

As the current Student Advocate, my priority has been—and will continue to be—empowering students by raising awareness of the influence their voices have in shaping decisions at SBCC. Some of my values as a student representative are to make sure there is transparency and with that an open line of communication, integrity, and accountability.

During my first year as student advocate, I have worked to come up with ways to give students a safe place to share their concerns and express their opinions on changes they want to see implemented on campus. My primary initiative was organizing a town hall event to provide the student body with a forum to express opinions augmented with an anonymous survey. This event provided valuable learnings that I will factor in going forward if I am reelected and is something that I like to make a recurring, foundational event on campus. The primary issues that I noticed were a general lack of student engagement and a fundamental lack of awareness of what ASG's mission is. To make the next town hall event more effective and impactful, I plan to first focus on building stronger outreach efforts, increasing visibility, and educating students about what ASG is. I plan to do this by expanding my outreach to students beyond email, whether that's through setting up fun, interactive games on campus to educate students about what ASG is, hosting pop-up booths with snacks and prizes, or collaborating with clubs.

I believe I am a strong candidate for this position because I currently serve on ASG and in addition to my firsthand experience I am committed to incorporating the learnings from my first term by developing new ways to connect with students, increase their involvement on campus, and maximize the impact of this position.