**Jeffry Umaña Muñoz**

My name is Jeffry Umaña Muñoz (he/him) and I am running for Internal Vice President with the Students Organizing Active Resistance slate. Being Salvadoran, low-income, and undocumented, I face a system built to oppress and erase my existence and community.

My work in the Mother Organizations and USAC has shown me that when students organize together, we can reclaim the institution to be an equitable educational resource for all students, especially those that have been historically oppressed. The time has come for USAC to invest in empowering student leaders across campus to push the University forward and uplift marginalized communities.

As IVP, I will:

* Expand and institutionalize Latinx student input into UCLA’s Hispanic-Serving Institution efforts
* Offer direct support to student organizations by redefining their relationship to USAC through an expansion of USAC-sponsored resources, such as funding bodies and institutionalized power
* Challenge the way UCLA approaches campus safety by increasing aid to undocumented students and divesting from UCPD and investing in community care resources

We are at a crossroads— UCLA must address the structural issues faced by marginalized communities on campus to uphold its role as a leading public institution. I am running for Internal Vice President to expand student autonomy at UCLA and materially support student-led interests. As your Internal Vice President, I will use USAC’s institutional leverage to holistically support the student experience and direct attention and resources to the student leaders at the forefront of our University.

**Platforms:**

* **Nuestra Agenda:** Ensure that Latinx students’ input are at the forefront of administration’s mind as the University reaches Hispanic Serving Institution Status. Push UCLA to provide more tangible support to student-run access and retention programs serving the Latinx community with the goal of ultimately establishing a student-governed Latinx Resource Center.
* **RISE (Resilience Is Student Empowerment):** Redefine the relationship between student leaders and USAC and provide student organizations with direct support by working to stipend student leaders, establish an Emergency Expenditures Fund, and break structural barriers for students to access USAC resources.
* **#SAFETY4ALL:** Dramatically restructure the IVP’s Campus Safety Allianceto serve as the leading student voice in reimagining campus safety by developing CSA into a educational, programmatic, and advocacy organization. Support student advocacy divesting from UCPD to push the University to actively engage in divestment on a national and international level.
* **UndocuJustice Now!:** Foster undocumented student success by pushing administration to fully fund undocumented student programs. Push departments to increase stipended fellowship opportunities and mandate allyship trainings throughout campus. Collaborate with Councilmembers to position USAC as a resource for undocumented student empowerment.
* **SOUL (Student Opportunity and Unity through Leadership):** Transform the IVP Office into the leader in transparency, accountability, and accessibility through a series of initiatives focused on the wider spread of information, direct access to Council by student organizations, and a redefinition of what it means to be involved in USAC.

**Experience**

1. As the **Student-Initiated Outreach Committee Chairperson**, I have overseen the allocation of student fees to fund the operations of the Student-Initiated Outreach Center and its 7 university access and outreach projects for underrepresented communities. I have advocated for an end to administrative overstepping and negligence over student-initiated, student-run spaces.
2. As the **MEChA Xinachtli Access Coordinator**, I have helped prepare the project to continue a decades-long program of higher education and postsecondary career preparation services to LA-area Latinx students and to advocate on a University-level for the access/outreach needs of these students.
3. As a **member of the MEChA de UCLA Mesa Directiva,** I have built community and provided support for Latinx students by pushing the organization to reconcile with its flaws and engaging in coalition-building with other Latinx student organizations to support Latinx unity, especially in face of administration’s HSI petition.
4. As **IDEAS’ Internal Representative**, I have worked to ensure undocumented students are prioritized across UCLA spaces by leading collaborations with USAC, student organizations and coalitions, and campus departments/entities to advocate for relief for all undocumented students. This has prepared me to bring this fight to the Council table.
5. As a **Senator to the Academic Senate’s Undergraduate Council,** I have advocated for students consistently, including to extend academic accommodations and other policies during the COVID-19 Pandemic and to push Senate Leadership to strengthen the legitimacy and efficacy of Student Senators.