

# Phoebe Chiu

Hello everyone! My name is Phoebe Chiu (she/hers), and I am the Students Organizing Active Resistance candidate for the USAC Facilities Commissioner. I am a second-generation Asian American from a single-parent household that witnessed how educational institutions supported my community's needs growing up. I ate school lunch, attended school plays with ASL interpreters, and saw how a first field trip to the local sanitary district motivated my peers to become environmental activists. Now, I advocate for UCLA to be the backbone of support and activism that Bruins deserve for sustainability and accessibility.

Although UCLA claims to be committed to sustainability and inclusion, their goals lack consistent strategy, financing, and support from the administration for implementation. Uplifting the well-being of students at UCLA, the local Westwood community, and beyond is the foundation of a sustainable campus. UCLA needs more student voices at the table in designing a positive and inclusive campus infrastructure and culture. I am running for USAC Facilities Commissioner because I want to empower students as decision-makers in creating a better future at UCLA.

As your Facilities Commissioner, I will:

- Elevate student voices by organizing conferences with the Office of Sustainability and administration to ensure policies reflect student priorities and advocacy.
- Investigate and lift barriers to affordable housing, accessible transportation, and usable campus spaces to support student wellness and academic success.
- Increase student participation in student and local government to advocate for student needs.

Vote Phoebe Chiu for USAC Facilities Commissioner, visit @phoebe4fac, and #ChooseChiu.

## **Platform:**

### **Space and Place**

- Increase student-led advocacy in Westwood for Los Angeles Green New Deal implementation, well-maintained and litter-free streets, and accessible outdoor seating.
- Develop strategies to finance the maintenance of underutilized spaces on campus and transform them into gathering spaces for student organizations and resources.

### **Sowing Roots for Sustainability**

- Empower student leaders in sustainability advocacy through training for grassroots organizing and meetings with UCLA staff to collaborate on campus policy and projects.
- Establish streamlined organic waste reduction and diversion practices and food recovery at ASUCLA/Dining to comply with California Senate Bill 1383.

### **Safety, Shelter, and Students First!**

- Ensure equitable access in UCLA Housing by advocating for priority housing for students with disabilities and cost-adjustment for accessible units.
- Implement long-term plans for affordable, accessible, and quality student housing by inspecting residential buildings and apartment plans, study spaces, and campus amenities for ADA compliance.

### **Transforming Transportation Access**

- Educate and empower students in learning how to navigate public transportation by developing digital map tools, informational campaigns, and events.
- Advocate for a direct UCLA Metro station as part of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and more accessible public transportation options on and off-campus.

### **Building Beyond the Basics**

- Audit the repair request system and improve the maintenance speed of on-campus facilities such as elevators, restrooms, and lighting fixtures.
- Organize students in investigating academic buildings and classrooms for accessible infrastructure, including wheelchair access and high-quality ventilation.

### **Experience:**

- As the **USAC Facilities Commission Sustainagoals Director (2021-Present)**, I led task force meetings with UCLA Housing and ASUCLA Special Events to strategize for reusable pilot programs on the Hill and at Kerckhoff Coffee House. I coordinated training events and focus group materials engaging students in promoting water conservation and resiliency.
- As the **Sustainability Action Research Program Director (2021-Present)**, I organized seven student-led research projects working with UCLA Dining, Facilities Management, and Trademarks to aid zero waste, conservation, and EDI initiatives. I created the course curriculum for 42 students supporting creating final reports and engaging the community in EDI and sustainability.
- As the **Pacific Ties Newsmagazine Managing Editor (2020-2021)**, I led the organization's seat on the Asian Pacific Coalition's Board of Representatives. I managed a team of 25, publishing weekly regarding Asian Pacific Islander Desi American stories on campus, including community confessionals and analytical reports.
- As a **4KEEPS laboratory research assistant (2020-Present)**, I supported a UCLA Ph.D. student examining reducing disparities in mental health by undergraduate students of color. I guided efforts to include non-English speakers in the Los Angeles area study to gather data regarding the efficacy of children's mental health practices.

- As a **Thaddeus Resource Center Social Work Intern (2021)**, I aided the re-engagement of foster youth and at-risk single mothers at a non-profit organization focused on empowering women with health and wellness tools. I developed staff training presentations regarding case management and service delivery to the program's participants.