CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENT

Candidate required to submit electronic Platform Statement to Associated Students Election Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson (for Associated Students’ candidates) or Chancellor’s Designee (for Student Trustee candidates) prior to campaigning for viewing by student voters on election days. Candidates can prepare Platform Statements greater than one page in length.

Printed Name: Patrick Nordstrom
Candidate For: Director of External Affairs
Major: Political Science
Primary College: X Moorpark ___ Oxnard ___ Ventura

Note: Providing a photo is optional.

Questions:

What education, skills, or experience would you bring to this position?

I serve as an intern for the Associated Students. Victoria Metzel, the current Director of External Affairs, has also been kind enough to allow me to shadow her going forward. For the rest of the semester, I’ll be attending every meeting she goes to as a representative of the Associated Students. This includes Student Senate, Board of Trustees meetings as well as her responsibilities on the Facilities/Tech committee on campus. I feel this will help me get a complete understanding of what the position entails as well as allow me to further develop skills I would use should I get the position. I’m head chair of the ad hoc committee to organize the Moorpark College Student Talent Show. I serve as the Director of Events for the Moorpark College History Club. In this position I essentially coordinate speakers to come give presentations within the club as well as organizing outside events for our members to partake in. My passion project on campus is being apart of a two person coalition group that focuses on the historical restoration of decaying structures in Iran in order to help enrich their community. I’m working with fellow Moorpark student Elena Mishkanian and together we act as liaisons between a number of different groups internationally. We’re currently working closely with the Iranian government and UNESCO to restore the Pearl Palace in Tehran to its original state in order for it to be further turned into a museum for the public to enjoy. Besides these positions I also enjoy helping out in the resource center at the school my mother teaches at tutoring kids in math. In terms of past experience, I’ve served as Class President at the High School at Moorpark College where I was head of a number of committees throughout the year and I also was a member of the Junior Statesmen of America all 4 years of High School where I went to various conferences to debate important topics regarding politics.

Describe specific goals, ideas, or programs you would strive to implement if elected to this position.

If elected Director of External Affairs, I would first and foremost guarantee my attendance and participation in all Student Senate and Board of Trustees meetings. This seems strange to have to say but a number of colleges within Region VI are inactive and do not send members to these meetings. As a delegate for Moorpark College, I would always attend these meetings in order to represent the student body. I will listen to the student body and work to pass resolutions at these meetings in order to better benefit the daily lives of Moorpark College students. I will work with other delegates of colleges in order to pass resolutions that will better benefit Region VI as a whole. I will attend General Assembly and work with delegates from other regions in order to pass resolutions that will better benefit California Community College students as a whole. Lastly, I will always remain open and available to the students of Moorpark College. If you have an idea, I want to hear it. If there’s a problem, I want to know about it. Anything that could possibly improve the school or the region will be taken into account and worked on.

Signature: Patrick Nordstrom  Date: March 24th, 2015