

Executive Council Candidate Statement for (Tifa) Mostafa Hatem Mostafa Zaki-Taha

I am running for the position of VP of student concerns for the 2015-2016 academic years. I am running for this position because I believe that I have the potential to help with many issues that face students yearly. I have had experience with positions like this one in the past that have given me some experience to utilize. I was a student representative in my high school student council, where I relayed student concerns to teachers and the principal. Among the things I helped students with helping create a final exam schedule to suit both the teachers and the students and helping the seniors with their graduation event. I am also part of Tiger Patrol, which entails helping students and making sure the campus is safe, as well as being aides to Campus Safety Officers. I was also the Secretary General for my high school's Model United Nations, which helped me develop many negotiation skills. I aim to help make student government more approachable to students, as well as help relay the student concerns to the school's decision makers. There are many things I hope to accomplish in this position. I hope to give a bigger voice on campus to international and minority students. I aim to create programs to help international students integrate better into CC and the US. I would also like to create stress dealing programs for students, as we all know how pressuring the block can be sometimes. Mental Health awareness is also a large issue on my agenda, as many students with these issues often feel alone or vulnerable. A large issue I also aim to tackle is that of campus closures for breaks. While international students are able to stay on campus, many CC students struggle to do so. This creates problems for those with nowhere to go or not enough money to travel. That's why I hope to try to create living and dining alternatives for non-international students who wish to stay here over breaks. Above all, I am open to any and all suggestions from the student body. A VP of student concerns is there as a resource to the campus, and is ready to talk with those with concerns at any time. Above all, I aim to listen to the student body and work with them to reach solutions for our problems.