

# The California Tech

## SENIOR CLASS 2021-22 ELECTIONS CO-PRESIDENTS (3 CANDIDATE PAIRS)

### Yuying Lin and Sophie Li

Hi everyone! We are Sophie and Yuying, and we're running to be the senior class co-presidents because we want you to make the most out of your last year at Caltech. Our time here was cut short, and to make the best out of 2021-2022 we would like to propose the following:

1. Increase the \$1000 per house Ditch Day funding from ASCIT
2. Conduct anonymous surveys to gauge interest in classwide events, especially for the senior trip and the senior gift
3. Work with admin to give alumni from 2020 and 2021 the chance to participate in Ditch Day activities with additional funding
4. Negotiate with admin to ensure that in-person social events take place throughout the year, culminating with an excellent senior trip

Both of us have extensive experience in organizing campus events and acting as liaisons between students and administration. Sophie was the SAGE council president and Yuying was ASCIT president so as a team, we've engaged with admin across various departments. We are in a position where we will be able to communicate and negotiate effectively with the admin for the class's goals.

We're looking forward to coming back strong for our senior year!!



Yuying Lin (left) and Sophie Li (right)

### Andy Tong and Megan Wang

Hi, Class of 2022!

First of all, we wanted to congratulate everyone for sticking it out during this past year as we all adjusted to remote learning. To make up for the numerous experiences we have missed during the pandemic, we, Andy Tong and Megan Wang believe that our class deserves to have a fun and fulfilling final year at Caltech.

We believe that our combined experience, diverse backgrounds, and passion can allow us to grant an amazing final year for our class. Andy is the current Avery Vice Chancellor where he manages house funds and handles alumni relations along with helping organize our house events. Last year he worked as Avery secretary where he managed house membership, mailing lists, and helped make house decisions. Megan just finished her term as ARC chair and has organized campus-wide events involving students and faculty (<https://sfc.sites.caltech.edu/>). Being the VP of Academic Affairs, she has worked with administrators such as Tom, Felicia, Jenn (head of CTLO), Cindy (vice provost), and the undergraduate deans to improve the academic and research experience of the student body. Through our combined years of experience, we have gained a variety of leadership skills that will be invaluable to making Ditch Day, Senior Trip, Senior Dinner, and Graduation successful. Furthermore, being both active members of our houses (Avery and Fleming), we hope to express a diversity of opinions when making important decisions that affect the whole class. In an effort to give each house

equal representation, Andy and I plan on hosting office hours every week to facilitate communication between us and the senior class.

Since our class has only experienced one in-person Ditch Day, we wanted to begin planning and organization of the event as early as possible. We plan on reaching out to leadership from the class of 2018 (as they planned the last in-person Ditch Day) to approach our Ditch Day comeback efficiently and properly. We know that Ditch Day is an important event to keep house culture alive, and with two new underclassmen classes on campus, we will ensure that certain traditions are kept and approved in the stack approval process.

Next, we have a responsibility to plan the Senior Trip. As our class has missed numerous house trips and interhouses, we deserve a great and unforgettable experience. Since the previous two classes did not get a senior trip due to the pandemic, we know that there is money to spare in this department and we will work closely with admin to make sure we get as much funding as possible. To ensure a destination that will be fun for everyone, we will survey destination ideas from the class and utilize ranked-choice voting to find the best location.

Thank you for taking the time to read our candidate statement! If you have any questions or suggestions for us, feel free to email us at [yinghan@caltech.edu](mailto:yinghan@caltech.edu) and [ajtong@caltech.edu](mailto:ajtong@caltech.edu) or Messenger us. We are eager to work with you and hear your ideas in making our senior year a memorable and successful one!



Andy Tong



Megan Wang

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## SENIOR CLASS 2021-22 ELECTIONS CO-PRESIDENTS (3 CANDIDATE PAIRS) (CONT.)

### Alya Al-Kibbi and Rae Moar

Hello Seniors!

It's crazy that we're already headed towards our last year at Caltech. It seriously feels like we were sophomores just a few months ago. We're lucky enough to get one more year on campus before we graduate, so we want to make up for all the time we lost and make this the most exciting senior year we can. We hope you give us the chance to do so!

The two of us have a combined wealth of leadership experience at Caltech. Alya spent a year on Ruddock Excomm, organizing welcome events for new frosh and being a lead organizer for Ruddock Frosh Party. She also helped organize dance events as part of leadership for the Caltech West Coast Swing club. She has volunteered for admissions in the past, hosting prefrosh for PFE and shadow prospective students, so she knows how to communicate about the parts of Caltech that make it great!

Rae has spent time on Fleming excomm collaborating with house leadership. Not to be confined to one house, she was also a part of Page social team, working her butt off to make great social events happen. As an admissions ambassador, she has plenty of experience with planning events, such as PFE and Women in STEM. Additionally, her time as an SFP ambassador allowed her to gain even more experience with event planning and with social outreach.

Together, we will bring enthusiasm and energy to the position of Senior Class Presidents. We are passionate about the Caltech student body and have both worked hard in the past to improve the experiences of our fellow students. We will bring this energy forward and focus it on making the Class of 2021's final year fun and exciting. In our previous leadership experiences, we learned to be responsible and organized, and you can bet we will run your senior year as smoothly as possible.

We are running for Co-Presidents with one primary value in mind: inclusivity. We are only two people, but we are confident that we can represent all 200+ of us. Above all, we want every single senior to feel heard. We plan to regularly visit all



Rae Moar



Alya Al-Kibbi

houses to attend dinners, hold Q&As and have casual conversations. We are both easily approachable and want anyone to be able to voice their concerns to us. We will not forget unaffiliated seniors outside of the house system and seniors living off campus, as their inputs need to be recognized. To make sure everyone's voice is heard, we will regularly send out surveys to gauge opinions throughout the year. We plan to stay up to date with all of your thoughts and concerns.

We're not just coming at this with vague ideas and promises, we already have specific action goals in mind. Having been on house excomms, we understand just how important house traditions are. We will ensure that senior traditions that might have slipped away during the pandemic remain upheld for our year and those to come. We will be working closely with Tom Mannion to host regular fun senior events with plenty of free food. We will plan a senior hike to celebrate how far we've come during our time in Pasadena. We will work with the Caltech fund to raise money for our senior gift. We will begin planning ditch day as soon as possible, working closely with administrators to make sure it runs smoothly when the time comes. We will make

room reservations and the stack approval process as fair as possible, plan more fake stacks and collaborate with each house individually to preserve Ditch Day traditions. We will make communication between all house leaders as open as possible. We also intend to get an early start on planning the senior trip. We will ensure that voting procedures to pick a location are fair and satisfy everyone, in the hopes that we can make this event an exciting final hurrah for our class. In the spirit of inclusivity, we will work to make this trip affordable so that all seniors can participate and will advocate for increased funding.

We will advocate for seniors every step of the way. We have no problem fighting for student interests and will stand our ground when necessary to make sure that seniors' needs are met. We would be honored to hold the position of Senior Class Presidents, and we sincerely hope you give us the chance to pour our passion into it. Please feel free to contact us any time at [emoar@caltech.edu](mailto:emoar@caltech.edu) and [aalkibbi@caltech.edu](mailto:aalkibbi@caltech.edu), and we are also available on Facebook messenger. Let's have a great senior year!

- Alya and Rae

### ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2021  
TAKEN BY KATHERINE CHANG.

Officers Present: Yuying Lin, Megan Wang, Aditi Venkatesh, Eilleen Zhang, Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Katherine Chang

Guests: Vignesh Varadarajan, Catherine Kauber

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

#### President's Report (Yuying):

ASCIT bylaws amendments passed BoD vote, will be sent to ug-list for voting

Resolution amendment to Resolution 1, passed BoD vote; will be sent to Revcomm

Staff awards deadline extended

#### Officer's Reports:

##### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Megan):

SFC bumped with house presidents, happening Friday 4/23

Next ARC chair will need to request more money for Student-Faculty lunches

##### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

Transition with IHC in progress

##### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Sent out remaining club funding email

Talked to Tech Editors

Devteam recognition plans

#### Treasurer (Eilleen):

Club reimbursements going smoothly

Chess club funding request approved

Totem funding logistics

#### Social Manager (Ayooluwa):

Fleming/Page Trivia Night funding logistics

Earthday Grubhub Event logistics

#### Secretary (Katherine):

Nothing to report

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

### ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRANSITION MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2021  
TAKEN BY KATHERINE CHANG.

Officers Present: Yuying Lin, Megan Wang, Aditi Venkatesh, Eilleen Zhang, Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Katherine Chang

Guests: Mohini Misra, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

#### President's Report (Yuying):

Transition/meeting overview

Selection for Staff Appreciation Awards

#### Officer's Reports:

##### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Megan):

SFC was successful, had good attendance

Will write up SFC reports and follow up on recommendations

In October will talk to faculty boards about next steps

##### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

IHC transition in progress

Nominations for IHC Secretary open

##### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Had CSOC meeting, approved new clubs

##### Treasurer (Eilleen):

Worked on Club reimbursements

ARC event funding form to cover additional SFC costs approved

##### Social Manager (Ayooluwa):

Cross house social event promotion

Event invoices followup

##### Secretary (Katherine):

Transition logistics

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 pm

## ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2021  
TAKEN BY KATHERINE CHANG.

Officers Present: Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Mohini Misra, Katherine Chang, Aditi Venkatesh, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan

Guests: Maggie Sui

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

### President's Report (Ayooluwa):

Leadership week logistics  
Secretary appointment schedule  
Health committee proposal logistics  
India Covid Relief statement  
Social media posts  
New BoD logistics/platforms

### Officer's Reports:

#### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Mohini):

Secretary appointment in progress, at-large reps next week  
SFLs update  
ASCIT Teaching Awards opening next week

#### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

IHC appointed new Secretary; signups for other reps this next week, interviews/appointments the week after  
Diversity initiative (IHC+ORE+CCID) logistics  
Meetings planned with administration

#### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Little t updates

#### Treasurer (Matthew):

Transition logisitcs

#### Social Manager (Kavya):

Remaining third quarter event logistics  
Social media survey logistics

#### Secretary (Katherine):

Nothing to report

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm

## ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2021  
TAKEN BY KATHERINE CHANG.

Officers Present: Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Mohini Misra, Katherine Chang, Aditi Venkatesh, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan

Call to Order: 7:25 pm

### President's Report (Ayooluwa):

Health Care logistics  
Frosh Committee transitioning  
Appointed Nicole Heflin as new ASCIT Secretary  
ASCIT BoD transition meeting this week

### Officer's Reports:

#### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Mohini):

Appointed ARC Secretary (James Chen), At-large reps appointed this week  
Ombuds training happened 5/3  
Student-Faculty lunches happening 5/14  
ASCIT Teaching awards logistics

#### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

Appointing committee chairs (Foodcomm chair, Stewcomm chair, IHC Athman, Revcomm chair, Campus-wide OW-coordinator, DEI chair), signups open until Tuesday  
Beginning fall planning

#### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Contacted Tech Editors

### Treasurer (Matthew):

Carryover money and budget logistics

### Social Manager (Kavya):

Cross-house event budget rollover  
Social media survey results

### Secretary (Katherine):

Nothing to report

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 pm

## ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 2021  
TAKEN BY NICOLE HEFLIN.

Officers Present: Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Mohini Misra, Katherine Chang, Aditi Venkatesh, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan, Nicole Heflin

Guests: Allessandra Mondello, Ashmia Agarwal, Tom Mannion

Call to Order: 8:32 pm

### President's Report (Ayooluwa):

Student Survey Responses:

- *Concern:* Making ASCIT secretary an elected position
- *Note:* In 2009, there was a decision to remove the elected Secretary position from the BoD and create an appointed ASCIT Secretary position, which is not a member of the BoD and holds no voting power. 2009 Tech issue detailing this change: Tech Issue 01/20/09
- *Concern:* Making Newsletter Single Emails
- *Note:* A previous survey concerning the ASCIT newsletter showed that a majority of students liked the newsletter format as opposed to individual emails
- *Response:* We will continue to publish the ASCIT newsletter, as usual, for the remainder of term. Next year, we will send out another survey to gauge students' opinions and see if any changes should be made.
- *Concern:* BoD Meeting Reminders
- *Note:* BoD meetings are every Sunday at 7:30pm PST (unless otherwise stated) at the same zoom link.
- *Response:* We will include BoD meeting reminders in the newsletter, which is sent out on Saturdays at 4pm PST.

### Officer's Reports:

#### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Mohini):

Appointments  
SFL on 5/14 was a success!  
Nominations for Teaching Awards close on 5/21  
BOC Collaboration Guide for incoming frosh/smores

#### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

RA hiring  
Partying in Pasadena is a concern, please stay safe  
Title IX support talks for frosh  
Committee appointments

#### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Nothing to report

#### Treasurer (Matthew):

Budget Review

#### Social Manager (Kavya):

2 remaining events for the term!

#### Secretary (Nicole):

Nothing to report

GUESTS

#### Allessandra & Ashima:

Ditch Day funding logistics

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Meeting Adjourned: 9:42 pm

## ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR MAY 23, 2021  
TAKEN BY NICOLE HEFLIN.

Officers Present: Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Mohini Misra, Katherine Chang, Aditi Venkatesh, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan, Nicole Heflin

Call to Order: 8:32 pm

### President's Report (Ayooluwa):

ASCIT App - Test run with Avery, Ricketts, and Fleming; clubs & houses will have their own pages and can post events; midnight donuts will be through the app

### Officer's Reports:

#### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Mohini):

SFC funding  
ASCIT Teaching Award recipients have been selected

#### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

Roompicks updates  
Rising smore orientation updates  
Campus climates survey incentives (survey closes May 28th)

#### Director of Operations (Aditi):

(see ASCIT App above)

#### Treasurer (Matthew):

Budget Review

#### Social Manager (Kavya):

Logistics & finalized date for Family Feud event

#### Secretary (Nicole):

Nothing to report

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Meeting Adjourned: 9:01 pm

## ASCIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR MAY 30, 2021  
TAKEN BY NICOLE HEFLIN.

Officers Present: Ayooluwa Odemuyiwa, Mohini Misra, Katherine Chang, Aditi Venkatesh, Matthew Hajjar, Kavya Rajagopalan, Nicole Heflin

Guests: Abigail Jiang

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

### President's Report (Ayooluwa):

APIDA+ fundraiser  
ASCIT App  
Bylaw Amendments  
Budget Review  
Student Survey Responses:

- Making Newsletter Single Emails: We will continue with the same Newsletter format until the end of the year. We will send out a survey to gauge students' opinions on the Newsletter to see if any changes should be made for the upcoming year.
- Election Turnout: If there are concerns about election turnout, please reach out to RevComm suggesting they ask ASCIT to advertise the elections. (ASCIT needs RevComm approval to avoid any conflict of interest) Please use this link to submit concerns to RevComm: RevCommSubmissionForm
- ASCIT Ditch Day Funding: Yes, ASCIT did fund Ditch Day. As a reminder, funding is by reimbursement so please send your receipts to the ASCIT treasurer Matthew Hajjar at mhajjar@caltech.edu

### Officer's Reports:

#### V.P. of Academic Affairs (Mohini):

Working with admin to get class recordings

#### V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Katherine):

Fall roompicks  
Smore Orientation and FCC involvement  
House Tom Mannion events

#### Director of Operations (Aditi):

Nothing to report

**Treasurer (Matthew):**

Nothing to report

**Social Manager (Kavya):**

Family feud event planning

**Secretary (Nicole):**

Nothing to report

## GUESTS:

**Abigail Jiang:**

APIDA+ fundraiser logistics

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:05 pm

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