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PRESIDENT

CAROLYN
KOS



Carolyn Kos hopes to make the IIT experience enjoyable for all students by maintaining communication with students and faculty, so everyone has a voice. Kos wishes to focus on drafting a plan of what IIT needs to improve on within the next 5-10 years and hopes to have each committee work on a long-term goal that will bring about a lasting, positive impact. When it comes to leadership, Kos is hands-off, serving mostly as a guide and coming in only when necessary. She hopes to lead others by example and give senators and executive board members a chance to develop as people and leaders. Kos is currently in her third year in biomedical engineering and has been an SGA Senator, followed by holding office as VP of Student Life for the past year. Kos is currently serving as Vice President of Alumnae and Heritage and Philanthropy Chair of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She has played an integral part on the Food Advisory Committee and has helped propose for Late Night Dining at IIT.

ELNAZ
MOSHFEGHIAN



Elnaz Moshfeghian's main priority is to strengthen SGA from the inside out. She believes the toughest challenge SGA faces is being able to truly reflect the interests of the entire student body. However, by fostering a supportive, fun, and engaging environment, Moshfeghian hopes to empower and spread enthusiasm amongst senators working toward positive change. Moshfeghian's leadership experience includes serving as a Resident Advisor, team leader for Alternative Spring Break 2010, and Chair of the 7-Eleven Advisory Committee. Her main efforts are focused on continuing the progress on the Foreign Language Program, IPRO 2.0, Galvin 24/5, and unveiling UCAL, a project she founded. Moshfeghian implements a more hands-on approach by pairing committee members with senators and making sure executive board members are adequately prepared to serve as an advisor and a guide to more resources.

SASANK
BOMMIREDDIPALLI

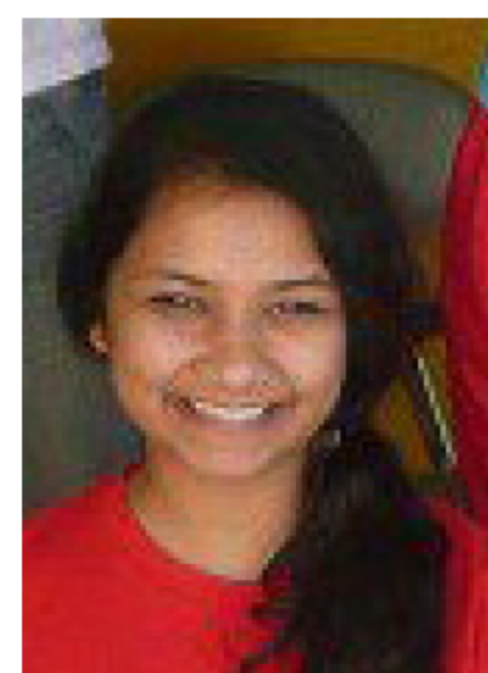


Not present at the debates, Sasank Bommireddipalli is a mechanical engineering graduate student whose goals cover the purview of many different positions, including Finance Board Chair and VP of Communications. Bommireddipalli hopes to gather the

opinions of the IIT community, implement the suggestions of the various colleges, and maintain transparency of the funds allocated to various student activities. A weak understanding of what the president's duties are is apparent, as no mention of previous SGA projects and specific plans for progress were made. More importantly, a vision for SGA's future was not communicated in a constructive manner. Lastly, completing his undergraduate studies elsewhere seriously limits his knowledge of the concerns and needs of undergraduates at IIT. While his determination and eagerness to work with fellow students toward change is clear, an ability to handle the many responsibilities of SGA president was not evident in the candidate profile.

EXECUTIVE VP

DHARA
SHAH



Dhara Shah wasn't able to make it to the debates, but took the time to record a video to make her case. Though she is running unopposed, we appreciated the chance to hear more about her ideas. Thanks to her time leading Engineers Without Borders, she has a strong background of executive experience, and she's also been heavily involved with Haiti Outreach and Kappa Phi Delta. Her primary goals for the Executive VP position would revolve around SGA senators - running meetings effectively, helping senators develop, and running workshops. She also wants to use the position to follow up on Students Speak survey results with departments on behalf of students.

VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

JIVI
OVHORI



Jivi Oviori's main priority is bettering the relationship between students, their advisors, and the CMC. He is currently the Academic Excellence chair of NSBE, is on the board of the African Student Organization, and involved with RHA. He's passionate about getting students more interested in excelling academically, as well. His top priorities would be to continue the committee's work on the foreign language program, make all lectures available online both in video and downloadable pdf form, and working with the ARC to make old exams available to students as a learning tool.

Oviori was at an NSBE conference at the time of the debates, so unfortunately he wasn't able to expand on any of his ideas with concrete plans.

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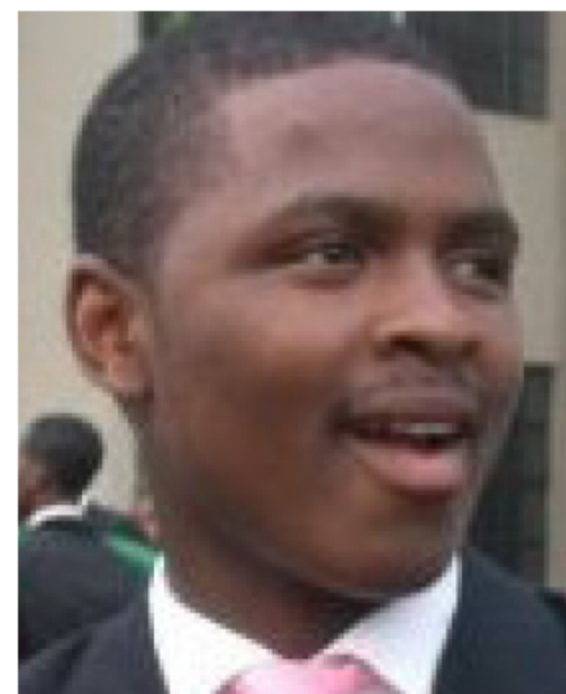


Ausrine Rakauskaitė, a second-year CAE major, has been involved in organizations as diverse as NSLS, IIT's Badminton Club, and the Commuter Students Association. Her overriding concern for the Academic Affairs Committee is obtaining feedback from students and academic departments to identify the academic issues most important to students. She also wants to test a fixed syllabus at IIT - requiring professors to have lesson plans and exam dates finalized before the start of any given semester.

At the debates, connecting students with the academic and career resources available to them on campus was a priority for Ausrine. We were a little concerned, however, about the lack of any mention of the Students Speak results for academic departments, and the CMC Advisory Board.

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

CHUKWUDI
ILOZUE



Chukwudi Ilozue wasn't able to make it to the debates due to the National Society of Black Engineers conference. He's currently Treasurer of that organization and as part of his position has raised \$25,000 in funds (a record for IIT's NSBE). He's also the VP of Finance for the African Student Organization and on the RHA Housing Committee. He's running for Finance Board Chair due to his interest in finance management. His chief concern for Finance Board is equality in the distribution of finances for all organizations. We wish we had been given the opportunity to get more details on his plans for the position to provide a better evaluation of his candidature.

BERNIE
MENDEZ



Bernardino Mendez is an experienced candidate, having already served on Finance Board for two years. He's very familiar with the proposal process, and one of his main priorities is to get rid of the red tape involved. He wants to make sure that no one is denied funding because of a technicality, but would like to see more detailed follow-up budgets. He sees this position as being a facilitator between SGA, student orgs and OSL. Mendez said that he always looks for accountability when considering a proposal, reviewing the bylaws and guidelines frequently. He didn't specify other possible funding criteria. Overall, he would bring significant experience and a focus on the process and inner workings of Finance Board to the position, but his vision for fund allocation remains unclear.