

# Poom Yoodee

My fellow Bruins,

I am Poom Yoodee, a 3rd Year Microbiology student running for President of the Undergraduate Students Association Council. As a commuter student, I understand the difficulty of driving to campus every day. As a waiter, I know what it is like to work to pay for your tuition. As a first-generation college student, I know that finding opportunities is no easy task. With over 30,000 undergraduate students on our campus today, each with unique values, beliefs, and backgrounds, my goal is to ensure everyone in our UCLA community has a voice in our student government. Working with various communities on campus, I directed multiple staff members in the IVP Office, volunteered in the Saving Hearts Foundation, and chaired large-scale service events as an officer in Alpha Phi Omega. The most memorable parts of my journey have always been helping the communities and people who make UCLA home. To promote this community and empower its people, I will foster inclusivity in student government, strike down barriers that hinder our clubs and organizations, make our campus safe for everyone, and ensure every student on campus is heard. USAC needs a leader who practices bottom-up leadership, listens and interacts with students, and brings community leaders and experts together to solve long-term problems as a team. Together, I know we can bring positive change to our campus and create a future where no one is left behind. Visit my instagram (@YoodeeForUCLA) or my website to learn more about my platforms!

## **Platforms**

### **Improving Infrastructure and Expanding Resources**

The vast amount of resources available to UCLA students makes our campus unique. Increasing the number of resources available for students and implementing quality-of-life improvements that make UCLA resources more accessible will ensure UCLA continues its tradition of putting students first.

### **Supporting our Clubs and Organizations**

Clubs and organizations are a cornerstone of our UCLA community. Striking down operational barriers and loosening university restrictions will give clubs and organizations more flexibility in carrying out their agendas. In addition, increasing outreach opportunities and ensuring stable communication between USAC and student clubs will further empower UCLA's organizations.

### **Empowering Our Diverse Communities**

As a minority, I pledge my commitment to assuring that cultural groups have a say in our student government. My administration will work with leaders of these communities and their experts to ensure that the student government knows how to best help. Starting this summer, I will convene

the Congressional advisory board immediately so USAC understands how it can best serve the minority community.

### **Safety and Wellbeing for Everyone**

UCLA students should feel safe and protected on campus. A safe and secure campus environment should have a resource for every possible accident, whether it be 24/7 access to medicine, establishing reliable maintenance monitoring, or extending the Bruin escort service.

### **Rebuild the Reliability and Relationship between USAC and the Student Body**

USAC is an instrument for change and the microphone for students to express themselves and transform their ideas into policy. The President's office will push for new institutions that bring students more opportunities to voice their beliefs in policy-making to make USAC more accessible and reliable.

### **Qualifications:**

- I've worked in USAC for the past two years as a staff member and a director in the IVP Office. In 2022, I raised and distributed \$30,000 in Housing Aid during the pandemic.
- In Alpha Phi Omega, Citylab, and at St. Monica Catholic High School, I've dedicated over 900 hours to helping local high schoolers because of my firm belief in the importance of accessible education.
- As a restaurant waiter, I provided quality customer service without judgment to my patrons. I've resolved disputes between delivery personnel and restaurant staff, where I came to learn the importance of respect and teamwork.