**PUBLIC FORUM**

Good Evening Madame IVP, Senate, Staff and Students,

My name is Josephine Ampaw and I am your elected Student Advocate General and I represent students, all students. From every race, gender, sexuality, age, ability, economic background, and ideology.

I am coming here, as a nonpartisan executive of this association, to say that students need to be heard. It does not matter how you feel, because it is your job to represent their needs. From one representative to another, I will tell you that I, Josephine Ampaw, will NOT accept or tolerate any disrespect of my constituents, just like some of you do to me.  They are coming to you with a concern and must be heard; whether you like it or not, its your job. You ran and won.

On p. 48 of the 2016-2017 Legal Code, it says that I as an executive member of this association am one of five executives who are to “provide leadership to Senate members” so I feel that I have the authority to tell you this information.

If any student complains to me that they saw any of you on your phones or laptops(outside of notetaking and other reasons given by the Madame Internal Vice President) or showing any other forms of disrespect , and did not give them your undivided attention. I will personally have a one-on-one discussion with you to discuss what it means to be a representative and how to address the needs of students at UCSB. Thank you.