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Fall guide to ASUI elections

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ASUI SENATE

AMANDA RICHARDS



Amanda Richards

Major: Business Marketing and International Studies
Hometown: Gooding, Idaho
Living Group: Residence Hall

Year: Freshman

Platform: My campaigning platforms are: student code of conduct, student involvement and sustainability. My running mate, Austin Blacker and I believe these platforms are top priority for students and faculty. This year, student code of conduct is being reviewed for many policy changes. There are many different standpoints on this matter and I believe the right policy is the one that benefits the students safety and interests. Also, student involvement and student enrollment numbers has slightly decreased this year. As a senator candidate, I hope to enrich the student experience both on and off campus. I believe being connected with the campus is a foundation for success. Lastly, sustainability on campus is relatively low. I hope to increase awareness and implement creative and innovative ways of recycling or green projects. I hope to broaden my knowledge of my platforms and be an outlet for students and the great University of Idaho.

ABIGAIL MORRIS



Abigail Morris

Major: Agricultural Education, Spanish Minor
Hometown: I grew up an Air Force brat, so I don't have a hometown. I was born in

Atwater, Calif.

Living Group: Off-campus.

Year: Freshman

Platform: My platform has two key aspects; student involvement and sustainability. Student involvement is extremely important for the University as well as for the students. I want to get students more connected with clubs, activities, and both campus and community events, especially off campus students who tend to miss out on a lot. Sustainability is a big issue right now, and what a better place to implement more sustainability than a college campus with thousands of students. There have been great starts to creating more sustainability on our campus but there is still so much more that can be done. The end goal of these aspects is to make our campus the best it can be and to create a better environment for students now and in years to come.

SHANNON KELLY



Shannon Kelly

Name: Shannon Kelly
Major: History, Minor Indian Studies
Hometown: Post Falls, Idaho
Living

Group: Off-campus member of Delta Zeta

Year: Junior

Platform: My goal is to represent my fellow students and remind them of how effective ASUI can be. I want to make students aware of the changes that are planned for the Student Code of Conduct, which will impact every student. I would make sure that the interests of the students are represented in the decision-making for that as well as for other issues. I respect everyone's opinions and I am willing to listen to whatever anyone has to say. I am a member of a Greek organization but the fact that we have been living in the residence halls has helped me to get to know people in that community as well and to participate in their activities, which has given me a broader understanding of who we all are as Vandals. As an off-campus student I also plan on bringing better representation for that group as well.

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AMANDA PEHAN



Amanda Pehan

Hometown: Wallace, Idaho
Living Group: Greek student, who lives off campus
Year: Sophomore
Platform: I feel that I have the ability to represent a broad spectrum of students. I aim to reach out to students in all living situations, and represent

them equally. I plan to create events to bring all students together. I also want to promote a healthy campus by pushing fitness, and educating about nutrition. Last, I plan to further understand how students feel about the proposed changes around campus, especially to the new code of conduct, and act accordingly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by liking my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/votepehan and GO VANDALS!

CARLIE BEASLEY



Carlie Beasley

Major: Family Life and Consumer Science, Psych minor
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.
Living Group: Off-campus
Year: Sophomore
Platform: I believe that as human beings we have a desire to feel connected,

engaged, and find enjoyment in daily life. As ASUI Senator, I will strive to make the University of Idaho students feel at home here and intimately involved in their college experience. I also would like to make a point of educating my fellow peers about the current Student Code of Conduct. It is our right to know these laws that are in place. As a coinsurer of education, you should be familiar with the rules and regulations of this institution, furthermore; this knowledge will only ensure your protection and rights defending your future. Rest assured, I will advocate for you to make certain that all rules are fair and unbiased and that your voice is heard in our community.

AUSTIN BLACKER



Austin Blacker

Major: Information Systems
Hometown: Emmett, Idaho
Living Group: Residence Hall
Year: Freshman
Platform: My campaign platforms are

going to consist of the student code of conduct, student involvement, and sustainability. My running mate, Amanda Richards and I believe that these platforms are of high importance here on campus. The student code of conduct is currently going through several policy changes, which I believe can be beneficial to the students in many different areas. Student involvement is always something that can be improved here on campus and there already many new methods being implemented to get the highest possible outcome of students involved, and I would really like to see them taken into action. Lastly, sustainability here on campus is relatively low and I have many new ideas I would like to bring forward to make sustainability imperative on campus once again. I hope to bring forward these new ideas and strategies to make the University of Idaho the best it can be.

JONAH GRAFF



Jonah Graff

Major: Business Marketing
Hometown: Bellevue, Wash.
Living Group: Beta Theta Pi Fraternity
Year: Freshman
Platform: Deconstructing the walls between social and living groups, allow students

to have more of a voice in the student code of conduct, help encourage attendance to school functions and we want to increase sustainability of campus by adding recycling as an option to living groups who don't currently have it.

KENZIE REIBER



Kenzie Reiber

Major: Sociology, with Criminology emphasis
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Living Group: Greek
Year: Freshman
Platform: I am

campaigning with Jonah Graff and we have the same platform: We are passionate about improving the place we live in and giving a voice to those who live there. We strongly believe that everyone deserves a say in all matters involving the school they attend and we know we are capable and willing to be that voice. Deconstructing the walls between social and living groups, allow students to have more of a voice in the student code of conduct, help encourage attendance to school functions. We also want to help increase sustainability of campus by increasing recycling options in living groups that don't currently have them.

ALEX CAREY



Alex Carey

Major: Vocal Performance
Hometown: Post Falls, Idaho
Living Group: Off-campus
Platform: We at Idaho are striving for greatness every day. I will ensure that the entirety of this university will be represented thoroughly and with the goal of making our diverse community thrive as one synergetic dynamo.



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All the candidates for ASUI senate meet Oct. 30 in the ASUI office in the Idaho Commons. Candidates were briefed on elections and campaigns procedures. Of the 20 candidates in the running, seven will be elected to seats on the senate. To vote, visit vote.uidaho.edu Nov. 18-20. The winning candidates will be announced following the senate meeting Nov. 20.

OPEN FORUMS

Candidates were given an opportunity to speak to voters about their platforms and plans if elected to the ASUI senate

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Opening the open forums

Six ASUI senate candidates gathered for the first open forum to begin their campaigns and the 2013 Fall Senate Election.

The candidates who made an appearance at the first open forum were Amanda Richards, Austin Blacker, Abigail Morris, Shannon Kelly, Casey Lynn Dunn, and Michael Lowe.

Running mates and freshmen Amanda Richards and Austin Blacker introduced their platform to the audience and said they will focus on the proposed changes currently to the student code of conduct.

"We would like to focus on the student code of conduct because there are many changes this year and it will be important for the student body to be aware of the proposed changes," Richards said.

Blacker said another portion of their platform is bringing together different living groups on campus to make UI a more cohesive environment for students.

"We feel it's very important to connect all of the living groups," Blacker said. "We know there are a lot of events that to take place on campus to bring them together but there are several more we could implement if we were on senate."

Freshman candidate Abigail Morris described her leadership style as personable and said her ability to speak with students would make for an easy transition into a senate position.

"I prefer face-to-face interaction," Morris said. "Being up here in the forum is great so people will have a chance to hear what we have to say but I feel like the best way to find out what people want and need and to find out what we can do to serve them is to just be like 'hey, let's have coffee and talk about what's on your mind,' and they can tell me what's bothering them so I can do something about it."

Shannon Kelly and Casey Lynn Dunn, running mates and members of Delta Zeta sorority, introduced their platform.

Kelly said she is a supporter of transparency in public offices and would own up to any mistakes made by the senators if elected.

"If I were your senator and I wasn't getting information out to you I think you totally have the right to call me out," Kelly said. "A senator gets paid to do their job and to represent the students by keeping in touch with them and they need to be doing that."

Freshman candidate Michael Lowe said his experience with the Residence Hall Association qualifies him to be an effective ASUI senator.

"I think we could help promote student engagement by having students actually have

their voice heard on campus," Lowe said. "Myself personally, I sit on the executive board of Wallace Residence and I sit on RHA senate as a member there, so I could really get the residence halls and LLCs and all them very well represented."

Greater turnout for second round

Monday marked the second of four open forums for the 2013 ASUI Fall Senate Elections and 10 candidates discussed how they would contribute to Greek life and what they think about the revisions to the student code of conduct.



If you missed the open forums, view them online.

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The 10 candidates who took the podium were Alexander "Mack" Peters, Alex Carey, Everett Boker, Sierra Carroll, Austin Karstetter, Carlie Beasley, Allen Jennings, Maycee Reeder, Casey Lynn Dunn and Shannon Kelly.

Running mates Casey Lynn Dunn and Shannon Kelly said they have a better understanding of the relationship between Greek and non-Greek life because they are members of

Delta Zeta sorority and live in the Wallace Residence Complex.

"Shannon and I are really well versed in integrating residence halls and Greek life as we are in a Greek facility that is in a residence hall facility," Dunn said. "TurtleTug is a great way that we have gone through — it's the tug-of-war over jello — that Delta Zeta has involved the residence halls in."

Sophomore candidate Carlie Beasley said she will set a precedent of reaching out to students using an on-the-go approach if elected into senate.

"I believe that human beings have an innate desire to feel connected, engaged and find enjoyment in their daily life," Beasley said.

ASUI candidates also addressed the proposed changes to the student code of conduct. Running mates Allen Jennings and Maycee Reeder said they do not support an expansion of jurisdiction as proposed by the Dean of Students Office.

"I firmly believe the student code of conduct should only affect those students who are at a university-sanctioned event that is off campus rather than at an apartment complex facility," Jennings said.

Senior Alexander "Mack" Peters said he thinks the expansion of jurisdiction is actually a good idea because it shows a greater effort in protecting students.

"I was in Ecuador last year," Peters said. "I lived there for 304 days and I was studying abroad. Now, the whole time I was there, was I no longer a Vandal? When you step off this

campus you are still a student of the University of Idaho. Every action that you do reflects upon this university."

Third time's the charm

Eleven of the 17 ASUI senate candidates spent Tuesday night socializing and busting their favorite dance moves with residence hall students at Bob's Place.

The dance moves came in the midst of the third open forum when an audience member in the asked the candidates to show their stuff.

The candidates who attended the third open forum were Amanda Richards, Austin Blacker, Shannon Kelly, Carlie Beasley, Abigail Morris, Jonah Graff, Kenzie Reiber, Michael Lowe, Everett Boker, Casey Lynn Dunn and Sierra Carroll.

The first 20 minutes of the open forum the candidates had to mingle with fellow students at Bob's and try to persuade them to come to the open forum.

When the quiet room in Bob's was nearly filled, the candidates talked about their communication goals with the student body and their perception of the student code of conduct.

Running mates and freshmen Kenzie Reiber and Jonah Graff said reaching out to the constituency within a senator's assigned living group isn't enough and that senators should reach out to people outside their living groups.

"Not only that but being enthusiastic about it," Reiber said. "Being happy to hear what you have to say and excited to help with your problems."

Freshman candidate Everett Boker said he believes he could better represent his assigned living groups using tactics some of the current senators do not utilize.

"I think I can take it a step further — not just report to them about what's going on in the campus for the week but hear what they have to say," Boker said.

Sophomore Carlie Beasley attributed the disconnect between ASUI and most of the student body to the unavailability of ASUI senators.

"It could be maybe a little intimidating for people who don't know or aren't involved with ASUI — I know it was for me," Beasley said. "It seems like they're hard to reach maybe, but I want to bridge the gap."

The final forum

The last open forum took place Thursday and was not completed by press time. For coverage of the last open forum, view the video coverage online at uiargonaut.com.

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A note from the elections coordinators

The ASUI Elections Coordinators are pleased to announce the voting incentive for the Fall 2013 Election Cycle. Each student to vote at the official polling station in the Commons Food Court will be entered into a drawing to win one of five great prizes including an iPad Mini and a \$100 gift card to the Vandal Store. We will have voting booths set up in the Commons food court from 10 am to 4 pm on Nov. 18, 19, and 20. The drawing will take place on Nov. 21 after the results of the election are announced. For more information, "like" our Facebook page "ASUI Senator Elections - Fall 2013."

A senator's goal is to represent undergraduate students and allocate student fees for student organizations, departments and other programming on campus. These

individuals have decided to run for Senate because they believe they can represent the student voice and help enrich the student experience. By voting for ASUI Senate you are ensuring that student opinion remains a major factor in campus affairs and letting your voice be heard.

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Vote online at vote.uidaho.edu on Nov. 18, 19, and 20. If you vote at the official ASUI polling stations in the Commons Food Court and Bob's Dining Hall you will be entered for a chance to win an iPad Mini, a \$100 Vandal Store gift card, or a number of other cool prizes.

Happy voting and good luck candidates!

**Tanner Beymer
Pilar Alfaro
Elections Coordinators**

ASUI SENATE

AUSTIN
KARSTETTER

Austin Karstetter

Major: International Studies

Hometown: Quincy, Wash.

Living Group: FIJI

Year: Freshman

Platform: I feel there are three very important issues

at the university that need to be addressed; better communication amongst the students, safety on campus, and providing students with the correct and proper tools they will need to succeed during their time here. As the university grows over the next couple of years it plans on housing more students. This will lead to the expansion of campus and more recreational activities. I plan on making students more aware of how and what the money they pay every year is being used for. In order to create a safer campus I will stress and emphasize the importance of creating safe habits and increase the awareness of all the resources the university offers students. Students need to be provided with the proper tools in order to succeed fullest potential inside and outside of the classroom.

CASEYLYNN
DUNN

Caseylynn Dunn

Name: Caseylynn Dunn

Major: History, Literature Minor

Hometown: Chico, Calif.

Living Group: Delta Zeta

Sorority

Year: Sophomore

Platform: My goals as an

ASUI senator mainly include communication with all living groups (off-campus and on), dedication to getting my constituents the facts on any changes happening at our university, and promoting the arts more on campus. I would really like to work with students and their concerns and report these concerns to campus officials. As a sophomore and dedicated student on campus, my experience will help guide me in representing my constituents to the best of my ability as an ASUI senate member. I promise that I will be a sound mind in making important decisions regarding any group of students, and I promise to be a voice for all of my constituents here at the University of Idaho. CASEY DUNN will get it DONE.

SIERRA
CARROLL

Sierra Carroll

Name: Sierra Carroll

Major: Business & Clothing, Textiles and Design with Merchandising Management emphasis

Hometown: Albany, Ore.

Living Group: Delta Gamma

Year: Sophomore

Platform: As Senator I would actively lobby for an increase

in funding for higher education. I am currently a legislative ambassador and am going to Boise in January to discuss with legislators and representatives this very issue. I would also push for student's right to exercise their say and voice in the current change of the code of conduct. Although changes are coming about, it is Senate deciding the changes, and I believe the student body should have a say in their code of conduct and issues that will affect them most directly. Also, I want to push for living group unity. We are all students of the University of Idaho, whether we live in the LLC's, a Greek chapter, Dorms, or off campus and getting to know people in your classes and around campus who are different than you is vital to a successful university.

EVERETT
BOKER

Everett Boker

Major: Operations Management & Finance

Hometown: Redmond, Wash.

Year: Freshman

Platform: The

reason I am pursuing this office is to promote involvement

from the student body, break down the barrier between living groups, and protect students' rights in regards to the recently proposed student code of conduct. I wish to complete these goals through increased awareness, more sponsored university events, and voting accordingly on the student code of conduct revisions.

ALLEN
JENNINGS

Allen Jennings

Major: Public Relations

Hometown: Idaho

Living Group:

Greek

Year: Sophomore

Platform: I will be

running with Maycee Reeder and we will

be campaigning for three different issues. Fully representing off-campus students, emphasizing the current campaigns of watching out for one another i.e. Vandal Green Dot, I Got Your Back, and promoting and taking advantage of the events sponsored by Vandal Entertainment, who doesn't love Macklemore?

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ALEXANDER "MACK" PETERS



Alexander Peters

Name: Alexander "Mack" Peters

Home-town: Boise, Idaho

Living

Group: Off-campus

Year: Senior

Platform: The reason I am running is because currently ASUI spends most of its funds ineffectively, doing little to foster a cross-campus community. The purpose of ASUI should be collaborating amongst the entire student body to create reasons to be involved in our school. If elected, I

will always work for you, the students of this University, so that ASUI can offer awesome experiences. As a part of the Senate I will work to bring programs and events to campus for the entire UI community. We need to trim wasteful spending on unused programs, instead putting it towards purposes that excite and bring us together as Vandals. Whether you're an off campus senior like me, or a freshman on campus or a Greek, ASUI should be serving you as a member of our community. I will make that happen. I will bring Vandal pride, campus wide.

MAYCEE REEDER



Maycee Reeder

Name: Maycee Reeder

Hometown: Filer, Idaho

Major: Exercise Science & Health

Living Group: Delta Gamma

Year: Sophomore

Platform: Emphasis on Vandals Watching out for each other, Green Dot, Katy Benoit Safety forum and I Got Your back Campaign.

MICHAEL LOWE



Michael Lowe

Name: Michael Lowe

Major: Political Science and Spanish

Hometown: Boise, Idaho

Living Group: Wallace

Year: Freshman

Platform: Right now, the university is in the process of making a brand new student code of conduct. If elected, I will make sure the Student Code of Conduct reflects what students want. I will make sure the university does not receive jurisdiction everywhere. I will fight to keep

the judicial council. This council decides whether someone is innocent or guilty of punishment. The current new code of conduct replaces this council with only one person who then decides your fate. Besides the student code of conduct, I will work to reduce parking fees, and I will promote more involvement between the residences, the Greeks, and the off-campus students. In addition, I will make this campus safer for everyone. If elected, I promise I will work passionately on these issues and more. With my experience and drive, I believe that I can help make University of Idaho better for everyone!



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