

Amy Kim

Senate Application

1. Why do you want to join the DASB Senate, and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to implement an internal rating system of professors that are run by students for the use of students. Most of the professors I've encountered at De Anza are kind and passionate people who are great at teaching, but it's inevitable that some professors are better at the job than others. One professor, when emailed about the misogynistic elements that went unacknowledged in the assigned movie and text, responded by recommending I drop out of the class. When I explained I needed to take this class this quarter, the professor refunded my textbook purchases before I could acquiesce and recommended I treat the course as a self-study course. This wasn't an incorrect response, considering the professor was quick to jump to my assistance, but the experience still left me with the realization that I am unprotected against the professor's authority.

I had chosen to take this professor's class because the professor was rated highly on RateMyProfessors. Many students use RateMyProfessors to help inform their course choices, but the site is an unreliable resource at best. I believe De Anza needs an unofficial student survey resource that asks current students to rate their professors. Such a system would ensure that students would not be rendered speechless, and it would create a useful academic resource to base course choices on. I briefly entertained the idea of creating a club to run such an operation, but joining the DASB Senate seemed like the best course of action, especially since there would be many like-minded students interested in protecting student opinions. I want to do my best so that current and future students of De Anza can speak freely about educational quality and student rights. Becoming a Senator felt like the most effective path I could take.

2. What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASB Senate?

I'm an English major with experience in creative writing. Last year I was an editor for both the national and student editions of the De Anza literary magazine, helping put together two volumes of text and working closely with several student authors to edit their works. My biggest

contribution to the magazine was probably the six hours I spent checking the table of contents to make sure all page numbers, titles, and author names were typed correctly. I'm good at paying attention to details, and I take my responsibilities seriously. I also won nominations for my own creative writing pieces, so if there arises an occasion where writing skills are needed, I would be happy to volunteer my services.

3. What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?

I'm an Honors student, but the Honors workload is no less overwhelming than the average class. I'm also volunteering at the California History Center this quarter for two hours each week. The times are very flexible, so I would be able to prioritize the Senate if I became a Senator. I wasn't in a very good place last year, but I was still able to juggle classes, the Honors program, the literary magazine, and appointments at Psychological Services, while maintaining good grades. I'm at a much better place this year, so I'm confident I'll be able to manage my time effectively if I were to become Senator.

4. Additional Comments

In a lot of ways, De Anza is the best thing that happened to me. I want to help ensure other students can get the support and assistance I received here. Watching your discussions about the importance of affordable student housing was inspiring. I hope to be able to share in the drive and passion of the Senate.

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Issue: What student concerns do you feel the DASB should address?

Name (Signature)	Concern (Briefly)
1. Aaron Lee	Math Club Funding
2. Homa Bahriet	affordable student housing
3. Johanna Kuschneret	lower food price
4. Dashaan Lico	Lower food price & improve food quality
5. Isabelle Sidik	food prices are too high :c
6. Sarah Lynn Hullon	Food prices are too high + need better quality:
7. Ella Gut	The soup in cafeteria should be healthier (less oily).
8. Diana P	Active security @ night (I ^{take} night classes & feel scared alone)
9. Ryan Wada	More professor accountability / Better Security
10. Sarah Kim SD	More options/help for people that work a lot
11. Daleh	BETTER FOOD CHOICES; BETTER WAYS TO BUILD SCHEDULES ^{IDENTIFY + UNIFY}
12. Martin Contreras	options for people who work a lot
13. Karina Doan	better food options/prices; better way for students to give ^{constructive} feedback to ^{instructors}
14. Patricia Alvarez	lower food prices - too pricey! even for a cup of coffee
15. Joaquin Delatorre	Longer hours for LCW computer lab, lower food prices!
16. Jared Nardone	Better/more security/patrols for the safety of ^{students} and ^{staff}
17. Kassandra Inocencio	Security for night classes, ^{options for people who work a lot,} better food prices, affordable housing
18. Hector Alba	Better food prices :))
19. Hannah Estifano	FOOD PRICES & MORE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO WORK / ^{HAVE THEIR OWN FAMILIES}
20. Taylor Nguyen	I just want to be able to access wifi from a borrowed laptop all ^{over campus} (not just the library)
21. Harry Tai	Food quality
22. Caera H.	lower food prices + access more places to print assignments for free
23. Emerald G.	lower food prices + help. and As well as more clubs :)
24. Christian A.	more security + low food prices
25. Carla Romero	Better parking regulation (people scratching cars)

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26. Alex Barraza	Security / More parking and
27. Viviana Vasquez Torres	More security
28. Yumi Bui	Security
29. Eriko Nishizawa	security
30. Zayda Ichoa B.	security
31. Tura Pennix	Food and prices + parking prices
32. Nitish Reuben	Free No free parking
33. Lufe Ponce	food prices
34. Joseph Armada	Parking
35. Tony Retar	Cheaper parking ticket
36. Simereet Singh	More psychological resources
37. Santosh Lakshman	More on campus food options
38. Andrew Gill	Bigger parking spaces
39. Zuckeva Natar	Less staff parking.
40. Colin Tham	Traffic at parking & parking space with
41. Yen Nguyen	Cheaper food & lower parking ticket price
42. Trina Le	parking prices
43. Jesary Alamo	Traffic in parking lot
44. Alex Dzikonovski	Narrow parking spaces
45. JAMIE RANGK	outdated teaching styles Lecture vs Interactive
46. Kathy Wu	Parking spot is too narrow
47. Dianshu Chen	wifi
48. Jessica Tran	Parking prices & wifi
49. Joshua Alplam	less staff parking
50. TONY Cardoza	why do we have to register if we miss a quarter or take only football classes

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Many students reported dissatisfaction regarding food, parking, and campus security. They asked for lower food prices and cheaper parking tickets. Some asked for higher quality food, requesting less oily soups, etc. Some wished for more parking spots and suggested the unused staff parking lots could be repurposed for student use. (An examination of parking situations at busiest hours would be necessary to see if this is viable.) There was a call for better parking regulations to prevent scratched cars, and a request for larger parking spaces. Many asked for a more active night security, stating they felt unsafe at night. (Maybe a security officer could take casual patrols after sunset.)

Individual students asked for a variety of things. Some asked for better support and funding of clubs and services, like psychological resources. Some requested longer hours of computer usage at the LCW. Concerning Wifi, some requested the improvement of the Wifi and the use of a library laptop outside the library for the purposes of taking notes during class. Affordable housing, professor accountability, educational quality, and more options for working students were some other concerns.