Hensley

Hi my name is Harrison Hensley, and I'm a 2nd year student at the McCombs School of Business pursuing a degree in Finance. Throughout my time here at UT, I've been involved within my fraternity as Academic Director, Longhorn Macro Investors as a Market Analyst, and a tutor for the Neighborhood Longhorns Program. Through these experiences, I've learned the importance of teamwork, communication, and self-accountability. Now, I'm seeking to implement and develop these skills as a University Co-op Student Director. The opportunity to support a team overseeing a multi-million dollar business while also contributing to the educational aspirations of its students through funding excites me. If elected, I hope to positively contribute to these educational advancements and serve as a voice for our student body. If you have any questions or would like to connect, feel free to contact me through my email: harrisonhensley@utexas.edu.