Meet the Executive Committee
by Carlos Ignacio García

We Can Progress Together!

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Benefits of Participating in Student Organizations

• Enrich your educational experience
• Empowers your creativity
• Opportunity to develop skills:
  • Leadership and Organizational
  • Teamwork and Time management
• Advance common interests
• Exposed to different ways of thinking
Benefits of Participating in Student Organizations

• A platform to start your public service in the community where you live
• Marketability in the job market
• Our Values:
  • Networking
  • Solidarity
  • Information sharing
  • Integration
  • Hospitality
Maritza Abril

A native from Bogotá, Colombia.

She obtained her Doctoral degree at The University of Southern Mississippi on May 2008.

Upon graduation she accepted a postdoctoral position in the Department of Biological Sciences at Louisiana State University.

Advisor
Wilmer Barrera

Native from El Salvador.

M.Sc. student in Plant Pathology.

Working on a research project to elucidate the factors that affect the development of the Sugarcane Rust Disease.
Freddy Garces
A native from Colombia.

He obtained a B.Sc. degree from the National University of Colombia-Medellin.

M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the State University of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

PhD student in the Dept. of Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, where he studies the sugarcane reaction against the bacterium *Xanthomonas albilineans*, using a proteomics approach.

Vice-President
Carlos Ignacio García
A native from Guatemala.

He pursued a B.Sc. degree from Pan American School of Agriculture El Zamorano, Honduras.

He obtained a M.Sc. degree from LSU, his research focused on the consumer behavior of Latin/Hispanic consumers in U.S.A.

Currently, PhD student, his research interests include Fiscal Policy in Latin America.

He promotes graduate education in Latin America, motivating students to continue their research endeavors in The United States.

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Secretary
José Francisco Velásquez

A native from Barcelona, Venezuela.

M.Sc. in Latin American Literature from the Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela.

PhD Student in Comparative Literature.

He is a Fulbright scholar.
Yalma Vargas-Rodriguez

A native from Guadalajara, Mexico.

She obtained a M. Sc. degree at LSU, with a research focus in the ecology and conservation of relict and disjunct trees.

She is currently a Ph.D. student in the Biological Sciences Department, and has interest in evolutionary biology of plant species.

Chair of the Academics Committee
Raul Gomez

A native from Costa Rica.

He holds a Master of Music degree in Violin Performance from LSU. He is currently a DMA candidate at LSU in Orchestral Conducting and Violin Performance.

Gomez is a recipient of the Huel D. Perkins Diversity Doctoral Fellowship from the LSU Graduate School and holds the distinction of being a Sidney M. Blitzer violinist at LSU School of Music.

Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee
Damir Torrico

A native from Cochabamba, Bolivia.

He obtained a B.Sc. degree at Zamorano University, Honduras.

M.Sc. student in Food Sciences.

Currently, he is working in the area of edible films for food preservation at the Food Science Department.

Chair of the Webmaster & Graphic Design Committee
• You can start leading a committee.
• Refer to the website for the Strategic Plan Template
Committees and Chairpersons

• Constitution: Officers ... they shall foster leadership and organization skills among the active members of the organization.
• Committees: Liaisons while talented chairpersons are found.

• Academics: Yalma Vargas
• Cultural Affairs: Raul Gomez
• Fundraising: Liaison - Jose Velasquez
• Hospitality: Liaison - Wilmer Barrera
• Integration: Liaison - Freddy Garces
• Webmaster and Graphic Design: Damir Torrico
Academics Committee

To facilitate the integration of Latin American students to the LSU academic life

To maintain LASA members updated on major academic issues and events at LSU
Cultural Affairs Committee

To organize and promote events that will feature and display Latin American culture

To help Latin American students from different countries at LSU come together as one big community by sharing what we have in common and learning from our differences
Webmaster/Graphic Designs Committee

The main objective is the design and updates of the official LASA webpage

In addition, the committee has to provide, share, and communicate information about the organization and its activities to the world
Integration Committee

To facilitate the integration of Latin American student to campus life and the Baton Rouge community

To coordinate with other committees the integration to LASA of new incoming students
Hospitality Committee

To promote and strength the solidarity among the members of the Latin American community at LSU

Fundraising Committee
Signing of the Constitution
Louisiana State University A&M

Campus Life
  • Gabriel Radau, GA for Student Organizations
  • Michelle Lowery Eldredge, Associate Director

College of Arts and Sciences
  • Dr. Guillermo Ferreyra, Dean

Graduate School
  • Kip Britton
  • Dr. William Worger, Dean

ICC
  • Maureen Hewitt, Manager

ISO
  • Natalie Rigby, Director
Questions and Answers Session

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