

AMSA Board of Officers 2012-2013 Application



1. I have been a member of the REACH/GS committee for almost a year now, and I do have to admit that I truly learned a lot during my time as a committee member. Because we were a small group, it was very intimate, and I learned a lot of the things that as a regular pre-med, you don't typically learn about- such as the discriminations in Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in medicine. We all know about how we want to serve "everyone equally", but face it- in a real world, this rarely occurs, and instead of turning our backs on it, we need to address the issue face on and face the truth about what is going on. As pre-meds, I feel that we are in an "idealized world" where everything is black and white, but in real life, it really isn't, and I want to lead others into discovering that themselves.
2. I have a lot of strengths to be a committee chair- I believe that I have the ability to communicate with my committee members in a timely manner, making sure that everyone is on the same page every week. I have the ability to manage and lead the group of committee members, but I also have the flexibility to facilitate meetings and have the members become the leaders of their own leading. My philosophy is to start off a conversation, and let the members branch off and finish it with their own thoughts, feelings, and leadership. As a board member specifically, I am a very organized person, making sure that everything is done on time and with my best attempts- I always communicate well with other students and my peers, and I will be the first to let you know if I am ever having any trouble or difficulty fulfilling my duties as a board member.
3. I have had many prior leadership experiences in other clubs and organizations on campus. For example, this past year, I have been the Transportation Director of the ASUC Office of the External Affairs Vice President, working on renewing the Class Pass for AC Transit. In addition, I am a certified Red Cross trainer for CPR/AED/First Aid/ Babysitting/ and California Child Care. I am also a Campus Ambassador (tour guide) for the UC Berkeley Visitor and Parent Services. Finally, I am an officer of the Music Connection and Engineers without Borders. I will use all these leadership experiences and apply them to my future leadership as a board member of AMSA.
4. It has been widely discussed in our committee that although our goal is to discuss most all of the issues described by our committee name, namely race, ethnicity, culture in health, as well as gender and sexuality. However, for one thing, it is certainly a mouthful, and unlike the rest of the committees, ours is specific and to the point. I think that it really constricts the topics that are able to be discussed in our committee, and I think it would be to everyone's benefit if we started up next year as the "Controversies in Health Care" or something similar to that committee next year. I think it conveys a subject of mystery and vagueness that will increase the number of students joining the committees, and it is bound to have many interesting conversations and presentation topics. I think for the sake of preserving this committee as "the good, the bad, and the ugly", we should change the direction of the committee to attract more students to join this committee.

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