

Executive Council Candidate Statement for Alejandro Salazar

Over that past two years we have made great strides in financial accessibility for students and student organizations by increasing the pool of special events funding, standardizing the application process, establishing permanent budgets for large events like Llamapalooza, promoting the 14,115 Initiative for novel events, providing financial support for the Butler Center, Cutler Publication, and Outdoor Education, and advocating for larger event spaces on campus. Even with these great achievements there is still much work to be done.

If I have learned anything in my time on CCSGA it is that our greatest challenge is communication. We provide meeting minutes, send emails, published funding awards on our website, offer yearly workshops, provide weekly catalyst updates, and hold meetings that are always open to the campus, yet there still seems to be a tremendous gap in our communications. This leads to rumors that are counterproductive and lead to tension between the students and their leaders where there should be trust and approachability. To improve communications I would focus both on social media and personal interactions by tabling in Worner, once every two weeks. This would provide students the opportunity to directly ask the CCSGA questions about funding decisions or the financial process, therefore reducing any miscommunication.

To provide for the greatest campus input to date, I will look to tie any student activity fee increases with a campus vote. Any student may submit a proposal for an increase that will then be voted on by the campus. For example if the student body would like to see more dedicated funds for outdoor education trips, they may request a dollar amount increase that can go towards the funding of that initiative. This allows for a more transparent and democratic process in fees. In addition there will be continued advertising pushes to help students understand how they themselves can apply for the events they want to see on campus. The CCSGA is meant to be a resource for students so that they can promote their ideas and missions, and that is exactly what it will do.

I appreciate your vote,

Alejandro Salazar