Introduction

At the first Associated Students Assembly for the 2016-2017 Academic year, the executive members along with a few senators and executives from the Boards, Commissions, and Units, came together to discuss the state Associated Students UCSB and how we can work on bettering this nonprofit.

Throughout the day, we discussed the Strategic Plan for Associated Students, otherwise known as Vision 2020. The role of this strategic plan is to lay out the plans for the Association from the 2015-2016 Academic year to the 2020-2021 Academic year. The pillars of the strategic plan are: academic support, student well-being, student experience, community, state, national and global issues, and internal organization.

At the end of the AS Assembly, we selected different topics that we can work on and report on. This will help keep accountability for a members of the association and will help foster a sense of community in the decisions that we make.

Step by Step Plan

Argument: This proposal is arguing that the AS Spring elections affects the climate

Step 1: Internal Communication in Associated Students
- Fostering accountability for all executives (President, IVP, EVPLA, EVPSA, SAG)
- Every student holding an elected position should know about be able to explain the way in which the entire Association works holistically.

Step 2: Making AS Main a more open and welcoming space
- Using AS Main as a study space for midterms and finals

Step 3: AS Spring Elections
- Working with Elections Board to host a MANDATORY mixer for all candidates before campaigning begins so that they can get to know each other
- Building collaborations between AS Parties
- ALL students during midterms and finals

Step 4: Preventing Conflict of Interest
- Making sure that students who are running for re-election remain accountable in their current duties and on task to hold the legitimacy of the space