

Student Council Pledges

Taejae University 4th Cohort · First Student Council Election

Presidential Candidate **Wonjae Koh** · Vice Presidential Candidate **Jimin Park**

Campaign Pledges

Direction of the Student Council

Student Agency

Student Unity

Communication with the
University

At its core, a Student Council is an association of students. We will build a Student Council in which all 72 members of the 4th Cohort actively participate in shaping the community and connecting with one another. As student representatives, we will also communicate with the university and do our best to improve students' university experience.

1 Student Agency

Respect student agency and operate a participatory Student Council

- All members of the 4th Cohort will be members of the Student Council
- Hold a monthly open forum and conduct a Student Oversight Review
- Operate and actively promote a Student Council Suggestion Box

By making all students in the 4th Cohort official members of the Student Council, we aim to create a culture in which students naturally feel a sense of responsibility for university life and for expressing their opinions. More importantly, the fact that 'we are all members of the Student Council' should give students a clear reason to step forward without hesitation when they want to participate more actively in a Student Council activity or project. We will create an open Student Council in which anyone can participate and contribute proactively without unnecessary barriers.

2 Student Unity

Support and encourage student-led activities

- Support and manage academic and career-oriented clubs
- Support and manage arts, sports, and recreational clubs
- Secure seminar spaces for clubs and support activity budgets
- Hold an Academic Festival

We will support the active operation of academic and career-oriented clubs as well as arts, sports, and recreational clubs so that students' interests can develop into voluntary communities and collaborations. By securing seminar spaces and supporting budget requests for club activities, we will create an academic environment in which students with different backgrounds and talents can generate meaningful synergy together.

Strengthen community connections and improve everyday convenience

- Plan and run community programs
- Secure and manage shared spaces
- Activate the Taejae Community Site
- Develop and promote group-purchasing options
- Use English in official Student Council events and communication channels

We will run community programs, with ideas such as end-of-month birthday gatherings and student-organized awards currently under consideration. We will also explore practical ways to improve students' daily convenience, including extending access hours for shared spaces and, where appropriate, renting external venues. We will activate the Taejae Community Site, which includes a wiki and a map of recommended restaurants, and develop workable group-purchasing options for everyday necessities. Reflecting Taejae University's international character, we will use English in official Student Council events and communication channels so that Korean and international students can communicate and participate more easily.

3 Communication with the University

- Inquire about a refund of Praeparatorium tuition
- Improve the university's curriculum feedback structure
- Promote budget support for clubs and student activities
- Discuss requirements and criteria for budget support for clubs and student activities
- Establish regular faculty-student consultation meetings

We will continuously communicate students' needs and requests to the university so that appropriate alternatives can be developed. We will work to improve the curriculum feedback structure so that student opinions about courses can be gathered more effectively. We will also promote stronger budget support, including club funding and Student Council support calculated in relation to the number of students. Through regular faculty-student consultation meetings, we will discuss appropriate forms of support based on student numbers and work to ensure that important decisions are shared with students in advance.

If elected, we pledge to make our best effort to carry out these commitments.

Student Council Organizational Structure

President

Wonjae Koh

Vice President

Jimin Park

Executive Team Structure and Responsibilities

1 Administration

- Support the Student Oversight Review
- Prepare meeting minutes and document regulations

2 Finance

- Prepare budget proposals
- Execute budgets and manage accounting

3 Student Engagement & Communication

- Plan and run the monthly open forum
- Operate the Student Council Suggestion Box (collect opinions and provide responses)
- Manage student communication channels (including the Taejae Community Site)

4 Academic & Club Support

- Manage clubs and support their activities
- Plan and operate the Academic Festival

5 Academic Affairs Liaison

- Improve curriculum feedback methods
- Communicate with university administrative teams and systematize budget-support procedures
- Request and prepare regular faculty-student consultation meetings and coordinate agendas

6 Student Life & Welfare

- Manage shared spaces
- Design and operate a group-purchasing system
- Plan and run community programs

7 Programs & Events Planning Lead

- Oversee practical planning for community programs and major university events
- Oversee and support on-site event operations

8 External Relations & Communications

- Create promotional materials for programs and events and maintain media records
- Support external partnerships and plan related collaborative initiatives

*This organizational structure is a draft and will be further developed through communication and consultation.

Candidate Statements

Vice Presidential Candidate

Jimin Park

Hello. My name is Jimin Park, and I am running as the vice presidential candidate for the first Student Council of Taejae University's 4th Cohort.

I would like to greet my fellow members of the 4th Cohort as the cool autumn weather begins. Although it has not yet been a full month since we entered the university, spending time together in shared spaces and hallways and meeting one another's eyes has made me realize that we are companions and supporters who will share the next four years together.

Even within the 4th Cohort, Taejae University is home to students with remarkably diverse backgrounds and talents. Each person has different interests and capabilities, and some have already built professional experience in their respective fields. I believe that when people with such diverse strengths connect and collaborate, extraordinary possibilities can emerge. This can become part of Taejae's future and help members of the 4th Cohort grow into individuals with the capacity to make an impact on the world.

I am someone who values being part of a community. During high school, I spent three years living and studying with a student body of 50 at a boarding alternative school.

Through that experience, I learned how difficult it can be to bring people together. Because people differ in temperament, background, and ways of life, conflict was almost inevitable. Yet I also saw that when each person chose understanding, respect, and consideration for the common good, genuine unity became possible. The different strengths of individuals could then come together to create possibilities that no one person could achieve alone.

For this reason, I hope to create a Student Council that serves as a space where students can get to know one another and build meaningful collaboration.

I believe I have developed the practical experience needed to help make that process happen. The school I attended for the past three years was itself a new institution that had been established less than five years earlier.

There, I served in a variety of organizations as both a leader and a team member, including as Chair of the Schoolwide Student Representative Council, a Student Council member, Project Lead for the Video Team, a participant and Grand Prize winner in an app-development hackathon, and Deputy Manager of the Management Division of an association of Christian alternative schools. Through these experiences, I learned how to initiate new projects based on students' different needs and talents, how to help shape an organization's structure and culture, and how to lead meetings and organizational operations in a variety of communication settings.

Over the past two years, through my work on the Student Representative Council, I directly drafted proposals to enact and revise school regulations and led schoolwide discussions on those regulations. The experience of gathering student opinions through surveys and discussions and carefully organizing them into structured documents will serve as a strong foundation for communicating with Taejae University and building sustainable systems over the long term.

Fellow members of the 4th Cohort, we are standing at the starting point of creating new possibilities for Taejae University together. I believe the Student Council should serve as a bridge that represents students, communicates on their behalf, and works together with them to find the best direction for student life. Because Taejae University is still a young institution, it is especially important to communicate carefully with the university while building a strong student culture.

At times, we will clearly communicate students' needs; at the same time, we will also listen closely to the university's perspective and build a relationship between students and the university based on mutual respect and trust.

I will work with Student Council presidential candidate Wonjae Koh with all my effort so that Taejae University's first Student Council can become a starting point that turns the diverse possibilities of the 4th Cohort into real change.

Presidential Candidate

Wonjae Koh

Hello. My name is Wonjae Koh, and I am running for Student Council president together with vice presidential candidate Jimin Park in the first Student Council election for Taejae University's 4th Cohort.

Many of you may already have spoken with me in class or while coming and going through the dormitory. In everyday life, I may seem more like a friend who jokes around often and is easy to talk to. But as I step forward as a candidate for Student Council president, I would like to speak a little more seriously about who I am and how I think.

This is the kind of person I am.

I have clear standards about what I believe is right and wrong, and about the values that matter to me.

In particular, I find it difficult to simply pass by when someone is placed in an unfair situation or when something seems unreasonable. When necessary, I believe we should raise the issue clearly and speak up.

Taejae University is still in the process of building new systems and a new culture. Because of that, unexpected problems may arise in areas that have not yet become fully established, such as course registration, university administration, and student support. The Student Council may not directly control university operations, but when problems occur, it is important that students' voices are properly delivered and that a reasonable process for finding solutions is created.

When students' rights and needs must be communicated, I will speak clearly and make sure their opinions reach the places where they need to be heard.

I enjoy science, and I value logical and efficient ways of solving problems.

I graduated from a science high school, and I still enjoy science today. Perhaps because of that background, when I encounter a phenomenon or a problem, I naturally tend to analyze its causes and effects logically and think about possible solutions or more effective alternatives.

I also place a high value on efficiency. I do not think the Student Council should spend excessive time on meetings for the sake of meetings, events for the sake of events, or formality for appearance's sake. Its work should genuinely improve students' daily university life.

I will think carefully about how to act quickly when action is needed, reduce unnecessary procedures and formalities, and use our limited time and resources where they can provide real value to students.

I also want to be someone students feel comfortable talking to.

If Wonjae Koh as a fellow student and member of the same cohort is someone who feels easy to approach, then Wonjae Koh as Student Council president will be someone who speaks and acts with greater care and responsibility. At the same time, I do not want to lose the approachability I have now.

Whether we meet in the dormitory, talk over a meal, or exchange a single message, I hope students will feel comfortable sharing the inconveniences, concerns, and ideas they experience in university life. I will work to ensure that even a small voice does not stop within the Student Council, but reaches the place where it needs to be heard.

Taejae University brings together students with different backgrounds, interests, abilities, and goals. I believe it is also important to create an environment where these students can naturally meet and connect.

I want to help create an environment where Korean and international students can interact naturally, where people with different interests can connect through clubs and communities, and where the Student Council can support and sustain ideas and services created by students themselves.

During the Praeparatorium period, I worked with fellow students to build a community website for Taejae students. I believe small initiatives like this do not have to end as projects created by only a few people. With continued participation from the Student Council and students, they can become part of Taejae's culture and systems.

Taejae University is not yet a finished institution. That can sometimes be inconvenient, but it also means there is much that students themselves can still help create.

Lastly, I would like to explain the kind of synergy that Jimin Park and I can create as a team.

We share the same broad goals: student agency, unity, and communication. However, we approach those goals from somewhat different perspectives.

Jimin tends to begin from the perspective of the community, emphasizing the value of collaboration and unity. I tend to believe that sustainable collaboration becomes possible when each individual's rights and goals are respected.

Having spent time in the small and highly competitive environment of a science high school, I came to believe that there is nothing wrong with protecting one's own opportunities and interests in a competitive setting. At the same time, I also experienced the limits of what one person can protect or achieve alone. Ultimately, even people with different goals sometimes need to move together so that each person can gain more from the community as a whole.

For that reason, I do not want to create a Student Council that expects everyone to pursue the same goals or participate in the same way. I want to recognize that students have different goals and interests while still finding the points at which working together can create better outcomes for everyone.

Jimin and I may begin from different perspectives and ways of thinking, but we ultimately share the same goal: building a community in which students can connect and collaborate. I believe that this difference in perspective can help us avoid relying on a single approach and instead look at the same problem from multiple directions.

We will complement one another's weaknesses, listen to students' opinions, speak clearly when necessary, and work to turn decisions into real action.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement.

Presidential Candidate Wonjae Koh and Vice Presidential Candidate Jimin Park