2016-2017 Candidates for Student Assembly Executive Board

PRESIDENT (unopposed)

Michael Bamisile



My name is Michael Bamisile. My undergraduate years at Christopher Newport University began fall of 2013 and I have been a continuing student in good standing with the university since that time. I am currently a third year student in the Honors Program majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Chemistry. Science has always been of marvelous interest to me, which is a reason why a goal of mine is to become a physician. Science is not my only interest, however; my interest lies in many ideas and subjects. Introspection during my undergraduate years helped me realize that I never limit myself because my overarching goal is to be a blessing

and a comforter to as many people as possible. Becoming a leader might accomplish this, but constantly being a servant will make this goal possible. I am a servant and I know I am ready to serve the CNU community. This is a desire that burns in my soul and fire that can never be quenched. That is why, after serious thoughts and prayers, I have decided that I will be running for President of Student Assembly. I believe that I will be the light that will lead the way for my fellow Captains.

I am confident in my analogy because my history supports me. In my middle school years, my fellow students voted me for Vice President of the entire middle school. In my senior year at my military high school, I was picked by all faculty and staff to be the Executive Battalion Officer, the second highest position and rank. The incredible respect my fellow cadets had for me during this time was also the reason the cadets themselves appointed me to be Vice President of our senior class. I have had various positions during my undergraduate years but the most notable, at least for me, is being on Honor Council and Student Assembly. I am a member of Honor Council and constantly go through trainings that allow me to grow as an individual. I am also currently a delegate on student assembly and am involved with three committees. I am the head of the Academic Affairs Committee and part of the Legislative Affairs Committee and the Appropriations Committee. These leadership experiences give me confidence that I will lead effectively, but I gained the most leadership experience being a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon because it was my brothers who taught me the necessity of being a servant first and a leader second. I want to always serve and that is what the President of Student Assembly must be willing to do for CNU to become more successful.

I have many goals and ideas for Student Assembly, but one of my major goals, however, is to promote unity amongst the different organizations and for my fellow Captains to recognize the potential of our student government. We are Captains and many of us our leaders that have thought provoking ideas that can continue to push CNU in the positive direction at an incredible rate. I don't have a dream, but I do have goals and I guarantee that if I am given a shot, God willing I will not miss.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (unopposed)

Timothy Laboy- Coparropa



My name is Timothy Laboy-Coparropa and I am interested in pursuing the position of Executive Vice-President for the Christopher Newport University Student Assembly. I believe that I possess the necessary skills and experience that would make this position successful within CNU and within the Student Assembly and that I would make a valuable addition to the Executive Board.

Most recently, my responsibilities as the Legislative Affairs Chairman have given me unique insights into the ability that Student Assembly could have within the CNU community. I have also

served as the Vice President of Programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon which has given me practice with delegating and working with large groups of people towards a common goal, which is a match for the qualifications that would make a good Executive Vice President.

Within Student Assembly I would like to see our presence on campus increase, I believe that if we take a more proactive approach to seeking out our constituents thoughts, opinions, and concerns we will further establish ourselves in the campus culture. I look forward to answering any questions about my qualifications or plans that you may have.

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE CANDIDATES (2)

Aaron Lin



My name is Aaron Lin and I am excited to be running to serve as next year's Vice President of Finance.

I feel I am qualified for this position due to my belief in others. As a first year delegate, I have learned that campus improvement is best done through vision, and I envision quality outcomes for Christopher Newport's student body. I believe financial assets can be appropriately managed in a way that best meets the needs of the assembly and students.

As an applied physics major who aspires to go into physics or law, I feel my experience could help these positions. I believe that the mathematics and structure learned through physics classes can help me manage the Assembly's finances, and my legal research and passion for law can help me lead as Executive Vice President. Additionally, I believe my experiences living on-campus and commuting allows me to jointly represent on-campus and commuter students.

One area of Student Assembly I would like to see improved is our visibility on campus. Although we have an office and website, many students are unaware of our presence. Thus, I would conduct all necessary activities to improve the public's awareness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Davis Reagan



My name is Davis Reagan and I am running for the Vice President of Finance of Student Assembly. I am interested in running for this position because I would like to be involved and take a larger role in this organization. I am running specifically for VP of Finance because I aspire to graduate with a degree in accounting, and this provides the firsthand experience I will need to further my education and knowledge. I have had experience running an organization's finances. As School Store Manager, I was in charge of our books. In that role, I filled out all applicable accounting

paperwork, as well as deal with purchases and vendors for various companies. I also have direct experience working on the Student Assembly Appropriations Committee. In this role, I have familiarized myself with the responsibilities that the VP of Finance has. I have participated in the review of Small Grant Fund requests, as well as Conference Fund Requests. This experience has given me the direct knowledge of the tasks and responsibilities that the VP of Finance must handle. If elected, I would continue to advertise the Small Conference Fund, and what that money can mean for the various student organizations. This is such a valuable resource for our campus, and unfortunately I believe we can do more in order to provide the opportunity of this service to our campus.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.