

# Megan Law

Hi everyone! My name is Megan Law, and I am running to be your next Internal Vice President for the Undergraduate Student Association. Being involved with the IVP office for 2 years, I believe I have the qualifications to advocate for students' voices! I am super excited to fight for student needs, transparency and accountability from administrators, and more resources for student organizations to empower our voices.

Throughout my time at UCLA, I've realized how inequitable, inaccessible, and disorganized our administration is with serious decisions, including COVID-19 policies and responses to student protests, that impact students on a daily basis. I've also noticed the tremendous **lack** of support that our student organizations have for funding, planning, and advocating for our causes. In addition, it's obvious that USAC has not been the most accessible to students, and that needs to change! We need more diverse and confident student voices at the table to advocate for equity, transparency, and social justice! We need voices that will advocate for student-led efforts to prioritize students and empower student organizations to bring positive change to our community.

## **As your next IVP, I will**

- Uplift student voices by collecting student feedback and concerns, appointing students to committees alongside UCLA Administrators, and coordinating to advocate for change.
- Provide support to student organizations by creating and sharing resources for funding, planning, programming, and retention.
- Increase transparency and access to equitable education by advocating for expanded access to online learning and financial support for underrepresented communities of students.

## **Platform:**

### **Empowering Student Engagement**

- Support student organizations and leaders by providing resources and toolkits to finance events, plan programs, and increase participation in their organizations.
- Establish and maintain a consistent line of communication between the IVP office and student leaders to strengthen relations and ensure dependable support from USAC by holding regular meetings and town halls to foster dialogue and collaboration
- Initiate student leader networking events to introduce organizations to one another to provide shared resources and extended support.

### **Equity, Transparency, and Accountability**

- Increase the transparency equity of USAC, UCLA, and the IVP office by providing consistent updates on important decisions impacting students

- Collect, analyze, and share student feedback and concerns with UCLA to initiate changes needed to better support underrepresented communities and student organizations on campus
- Maintain a consistent line of communication with UCLA Administrators and Departments to hold them accountable for efforts to support and protect the student body by hosting regular meetings and sharing updates to facilitate collaborative dialogue

### **Students' Wellbeing and Safety**

- Increase the frequency and participation of the Campus Safety Alliance meetings with the Vice Chancellor, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UCPD, and IVP to regularly advocate for student safety through transportation access and consistent responses from authorities
- Advocate for more inclusive and accessible mental health services on campus by demanding more funding towards CAPS and more accessibility to psychiatric and psychological services.
- Provide student organizations and leaders with mental health toolkits to promote mental health awareness, avoid burnout, and advocate for their needs as college students.

### **Supporting Student Needs**

- Expand the reach of the IVP Housing Relief Fund to support students facing housing and food insecurities.
- Advocate for increased accessibility to online learning and hybrid-learning options for students facing unforeseen circumstances and health concerns.
- Utilize the IVP Partnership Fund to support student leaders and student organizations of underrepresented communities for programs to support equitable access to higher education.

### **Experience**

- As the **USAC IVP Transparency and Accessibility Director (2022-Present)**, I attended weekly USAC Council meetings with USAC officers to provide the general student body with updates regarding USAC decisions that impact the general student body, along with being a regular substitute for multiple USAC Officers.
- As a **USAC IVP Empower Resilient Communities Staff Member (2021-2022)**, I supported the creation of toolkits, and resources, and planned events for student organizations and leaders regarding mental health and sexual assault awareness.
- As the **USAC Facilities Commission Bruin Bazaar Director (2022-Present)**, I planned large-scale events to highlight student-run small businesses and facilitated events to educate others on the dangers of fast fashion and how to combat unsustainable purchases
- As an **Intern for the Asian Pacific American Public Affairs (2021-2022)**, I researched and analyzed data to create reports that advocated for proper AAPI representation in politics and worked with elected officials to demand more accessible resources for underrepresented communities of color.

- As the **Vice President of the SFUSD Student Advisory Council (2020-2021)**, I represented 50,000 public school students and wrote policy resolutions regarding education funding, education accessibility, improving sexual harassment/sexual assault reporting systems, and increased support for political education for youth.