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The Inter Club Council  
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd.  
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To My Fellow Members,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you all today. I would like to start off by saying thank you for this opportunity to serve alongside each of you for the 2017-2018 academic year. I look forward to participating in the effort to make Gavilan College the community college of choice, both for the Gilroy community, as well as our surrounding sister communities.

I believe that it is imperative to share with you my vision as the Vice President of Clubs. My vision can be summarized in four words: presence, unity, protection, and structure.

Presence, seeks to raise students' awareness of the clubs currently on campus. This will be done in three ways: (1) Brainstorming new and innovative ideas to market clubs to students. One such idea is featuring a club every month on the Gavilan homepage and the rest of Gavilan's social media platforms. (2) Encouraging clubs to collaborate on special events, such as having the Young Americans for Freedom and the Gavilan Democratic club hold a public debate (possibly live streamed by the Gavilan Film Club). (3) Promoting campus clubs through participation in campus events. One example might be: Rho Alpha Mu volunteers will help set up and break down the Health Faire or Transfer Day.

Unity, entails conducting surveys on our sister campuses to pinpoint their exact needs and wants, and find out which needs are (or aren't) being met with regards to student activities – such as clubs, events, etc. This will involve tabling at each campus over the course of the academic year. I will be proud to inform students not only about our clubs here on the main campus, but also about the opportunities within ASGC and Inter Club Council (ICC).

When reading over the ICC's bylaws, I was surprised to see that there was no conflict-resolution policy currently in place. Thus, bringing us to protection: Focused on collaborating with the ICC and ASGC members, my hope is that we will create and implement both a conflict-resolution and a zero-tolerance for bullying policy. This is a goal I feel is readily achievable with your support and I look forward to future discussions on this matter. Although some may feel protection is not of great importance at this point in time, I stand behind the idea that making strides early on to protect our students is essential for preventing conflicts that could arise in the future.

Lastly, structure, is geared towards filling the remaining Vice Chair positions within the ICC to ensure maximum productivity over the next academic year.

In the next month, I will be attending club meetings to establish a point of contact for all things clubs here at Gavilan College. I plan to share with each club my goals during my term as VP of Clubs.

I am excited to be a part of what already is an intelligent group of individuals. I aspire to inspire the students of Gavilan College, and I am grateful to be able to achieve this dream. Let us continue to cultivate a place for students to achieve their dreams and desires. If in any way, I can be of support to you individually, please, do not hesitate to reach out. My door is always open and you are always welcome.

In Omnia Paratus,

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