

<u>Senate Agenda</u> Associated Students 3 June 2020

# CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM by IVP Tianna White

We ask you to join us in acknowledging the Chumash Peoples, their Elders, both past and present, as well as their future generations.

We would like to take this opportunity for us all to reflect on how the work we do here today, in our search for knowledge, our opportunities to teach, and every day, in our chosen fields, affects these lands and the peoples of these lands that we work with and research to protect.

We acknowledge that this University system was founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples, including those on whose lands this institution is located, the villages and unceded lands of the Chumash people. This UCSB Administration has failed to faithfully and dutifully support the traditional custodians of these lands, Chumash people and Indigenous students, through their continued support of Mauna Kea.

As we work together to prevent further damage to these lands and waters that support not only our livelihoods, recreation, lifestyles, research, and education, we remember that the Chumash peoples of this area have been separated from these lands, unable to maintain livelihoods as they should, unable to recreate traditionally, unable to maintain their traditional lifeways freely, and unable to have the same access to their lands that we are provided, to do their own traditional research and educate their future generations.

The Chumash people are comprised of the descendants of Indigenous peoples removed from their Island of origin Limuw (Santa Cruz), Anyapac (Anacapa), Wima (Santa Rosa) and Tuqan (San Miguel), subjugated by 5 missions during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast, from Malibu to Morro Bay and inland to Bakersfield. The Villages, upon which this University sits, were a safe haven for maritime travelers. A place alive with trading, hospitality, and abundance. A place where knowledge of and from the surrounding areas, far and wide, was shared with all people of this place and its many visitors. A traditional place of sharing knowledge and education. A tradition this University has an obligation to remember.

Many of the projects and research conducted by this University are within the traditional territory of the Chumash Peoples, and/or affect other Indigenous peoples in their territories and in spite of all of this, each Tribe, Council, Clan, and Band is working diligently to restore and continue their traditional stewardship practices on these lands and heal from this historical trauma.

The damage that has been done and continues to be done by not sharing the true history and legacy in this place and others, and by the exploitation of the Natural Cultural Resources of these areas, can never be erased, there is no mitigation or research project that can make their communities whole again. But we can do better!

As educators, friends, and allies, together, we can acknowledge the mistakes and atrocities of the past and move forward in remembrance and relationship with the local Chumash peoples and other Indigenous peoples, to facilitate their process of healing by making sure that our processes here make room for their Chumash and Indigenous voices to be heard, their Traditional Ecological Knowledge of these territories to be listened to and their peoples to be a part of the healing of these lands and waters, as well as themselves.

This acknowledgment, though brief and in no way complete, demonstrates a commitment by this institution and their educators, to begin the process of creating a relationship with the local Chumash and Indigenous Communities and work to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

And before we move into normal business, we will be taking a moment of silence for the length of time that George Floyd had a knee on him, which is a total of 8 minutes and 46 seconds in which we saw George Floyd's murder executed on camera, and we are going to take this moment of silence not only in recognition of all the lives lost through sanctioned police brutality, but as well as all the lives lost throughout COVID-19, and especially the Navajo Nation which has more cases of COVID-19 than the entire state of New York.

Thank you all for joining us in that. We, as an executive team, released a statement earlier today regarding the murder of George Floyd, so please when you all get a chance read that over. We want to extend our support, as an executive team, to all the UCSB students at home who are protesting and building community and resistance right now all while preparing for finals in an already tumultuous time. Our hearts are with everyone and we will be working to take concrete steps to address issues of anti-Blackness and police violence on our campus and in the IV community. With all of that being said, let us move into business.

### A) <u>MEETING BUSINESS</u> A-1) Roll Call

Name	Note: absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)	Name	Note: absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)
Adam Bagul	Present	Gurleen Pabla	Present at 6:40 PM
Yuval Cohen	Present	Surya Pugal	Present
Dania De Ramon	Present	Esmeralda Quintero- Cubillan	Present

Angel Diaz	Present	Emanuel Roman	Present
Catherine Flaherty	Present	Bee Schaefer	Present
Jose Gonzalez- Herrera	Present	Hayley Slater	Present
Anusikha Halder	Present	Shva Star	Present
Karsten Kolbe	Present	Taylor Tait	Present
Nathan Le	Present	Jackson Tofft	Present
Dylan Martinez	Present	Eileen Tran	Present
Daniel Mitchell	Absent	Aimee Wang	Present
Ahura Nezhad	Present	Kyremina Youssef	Present
Fabian Oseguera	Present		

### A-2) Excused Absences

Daniel Mitchell for the entire meeting

Motion language: motion to excuse Daniel Mitchell for the entire meeting to excused absences

MOTION/SECOND: Nezhad/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:20 PM</mark>

Gurleen Pabla until 6:40 PM

Motion language: motion add Gurleen Pabla until 6:40 to excused absences

MOTION/SECOND: Tait/Youssef

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:20 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to bundle and approve all excused absences

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Youssef

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:21 PM</mark>

# A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Tyler Ferguson for Daniel Mitchell

Katyllin Troxler for Daniel Mitchell

Motion language: motion to approve Tyler Ferguson as proxy for Daniel Mitchell

MOTION/SECOND: Tofft/ Oseguera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:22 PM</mark>

**Ferguson:** *Reserve my right* thank you all for letting me have the honor of proxying for the last three and a half hours, this was a really important meeting and I am sorry I could not stay through and vote on the important bill that is up on the table tonight, but I do have someone who is willing to take my place

Motion language: motion to add Katyllin Troxler as a proxy for Daniel Mitchell

MOTION/SECOND: Ferguson/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:29 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to resume orders of the day

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:30 PM</mark>

B) <u>External Reports</u>
B-1) Chancellor's RepresentativeB-2) UCPD RepresentativeB-3) GSA RepresentativeB-4) University Center Governance Board RepresentativeB-5) IVCSD Representative-

### C) New Business

## 060320-20 A Resolution To Waive 2020-2021 On-Campus Senate Housing Restrictions Pabla-Tait

**Pabla:** Hello everyone, I know this resolution only applies to five of our Senators, but it is just addressing how hypothetical everything is right now. All of us are aware how we do not know how we are going to move forward with housing and with the school in general. A lot of people are going to have a lot of restrictions moving forward, whether it be housing or financial issues or whatever it is, and we just wanted to make sure that in that case, it might not even apply to some of us Senators but there are others that have constrictions that we should be aware of. So, it is just a part of our legal code that we are waiving just for this year just in case that there is a senator that cannot afford or for any other reason live on campus, to make sure that they are not constricted in any way so that they can move forward and be the best representative that they can be.

**Tait:** This is a unique situation, Housing is very up in the air, there is no official statement. I think it is unfair to expect all of our Senators to have on-campus housing especially when it is not up to them, when you factor in social distancing and spreading out dorms and all the approaches that housing is going to take for our safety and health.

### Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Bagul/ Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:42 PM</mark>

060320-21 A Resolution Directing the AS Executive Director, the Internal Vice President & AS Tech to Promote Transparency of Legislation Pugal-De Ramon

**Pugal:** What this is doing addresses certain issues raised at public forum. The website is not great to navigate and there is a lot of crucial information missing such as minutes, bills, resolutions, Senate member information, current BCUs, and current standing commissions, so there is a lot of information missing. As a result, it introduces a very heavy bias towards people who are not affiliated with or a member of AS. The resolution focuses on meetings, bills, and resolutions, and calls for certain protocols and collaboration with all respective parties involved. It lists an opportunity for having a listserv for students to receive weekly minutes and Senate agendas as well as making Senate agendas public on the IVP Facebook as well as a university announcement to ensure that every quarter a link to the listserv is made so that students that are not in AS can get access to information. This is clear cut. I do not see this as up for debate.

**De Ramon:** We got a lot of concern, AS is an inaccessible space if you are not in it. The agenda only goes out to execs, Senate, and the news. It is important that we are associating with the students.

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/ Star* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:25 PM</mark>

060320-22 A Resolution Solidifying A.S. Protocol During the COVID-19 Pandemic Quintero-Cubillan-Halder

**Quintero-Cubillan:** I wrote this in the case that we have a hybrid fall in which some of are on campus and noticing how COVID-19 is still a large issue regardless of how much it is being covered, it just asks that when those of us who are receiving honoraria are that we try to maintain social distancing to the best of our capabilities and wearing PPE.

**Halder:** To echo Senator Quintero-Cubillan, we also recognize that AS as an institutional power will do their best to direct students to necessary resources and securing PPE as necessary.

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Diaz/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:27 PM</mark>

060320-23 A Resolution to Defeat the Stigma Around Mental Health Issues, Acknowledge, and Better Support the Mental Health Needs of Marginalized Communities Halder-Wang

**Halder:** Similar to a version passed last year, however also acknowledging the fact that marginalized communities historically in mental health spaces. Additionally, to institutional spaces in general, have been historically underrepresented and underheard, their identities and their intersections of marginalized identities are often not recognized in the support that they needed so that was added to the resolution. I chose also to particularly highlight the Black community because currently they are facing a lot of struggle in securing resources and support and as an allies and an institutional space where we are trying to give them solidarity, I felt it was important to acknowledge the struggles they are currently facing.

**Wang:** It is a really specific time, some communities on campus need extra support and help from us, especially on mental health.

**Schaefer:** I am the student sponsor; it talks about mental health issues concerning different communities and how their needs need to be met. I personally helped in this bill on approaching concerns with the Black community and what I know to be true in my experience and what I have heard from others. This bill to me is very important and I hope you all look at it and read it and try to share the knowledge that is in this bill and take away from it whether or not it is passed.

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

## MOTION/SECOND: Tofft/Tran

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:30 PM</mark>

060320-24 A Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of Trans Women of Color Quintero-Cubillan-Halder

**Quintero-Cubillan:** We are officially in our third day of Pride Month. I wrote this resolution mainly to focus on how institutions, especially AS, has definitely reveled in transphobia, so I wanted to make the formal position of AS is stanchly in support of Trans Women, specifically Trans Women of Color. In the resolution we specifically call and try to recognize three Trans Women especially that is Miss Major, Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera. These are all Trans Women who have done amazing work especially in trailblazing the Gay Liberation Movement. I really wanted to focus on how AS has fully failed to support the Trans Community. For those of you who have been on campus long enough you may be aware that, in the past, former AS Senators and former AS officials have fully bought into narratives that Trans Women and Trans People as a whole are able to be politicized in order to pray on the irrational fears of Trans People and that is unacceptable. The fact that that has happened repeatedly in the past of AS speaks to where we are and how we need to continue to do work to benefit and uplift this community and this is one step in how to do so. Literally passing this resolution is the first step in solidifying how we can forever support Trans People, especially Trans People of Color. If you are interested in finding out how you can further support Trans People, I would love to have that discussion and we can further develop the labor on that.

**Halder:** I think Senator Quinter-Cubillan put it best, but some points I would like to add is that historically Trans Women of Color are often erased from the narratives and even the movements they started labor for which is why this resolution is extremely important. The three figures that were mentioned as historical examples of that have historically faced not only institutional oppression and police brutality but have also faced backlash from the LGBQT+ community itself so this resolution recognizes that and acknowledges the fact that not only are Trans Women of Color often at the forefront of the labor but their labor does not go recognized and their labor is often co-opted.

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Proxy Ferguson/Tait

# ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:33 PM</mark>

060320-25 Condemnation of Police Brutality Schaefer-Star

**Schaefer:** This bill is very important to me and I think it should be implemented in legal code. This bill specifically condemns all police brutality and racialized violence. Given the current circumstances of what is going on in the world, this is something that my community, the Black community, has been faced with in its entire existence. So, putting this bill into legal code, means that us as the Senate will be able to condemn all acts of violence against Black people and help uplift the communities by echoing their concerns and their needs as well as providing awareness to the UCSB student population. This bill also talks about putting all calls for action into immediate consideration because of how imperative they in creating stage and taking a stand.

**Star:** In addition, this is taking an official stance and not agreeing with any police brutality, violence, or hate crimes.

**Schaefer:** I wanted to say that this resolution is in no way complete, and it will be molded and shaped with what is going on right now and in the future and so this bill is something that I want to invite everyone to look at it and see how they can possibly contribute to it if they have the need.

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Nezhad/Quintero-Cubillan

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:35 PM</mark>

060320-26 A Resolution Denouncing Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Quintero-Cubillan-Cohen

**Quintero-Cubillan:** We wrote this yesterday after ICE released a statement. They essentially articulated that they are not responsible as an entity or as an agency for the abuse and attacks that are perpetrated against migrants in their detention centers by their own officers. So, take a minute to let that sink in, ICE, as an agency, is not claiming responsibility for the abuse that is then put on migrants, specifically migrant women and children. So, in this resolution we document a few specific statistics. This is a trigger warning in advance for violence, sexual assault, things of that sort, so if you need to take space please do. So, in the resolution we specifically cite how 1,655 pregnant women between 2017 and 2018 miscarried in ICE due to the conditions that they were placed in. Secondly, within the years from 2014-2018, there have been 4,556 allegations of sexual abuse of minors. Finally, the government office of accountability, also

known as GAL, has essentially condemned the ICE agency specifically for their inability to report abuses of power and abuse of migrants and they have been condemned multiple times by this agency in that they have been accused of withholding upwards of a million cases of abuse/sexual assault from their ICE headquarters and the federal government. This basically feeds into the narrative of how ICE is no longer a sustainable agency and must be abolished. This is predicated on years of legislation that have actively worked to exclude minority communities and specifically has targeted people of color. This is no longer sustainable; the only path forward is not necessarily through the reformation of ICE but through the abolition of ICE and the creation of new entities that actually care about migrants and how we can move forward as a community.

Cohen: I think AS as a whole should never support an agency like this.

**Perez:** Student sponsor, I wanted to state my support for this resolution as, hearing the statistics this is why I believe everyone should support this resolution

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Proxy Ferguson/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:39 PM</mark>

Spring 2020 Honoraria

Motion language: motion to move Spring 2020 Honoraria into immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Proxy Ferguson/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:40 PM</mark>

Office of the President: Meals on Wheels funding request \$432.50

Motion language: motion to move Meals on Wheels funding request into immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND:

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:40 PM</mark>

Pilipino Graduation: Care packages funding request \$1,962.17

Motion language: motion to add the amended Black Womyn's Health Collaborative

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/Halder

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:11 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to move this resolution to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/Halder

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:11 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to move into old business

*MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Flaherty* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>8:48 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to add the resolution for funding for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative to the agenda

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Flaherty

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:10 PM</mark>

060320-27 A Resolution Funding for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative Quintero-Cubillan-Star

*Motion language: motion to add the amended Black Womyn's Health Collaborative to immediate consideration* 

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/Halder

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:11 PM</mark>

#### D) PUBLIC FORUM-

Jhan Sarmiento: This past year's co-chair and upcoming secretary for SIRRC. SIRRC stands for Student Initiated Retention and Recruitment Committee and we primarily focus on students on campus and any other student community pursing higher education. I am here to ask for a rollover of funds and to give an executive report. We do study jams on campus for midterms and finals and host events and workshops during the quarter to support students. We attend San Marcos High School and do a guidesmanship program where any upcoming seniors or students who want to know about college, we do workshops and presentations. We help them with their college applications and stuff like that. Also, welcome the new Senate. I am here to do the appeal for rollover. I could not do it for personal reasons. We want to do a rollover for our summer conference. We might do an alternative one because of COVID-19, but we still want to host one for upcoming students. They are usually a weeklong program for incoming first years and transfers. For the alternative version, we want to do the workshops over zoom. We were going to market on social media and ask our past participants to spread the word via their high schools and community colleges. Furthermore, participants who consistently attend our summer workshops will be able to partake in our two-day conference that will happen in fall and that is where this rollover will mostly go towards. It will go towards travel expenses and food costs since we are going to do it offcampus.

**Nezhad:** Thank you for your report and letting us know all the amazing things that SIRRC does. I, along with Senator Youssef, are the liaisons for SIRRC. Just briefly, how you would like AS to work with SIRRC and want objectives you have in mind?

**Sarmiento:** We want to change SIRRC internally as well as externally through the community. Just having help with that and how the AS regulations would affect that.

White: Jhan, if you could email me the rollover request to <u>internalvp@as.ucsb.edu</u> we will put this in immediate consideration.

Sarmiento: Okay, thank you.

Motion language: motion to rollover appeal into immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Star

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>6:48 PM</mark>

**Marc Vukcevich:** Happy to be here, this is the first Senate meeting I have been able to attend with everything going on, and I want to congratulate all of you on their attendance and all the projects they are working on. I recently had a great conversation with Senator Halder about working on some of the bills that everyone has a lot of passion on working on. I have information on just through the Daily Nexus survey that everyone filled out. I am really looking forward to seeing how everyone wants to pursue projects from compost bins to more mental health resources. I want to approach Senate with my

background in organizing from when I organized with the LA LGBT Center. I have a personal project where I may or may not be working with AS directly. I am making a mass survey that I plan to send to every one of my, current and alumni, UCSB and IV affiliates because my goal, I want to find students with like interests. I think so many of you, Senators, so many of the dedicated people in AS, often times will overload themselves with projects and I cannot blame you because some of y'all are the most dedicated students on this campus. But I want to find like interests and like minds and hopefully like activism on campus. Once I have that made, I would love to contact any one of you directly to distribute that accordingly, so not only can I facilitate more and more great ideas that the student body might have, but also more and more passion, more energy, and more potential support whether that is joining someone in on a task force or actually having someone just having someone do an email blast.

**Gonzalez-Herrera:** Thank you for coming to the Senate meeting, I appreciate it and introducing yourself to us. Is there any way we can help you right now with your goals, your project, your mission?

**Vukcevich:** The most realistic answer is you can take my finals for me, but the other answer is at the moment I have complied what I want this survey to look like, but I do not claim to have the ultimate knowledge on what that should be and I would love feedback on, especially on the design and layout of what that should look like. We can facilitate a discussion one on one or in a group setting over zoom. I think that would be really productive.

**Youssef:** I want to thank you for coming and speaking about that, what is the best way to contact you after the Senate meeting?

Vukcevich: The email on the contact sheet, and then later I will add my personal number.

**Martinez:** Thank you for coming, are you envisioning this as something that happens once or multiple times and they can try to find other communities?

**Vukcevich:** That is a really interesting point. Right now, I would love to facilitate the experience and expertise that a lot of students have after at least one year on campus. But I think at a certain, especially with newer students that are first coming onto campus, there will be a way that reaching out to them is, that I think historically has been done through fellows that could be more facilitated to really engaging them in a much more directed fashion towards either their interests that they have in high school or something that they want to get involved with in joining UCSB and becoming a Gaucho.

**Veronica Eseka:** Hi my name is Veronica, I am a Black student here at UCSB, and I would like to talk about my disappointment in Associated Students' actions this week. While Black students at UCSB have spent this week protesting, grieving, traumatized, not only at the senseless act of police brutality, but having to deal with multiple racists acts by UCSB students, and we all got was a vague email from our university chancellor with no action plans on how to better serve the Black community. To make matters worse, on Sunday, we witnessed our elected officials such as the EVPSA, the SAG, and Daniel Esegura because he was part of the people that wrote the petition that misrepresented Black people and when Black people called them out on their actions, they got defensive on Twitter and tried to make it seem like we did not know what we were talking about which was very, very hurtful and triggering. You cannot call

yourself an ally when your first instinct is to speak about Black people's needs without first consulting them. I know that the EVPSA said that her chief of staff was Black, however the chief of staff is Black, she is part of AS now, and she alone cannot represent the Black community. Many of you all in here came went to different orgs such as BSU for endorsements, but when it came to advocating for us as our elected officials, you conveniently forgot how to reach out to BSU. We have BSU, we have BGSA, we have the Office of Black Student Development that many Black students fought tirelessly for to get that office. We have staff that you could have reached out to, but it did not occur to our AS execs to consult them, it is very disappointing, it is frustrating, it is exhausting, and I was wondering why our AS Executives working on such a huge issue individually and then posting it on Twitter for what? To show you got there first? We are not looking for fast action, even though we want a quick response, to this we are looking for collective action. At the beginning of this meeting, Tianna mentioned that the first collective letter with signatures from all AS execs was published a few hours ago. That is disappointing, that could have been done on Sunday. That is what could have been done on Sunday while reaching out to other Black representatives on this campus. In regards for finals, now that you all are quick to send out petitions asking for finals to be cancelled for all undergraduates, people who are not being directly affected or traumatized because they are not Black, where did this take us? What was the University's response? How does AS plan on communicating with the Black community in the future in the best way? In response to the racist actions that have been taken by UCSB students that everyone is retweeting and reposting on Instagram, what is AS going to do about it, other than just retweeting it, I would like to know. What is the collective action, what is AS going to do to represent and advocate Black students here on campus.

**Nezhad:** Thank you so much for speaking and coming in today, I might not be able to fully comprehend your frustration and pain, however I can understand that I cannot comprehend what is going on in your mind and people who are from the same community as you, and I really want you to know that I am in solidarity for the misrepresentations that have been portrayed and has been going around online, and on behalf of myself I can promise that we will reach out to the African American community on campus and try our best to lift up their voice instead of being pretentious or making sure that we are being seen or that we are being a part of a certain trend and with that I want to thank you again for coming and hopefully next time you come here, you will have a better take on AS, and by that time we will have hopefully earned it.

**Pabla:** I really respect you coming here and using your voice. As Senator Nezhad said, it is not something I personally can say I completely understand, but I can say that I hear your voice on this issue and I have seen the response, and I understand that this is something that we need to be taking a lot more seriously. I want to say I am personally sorry for the way that this has all been conducted, I feel like it is not the correct response as you have said. Going forward, as we end this academic school year, the issue itself is not ending and once we start the summer and we are not having weekly meetings, we still need to continue in our activism and in our support of your community. I just want to know as a Senator, what can I do in that time to continue to support you and support this movement?

**Veronica:** As a Senator, I noticed that Bee and Shva have resolutions about police brutality you can support that, you can start there. In the letter that exec put out today, you know they talked about their goals for the Black community, you can support that as well. Just constant learning on how to be an ally

would be good, and whatever initiatives that have to do with the Black community, we would love to see support on that other than one message or one I hear you or one I can't comprehend how you are feeling, we already know that. We want to see action so when there is any initiative on campus, we want you to support those, and if you do not know how to go about that you can reach out to some of the people I listed such as BSU, BGSA, and we have the Office of Black Student Development.

Schaefer: I wanted to make a statement. I am a Black senator and I personally felt concerned when I was not reached out to because I am in the direct space of AS Senate, and I would like to provide my resources to everyone. That is a blanket statement, when you are dealing with issues that are centered around the Black community, if you do not know where to go, I want to open you all to know that you can come directly to me, and I can reach out, help you learn how to reach out and if I do not know where to go, I will ask the entire community around me what we can do to help give you that resource. I cannot echo what Veronica said enough, every collective action, I understand that it was in pure heart to make a statement that we condemn these actions that we want to speak for students, but I want to make it clear that every action should be centered around the Black student community on campus academically, emotionally, and mentally and in that role I think it is important that everyone in this room not just say I understand your concerns, not to call out anyone by saying these words, but in the future it is not enough to understand our concerns and I understand that a lot of people do not know where we are coming from because they have never experienced our experiences, but when they hear us speaking, echo what we are saying. You do not always have to make a new statement, you do not always have to not know what to do, you can look at what the community is saying, and ask how can I help, so Veronica is right on with her concerns, I stand by her with that, a question for Veronica, how are you doing today, how are you feeling right now?

**Veronica:** No words, I am just trying to keep my head up and finish this quarter. This is my first time speaking to AS so thanks for the hospitality and the support that I am receiving but I would like to see more than that and I would like this 71<sup>st</sup> Senate to be more proactive because this is my third year as a student and I have not been amazed at all by Associated Students.

**Star:** I want to say, thank you Veronica for coming in and speaking today, I know it takes so much emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual energy to speak so I just want to thank you for coming, voicing your concerns and allowing for questions to be asked.

**Soha Sadeghinejad:** Hello, I would like to start off with that I am not excited to watch another potential 8-hour meeting where nothing gets done. Perhaps today will be the day where your Senate can work together across party lines which are not supposed to exist in Senate and you all can put aside your personal agendas for the greater good. There are several qualms I have about how things are currently being run, but I will take this moment to address some points. In the last meeting, a senator spent a large portion of precious Senate time talking about their own achievements and successes during a motion which had nothing to do with their statements. I found what they were saying to be braggadocios, unprofessional, and frankly irrelevant to the motion on the table. Also, I found that the 14-10-1 spilt is a major problem that should be addressed, it is voting down party lines, and if it goes like this for the rest of the year, I do not see how anything will get done. If the Senate continues to go down this direction and

you all continue to work against each other rather with each other, I wish I could rescind my student fees because Senators do not deserve to be paid for running unproductive meetings.

Daevionne Beasley: Hi all, just to go off of what Veronica said earlier, Veronica if you are still on the call thank you so much for taking the time to come and address us today. As an AS executive, I would like to apologize on behalf of myself and the AS executives for any confusion or pain that we might have furthered onto the Black community on this campus. I want to reiterate what Senate Schaefer said about being a resource, not only to the fellow execs but to the Senators as well. Please reach out to either myself or one of the Black Senators on this Senate, and ask for further input on any action you take that is centered around Black people and Black voices. You can also reach out to the BSU, but I would like to ask that when you do so or if you do so, please respect their time to either respond to you or not respond at all because there is so much going on right now and responding to you or helping you with a resolution or action might not be at the forefront of BSU's execs' minds, so please take that into account when you reach out to BSU or any other entity you want to speak on behalf of. We have a meeting this Friday with the Office of Admissions to talk about a permanent location for the AS bike shop. We are also going to be reforming to memorandum of understanding with the billing committee, as well as the students on the bike shop and my office. I am continuing transitioning with Alison Sir, and finding appointments for different committees like the billing committee as well. Just an update on the COVID-19 Task Force, we moved the meetings to Friday at 12, Lea Toubian will be chairing the meeting and I will be facilitating the meetings. We will be going over applications at this meeting and getting funds dispersed as soon as we can. We were asked if graduating seniors will be considered still, and graduating seniors are still eligible. Also, as Tianna said, the AS execs released a statement that both condemns police brutality but also lays out concrete steps on how to address policing on this campus and the Isla Vista community. We did not just want to release a statement that says racism is awful in this country and we have to stand up against it. We needed to have some concrete actions as execs and I am not going to read them out word for word since the letter is public, but I will go over a couple of them with you. So, we have a two-pronged approach, one is academic success for Black students specifically and the other is a reform for our campus police. So, we are going to be working with UCPD to make it clear that the lethal kneeling that we saw in the George Floyd video, that has no place on our campus. We will also be putting in a formal request for less police presence on our day to day lives on this campus, like at events such as Extravaganza, and different sports games. We also will be working with our police officers who have community orientated training, such as anti-Blackness, we will make a training and just have them accountable to the communities that they serve. As far as the approach for academic success of Black students, we are specifically asking for actions centered only around Black students because this is the identity on our campus that needs the most attention and help right now. So we will be asking for a couple of different options from the chair of the Academic Senate, a few of them being a pass/no pass option for Black students after they receive their final grades, pass/no pass being extended to all majors, along with late work to be completed with reduced or no penalty, and also cancelling, postponing, or making finals optional for Black students at this time. This is by no means a comprehensive list of anything we can do as your exec team, so we invite any Senators or members of the public to reach out to us via email, my email is in the public forum link and just let us know your concerns, if you would like to help with any of these tasks or be there in these meetings, or just other options that we have not suggested please reach out to us and we will make sure we set up a meeting or exchange information over email. Lastly, the mental health taskforce, we are going to be continuing to work with the director of CAPPS and the mental health

peers to continue Alison's work on the mental health taskforce. That is all for my report and I will be taking questions.

**Pugal:** Just a couple quick questions, when does the COVID-19 task force have their meetings? When is the mental health task force meetings?

**Beasley:** The COVID-19 task force is Friday at noon, chaired by Lea Toubian. The mental health task force meetings have been put on pause as that is something that Alison started, but we are hoping to start them up again soon.

Isabella Liu and Racquel Almario: Hi everyone, I am here today to advocate for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. This is my third year in Associated Students, going into my fourth, and it is the first year that I have ever seen a bill that aims to directly support Black women on campus, and just for reference, I was the minute taker for three years on Senate, so that says a lot. As a university that brags so much about diversity, and justice, and fighting inequality, if we really take a look at the tangible resources and funding for Black students, and for Black women in particular, it is clear that we need to be doing so much more. At UCSB, Black students make up 5% of the student population and therefore contribute over \$673,000 of the total Associated Students budget of over \$13 million. As a member of this past year's Finance and Business, I wanted to share with you all that the Association funded specifically Black students, not Black women in particular, but Black student groups a total of \$20,008.06. So, if you do the math, Black students only get back about 2.97% of the funds that they contribute to AS. Not of the total AS budget, but just the funds they contribute. I really think that this is super unacceptable and as an Association, we need to be doing so much more than just saying that we support marginalized folks, and we really need to show our support through actions and centering Black women's voices, so for that reason I urge every single one of you to support this bill. I think you all should have gotten the budget, but if not, that can also be sent to you all. I will be taking questions, but they will be specific to the budget and anything AS related, so if you want to ask me any questions feel free to do so. As you can see on the public forum list there are a lot of people who are also going to be advocating in support of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative so I want to emphasize that Racquel and I will be the only people here today that will be taking questions on the budget.

**White:** I received the budget; I believe it is \$200,000 and because we are currently in our old fiscal year, the fiscal year does not renew until July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the budget has already been passed for this upcoming year we cannot make any adjustments or budget allocations until after that fiscal year. Once we reconvene in October and the fiscal year has started again, we will be sending this budget request to Finance and Business and hopefully F&B will be able to fund it.

**Schaefer:** Hi everyone, I wanted to know if you could repeat the contributions that Black students get in return?

**Isabella:** The math that I did is only from Finance and Business, not from other BCUs, in the past year is \$20,008.06 which is 2.97% of the funds they contribute to the organization.

Quintero-Cubillan: Where would this funding be coming from?

**Isabella:** In case you are not familiar with USSA, USSA is a lock-in fee that you all pay into it however it does not exist. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that number is \$180,000 that is currently sitting in trust for USSA. Those funds would be released to the EVPSA office and Alia can speak more on that, so that is one resource we can pull from since those funds technically are not being used right now and all that would need to be done would be a directive resolution from Senators written to release those funds. Another thing that can be done is to ask BCUs to contribute some of their budget to this BCU, I do not want to speak on behalf of any BCUs but that is another option that has been discussed

**Roman:** Hi, I had a question in regard to the lock-in fee, is there any information on that or is the \$250,00 the lock-in fee?

Isabella: The \$250,000 is the overall budget, I cannot speak on lock-in fees specifically.

Alia Reynolds: Hi, I am a third year here at UCSB, and I am the current EVPSA. I would like to first speak personally as an UCSB student in support of the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. Not only is this an absolutely necessary entity, it is long overdue. Black women have been historically overlooked, and this is a ridiculous injustice because Black women carry the double intersectional burden as their identities of being part of the Black community and as women. This campus does not have a space for Black women and that is the sad truth we must face and rectify. I am here today not to speak on behalf of Black Women but support them in offering what I can. As EVPSA, I am in support of transferring funds previously dedicated, or currently dedicated, to USSA under my office's budget to fund the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. The portion of my budget dedicated to USSA is about \$180,000 and is paid for by student fees. Not only does USSA not operate anymore, but this money is paid for by students and should go directly back to student needs. I believe that this collaborative is one of the most pressing needs for the historically overlooked and marginalized population of Black women on this campus and I am in full support of immediately signing it over the entire \$180,000 to fund this collaborative.

**Halle Dawite:** I would like to ask that I have the Senate's full and undivided attention as I have noticed in the past Senate meetings that public forum speakers have been interrupted by many calls, texts, and loud notifications that are disrespectful to the speaker and disappointing coming from those who are supposed to be our elected officials. I also believe that the current Transfer senator should issue an apology to Suad Abdullahi for his questioning at the last Senate meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Black people, especially Black women, should not be forced to regurgitate and relive our traumas for you to believe that we even go through it, you can very obviously see our struggle by opening any major news outlet. When asking inappropriate questions like that, you seek to invalidate and minimize our struggles as a collective community. My name is Halle Dawite, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and I am a current second year sociology major, Black studies and Poverty, Social Justice, and Inequality double minor, and I am the current media coordinator and soon to be vice president of UCSB's Intersectional Feminists and the publicity assistant for ASPB. Today I am here to speak on the proposal for making AS Black Womyn's Health Collaborative a reality as written in our mission statement. Our directive is, "To serve as an educational and advocacy forum for Black women, women aligned, and the non-binary community members" and our purpose is, "To ensure fair, equal, and adequate distribution of financial resources for

Black UCSB students from a source that is both safe and accessible for us." These resources are especially needed for Black women like me who are disproportionately affected by life-threatening diseases such as breast cancer and heart disease. And to apply my face to the horrific statistics that surrounds my very existence, my community is 67% more likely to lack a local primary healthcare physician than predominately white neighborhoods when I turn 20 in November. I might join the 49% of all Black women over the age of 20 that have some sort of heart disease. I am three to four more times likely to die in childbirth than a white woman. If I survive that, my child is twice as likely to die before their first birthday than a white child. Due to the process of biological weathering, our mental, physical, and emotional health as Black people is compromised at an extremely young age, the same way that our mental health deteriorates when stressed. Black bodies literally age faster due to stresses of structural and institutional racism. We are entering a rigorous university system with much heavier burdens than manifests physically, financially, and emotionally and continue to age at a faster rate than all of our peers. I cannot stress how important it is to for us to have access to resources so that we can even be able to academically perform at the same level of our less burdened peers by funding and creating a BCU for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative, you as Senators can make a difference for at least the Black people on this campus. And to connect us to the larger discourse of what is happening in America, I have to reiterate that you are not an ally if the extent of your support does not reach past putting Black Lives Matter in your Twitter or Instagram bio. You are not an ally if your concern for our lives only exists when we are being killed and not when we are trying to live. You are not an ally if you refuse or make it difficult for your Black constituents to get funding, help, and resources that we clearly deserve. We are living in a time where merely logging onto social media exposes us to an attack on our bodies, minds, and livelihood in the middle of a pandemic that is also disproportionately killing us. A space for us to go for healing and resources when we are living through these difficult times can help the campus as a whole when it comes to truly providing for all the communities that says it supports. If you truly claim that you care and you have the nerve to call yourself an ally, you will support the formation of the AS Black Womyn's Health Collaborative with full budget. Finally, I would like to personally thank Senator Star, Senate Schaefer, and Senator Quintero-Cubillan for your true allyship and support of this proposal. As for the rest of you thank you for your time, hopefully soon your tangible actions towards actually supporting Black students on this campus.

**Alyssa Frick-Jenkins:** Hello my name is Alyssa, I am a third-year Black studies and linguistics major with a French emphasis. I am the current BSU president, so obviously I've had a lot going on right now. I also work with the Black Studies Department and I am an intern for the Office of Admissions for diversity initiatives. My positions, like all of the Black woman who are here today, have placed me in several spheres on this campus and because of this I know for a fact that the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is necessary at UCSB. To reiterate a bit of the bill's historical backing, the white supremacist state has inflicted a very specific racializing and gendering process for Black women. This program of dominance denies Black women of their humanity as a Black individual while also denying them of their womanhood from being socially deviant from white womanhood. This is why intersectionality has been such an important grounds for equality because we can no longer let the opportunity and access held exclusively to Black men be the endpoint for racial equality. The opportunity for access held exclusively to white gender varying folks be the endpoint for gender equality without once working with Black women into this framework. As a Black Women leader, I have stepped up in ways

that our male counterparts have not while still holding their interests in my work everywhere. But I know that the ultimate interest for Black women specifically will result in benefits to all people. If it is voted to create this collaborative board, it would eliminate the need for me as a leader of the Black community to have to convince organizations of our worth in the aforementioned spheres of the campus where I have time and time again been sidelined as being Black and being a woman. Centering Black women who represent all gender and sexual identities is an ultimate commitment to the most marginalized people's lives, and thus everyone's lives. However, the payout of serving everyone's lives should not be why you vote in our favor. You should vote because you care about Black women in spite of the white supremacist state. Thank you.

Paige Edwards: Hi my name is Paige Edwards, I am a third year sociology major and an applied psych minor. I also the OG/YG coordinator that is a collaborative organization on campus that works within the Office of Admissions, and I specifically work with Marcus Mathis and Lisa Przekop. Obviously, it is so clear to see that there are so many young, bright, and Black students on this campus, especially the women that are being represented on this panel, and taking that into consideration, the racial demographics that represent UCSB's statistics are extremely low. As of the 2018-19 campus profile, only 1,010 out of the 22,343 students are Black undergrads while only 75 graduate students make up the Black demographic. The 2019-20 year has not changed very much as well. This campus holds about 1,048 Black students which is less than 5% out of the 26,314 students in total attending this UC. Considering these circumstances, a majority of Black students on this campus feel hyper-visible and visible in white academic spaces on this campus and social settings. If we are only representing 5% of UCSB Gauchos, the call for Black students to survive at a public white university calls for extreme attention. I am going to now show the comments in regard to the OG/YG registration sign-up sheet that describes the existing problem on this campus. "Why does UCSB pride itself on its acceptance of minorities yet lack the proper resources to maintain its retention rate?" "How can I feel more comfortable with the lack of diversity I feel?" "And will being Black at this PWI, public white institution, get any better? Where are all the Black people?" "When I began my freshman year to my knowledge, a mentorship program like this did not exist, but I definitely wish it did. I think it would have been a great opportunity for incoming freshman to get adjusted to campus life as well as to pass on my knowledge of beneficial campus knowledge and resources that can enrich this undergraduate experience." Basically, what this program does all of the students that do not live in Santa Rosa, that do not get their own personal OGs or their own personal mentors are stuck with absolutely no one to look for, and to seek assistance and guidance at UCSB, you have to go out of your way to find people and in this space where there is a diaspora of Black students that live in IV, that live in Santa Rosa, that live in FT, it is just so impossible and it just feels so that your chances of finding someone to help mentor you or show you the ropes, it is no one there. By addressing and combatting the Black student experience on this campus, OG/YG has provided a solution to Black freshmen on this campus that do not live in the safe spaces provided by Santa Rosa considering they have a separate mentoring program. By connecting students across campus and through IV, freshman get to enjoy and navigate correctly through their freshman year with an older undergrad that by their side to establish interpersonal relationships and trust with a mentor that knows the freshman experience. I was a part of this program when I was a freshman, and I felt absolutely lost. I will never forget that I felt like I was judged by my white peers, absolutely no one I knew could relate to me in FT, and the frat parties were a different cultural experience that gave me culture shock. And when you are on this campus and you feel absolutely invisible and there is no one by your corner and everyone is already cliqued up, it gets absolutely frustrating to say that you still want to be on this campus and feel like you are a part of being a Gaucho on this campus. And so, working with admissions, working with Marcus Mathis and Lisa Przekop has been an absolute blessing and a curse at the same time because asking for funding has been absolutely difficult. When we have to ask people to donate to a cause, when we put so much of our own consumerism and our bodies as a presence on this campus, it is absolutely frustrating when you are not given those types of resources back. Thank you.

**Alyssa Young:** Hi my name is Alyssa Young, I go by she/they and I am the co-chair of ZWC. I speak in support of the passage and full funding of the bill for the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. Our care for the environment shows in the investment of the six AS entities other than ZWC. That is AS Recycling, DPW, EAB, Coastal Fund, Bike Committee, and the newly EJA which also acknowledges social justice issues. In total we annually contribute over \$800,000 to environmental causes. Now is the time to for us to invest in Black women. Without Black women, we lose out on progress in every other way. Without Marsha P. Johnson, we would not have pride. I speak as a queer woman for the record, but I am not Black. Black women whose voices we should be listening to most are giving us the next step. It took us 50 years to fully realize the immense damage we had done to Earth for the past 100 years. Now we just have ten years left before much of the damage is irreversible. Our system has caused harm to Black people's lives for 400 years. We are witnessing the unrepairable damage in the form of stolen lives among many other injustices. We can no longer afford inaction, I ask you which do you fear more change or regret?

**Tennae Owens:** Hello I am Tennae Owens and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I hold the position of vice chair of HRB and the policy analyst for Students for Reproductive Justice, I am focusing and speaking as a Black woman on campus today. I have seen how the university as a whole need to be doing better for the Black community, especially the Black women who attend it including its Black, Trans, and nonbinary students as well. That can start with this collaborative. Research suggests that social support improves academic motivation, but what is more important with the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is how it offers a holistic, spiritual, mental, and physical approach all factors allowing not just for survival among Black women but the opportunity to thrive here. A collection of funds to help Black women who can get worn down and burnt out just by existing in an academic space, this would allow for those to understand the support they need to provide and get that support. As Black women's voices and needs could be prioritized, personally I felt myself most supported when surrounded by other Black women, a group that has been left out whether implicitly or explicitly from other organizations compared to other communities here on this campus. Black women are telling you what you need and it is crucial you take action by supporting this bill and actually being an ally for the Black community on this campus.

**Michael Sanders:** Hi my name is Michael Sanders and my pronouns are he/his. I am speaking as a 5<sup>th</sup> year Black student that has experienced so much on this campus across my time here. As a Black student, I cannot begin to even describe the fear I have for all Black women, which includes Trans and non-binary Black women, as they try to navigate safely in this community. They are systemically excluded from all spheres of public participation and have no resources to voice this and build towards feeling more included. The Women's Center is not equipped to deal with the dangers Black women face. While AS may hear the dangers that Black women face, Black women are the only ones equipped to properly voice and protect themselves. So, if the administration in AS is seriously concerned with the protection of their

students, this must include all Black women. Protect this community by centering their voices, they are the only ones with the answers and deserve the funds and support to build this resource. This is an essential need for the peace of mind of the whole community. The demonstration held Saturday was the first time in my five years here that I heard Black women and the community voice their frustrations and be heard, that is unacceptable. When I stood in front of what was possibly 1,000 students and broke down and started crying in front of everyone because I could not even say the names of Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd, Black women stepped in and began speaking to protect me from the shame of showing sadness that has been a result of my misogynistic upbringing. Without Black women's health, there is no health for the community.

**Michaela Allen:** Hi everyone, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and I am speaking today as a third year UCSB student and Indigenous woman in solidarity with Black, cis, and Trans women, and non-binary folks. I urge you to support this bill in order to ensure that Black community members have adequate access to healthcare that is crucial to their well-being as students and human beings. Black women and non-binary folks are valued members of the UCSB community and must be treated as such. Not to mention they collectively pay millions in student fees that this organization receives in order to represent them and their voices on campus. Despite this, Black women and non-binary folks experience silencing and erasure on this campus, particularly within organizations such as AS. How can AS claim to represent all students when it fails to protect these valued members of our community. So, I ask that you please stand alongside the Black students on campus as allies by creating the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. Part of being an ally, is listening when Black students speak about their needs and experiences. That means now and every day. Black women and non-binary folks are telling you that this is what they need. And it is your responsibility as AS, an organization claiming to represent all students, to support them. So, for these reasons I strongly urge you to support this bill and to stand up as allies for the Black community.

**Jennifer Jacobs:** I am a third year Black Studies major here at UCSB and my pronouns are she/her/hers. As a Black student on UCSB's campus, I have always found it hard to find spaces that will protect me and advocate for me unless they were spaces directly implemented or created by members of the Black community. Not only that, I have experienced how our voices are constantly ignored in places that are supposed to be catering to the overall health of all students but instead find myself talked over and talked down upon because maybe my symptoms were not real enough or what I was saying wasn't enough for them to understand. For me and to all of my black peers, it is necessary that we push for the establishment of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative on campus as it will aid in the improvement of mental health, hopefully, physical health, and the overall resilience we are not always able to see amongst Black women on campus. It would be false and unfair to say that Black men have all the resources necessary to survive on UCSB's campus and including things essential to learning and maintaining our status as students. I believe we need to take into account we are not students first, we are Black women first, we are Black people first, and our bodies, minds, and health needs to be addressed and supported correctly. I will also be speaking for Ajah Whitehead.

**Ajah Whitehead:** As a Black woman on UCSB's campus I have felt nothing short of exclusion and alienation. The only spaces that have felt remotely comfortable are the ones cultivated by Black people. But because Black women are still subject to misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia as well as racism,

the way we experience and navigate through higher education is specific and difficult to maintain without constant support from other Black women. Having this space and funding for us and by us, it is important to our ability not only to survive at UCSB but also thrive.

Raymond Matthews: I am a third-year political science major and I am here to advocate for creation of the AS Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. As a Black student who has participated in multiple pro Black spaces, though I am not a Black woman myself, I can attest that most of these spaces generally prioritize the safety, wellbeing, and advocacy of Black cisgender men to the exclusion of all others. Additionally, most UCSB student orgs even though it was meant to support mental and physical health were not designed with Black women in mind, which leaves Black women, women aligned and nonbinary community members without support from communities that should be supporting them but consistently fail to do so. This is why an entity like the AS Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is so necessary. Our campus needs an organization led by Black women for Black women that will consistently make sure that Black women's emotional and physical health is always its first priority, not just an afterthought. Black women who are disproportionally impacted by breast cancer, heart disease, limited access to reproductive care and general institutionalized racism and misogyny within the healthcare system, desperately need the financial resources and educational advocacy that this org would provide to protect their physical health. Additionally, this org could function as a mutually supportive space in which Black women, women aligned, and non-binary community members can lean on each other for emotional and spiritual support without being invalidated by others who may not understand or emphasize with their experiences. This could very well improve the spiritual and mental wellbeing of Black women at UCSB overall, for these reasons if AS truly cares about Black women's wellbeing, I implore you to pass this bill and fully fund this bill.

Annel Rodriguez: My name is Annel and I am here to support the passage and full funding for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. I want to emphasize that supporting this is a necessity at UCSB as Black students continue to be systematically marginalized. The current resources at UCSB are not suitable for Black women and non-binary people and they keep telling you this, this directly threatens their wellbeing. All Black women and non-binary folks deserve love, support, and access to proper healthcare always, not only after their death. One tangible way that we can provide support is by directly funding and making resources readily available. Resources that you have access to. Hundreds of thousands of our student fees have been used to police Black students on campus. The UC has spent millions of dollars to have police on campus instead of prioritizing and funding student resources. Let that sit with you for a minute. Millions of dollars have gone to the police department. I want my student fees to support Black women and non-binary folks, not terrorize them. You have the power to allocate this money. The safety and health of your constituents should always be prioritized. I urge you to take this chance to stop ignoring Black women and non-binary folks' issues and provide them the necessary resources you have access to. Please start listening to Black women and non-binary people.

**Britney Walton:** Good evening my name is Britney, I am a second year undergraduate, Black student and my pronouns are she/her/hers. As a Black women advocate for mental health by serving as Mental Health Special Projects Director and co-chair for AS Public and Mental Health Commission and intern for National Alliance on Mental Illness and Behavior and Respite, I have witnessed the general acknowledgement and discussion of the detrimental impacts of racism on the equitable access to resources including education, housing, healthcare, etc., Less frequently we discuss how the years of socio-economic disparity that plague the conformity of injustices demand change now by ignoring the needs for providing more than adequate health care services to Black communities at a local and global level. As a university, we pride ourselves on the manifestation through the creation and distribution of knowledge that advances the wellbeing of our state, nation, and world as stated in the UCSB mission statement. I am asking you to use these efforts to acknowledge and provide support to the wellbeing of Black lives on our campus. By supporting the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative's endeavors to support and allocate the direct advocacy needed for the Black community. These measures can be taken by directing the needs of healthcare aid, intersectional resources, and events that allow for the visibility and vibrancy of Black students on campus. As you review this bill, I urge you to choose love, care, and support for the Black lives here at UCSB.

**Zainab Bansfield:** Hi I am Zainab and my pronouns and she/her/hers. I am the event coordinator for the Muslim Student Association, and I am here today to support the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and for the full budget to be passed. As a Black woman and a STEM student, I have felt excluded on this campus. I have been the only Black women in my classes far too many times and seen too many Black women pushed out of STEM majors by the lack of resources and support as well as burn out which is a plague to our success. These institutions were not made for us and it is glaringly obvious in the classroom. It is extremely exhausting being a Black woman on this campus who put so much into our communities but do not get the same energy back. The Black Womyn's Health Collaborative can help us get through this mentally, physically, and spiritually. It can help lift us and create spaces for us to succeed and be given the opportunity to showcase our true potential. Please support this bill so that Black women can finally have the support and resources so that we can navigate these institutions that are designed against us. Thank you.

**Jeike Meijer:** I am a fourth-year Indigenous student and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am coming here as a student and Indigenous woman to speak in solidarity with my Black relatives. I support the bill for creating a Black Womyn's Health Collaborative, as student leaders in the Senate it is your responsibility to uplift and center Black voices. Black women and non-binary folks are telling you what they need, do not be complacent and do not ignore their voices. Anti-Blackness is happening all around us, even at UCSB. Silence is complacency. Doing nothing is complacency. This is a direct measure that you can take towards protecting the lives and health of Black people in your community.

**Diana Garcia:** I am third year Environmental Studies major, my pronouns are she/her/hers, I am a non-Black Latinx student. I would like start by acknowledging and honoring those lives we have lost due to state sanctioned violence recently and also in the past. I am speaking here in support of the bill and full budget to create a Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and in solidarity with Black women, women-aligned, non-binary folks, and Black students across our campus who have been silenced by AS and the UC Institution at large. The creation of this BCU is imperative to the needs of Black women across our community giving them their own autonomy to do so. As student leaders of this campus you must protect and prioritize Black women in your decisions, and this goes further than a solidarity statement. Solidarity and allyship are ongoing and require active listening, transparency, and accountability. This is an opportunity to take direct action and being an ally by providing the financial resources for Black women to improve their spiritual, mental, and physical wellbeing as mentioned in the bill. It is your responsibility

as Senators to prioritize the health and safety of those you represent including the Black community. Make this campus safer by uplifting, loving, and protecting Black women, women-aligned, and nonbinary folks through your support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and its full budget.

**Brieonni Johnson:** Hi my name is Brieonni, a Black student, she/her/hers, and a Black woman. As a Black woman attending UCSB I can advocate that a space needed for Black women is very much needed. I experienced firsthand while living in the Black Scholars Hall many Black women arrived on this campus, they earned their way onto only to leave because they felt they did not have a safe space to be a Black woman on this campus. Most of them left because the racism they experienced on campus was too overwhelming and even general Black spaces did not feel fitting enough for them and they did not want to put themselves through more suffering. Merely their own existence is a statement that we have to navigate the world with. As proud as I am to be a Black woman, I wish I could exist in comfort without being challenged at every single turn. It is fully necessary to have a place that advocates for us because we are already marginalized, and we are a small demographic on this campus that claims diversity when we lose more of our community every year due to not be given the sufficient support we need to exist here. We lose more of ourselves in a society that constantly dismisses us in every aspect and never gives us a space to heal or process that backlash nor the support, stabilize, and increase the Black women community on campus. The Black Womyn's Health Collaborative needs to exist with proper backing.

**Petrona Garcia:** I am Petrona and I am here to show my support for The Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and the fully funding of it. It is essential and crucial for Black women, non-binary folks, and women-aligned folks. The resources available to them now is not enough. It is important to have an entity that address the specific needs of these folks given the systematic racism that is present within the health field. In recent news headlines, we have seen stories of Black women being gaslighted by doctors. The data of how Black women have higher pregnancy mortality rates, and the way COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the Black community. It is not enough to merely know about these instances and spread awareness. It is also important to do something about it. As an entity that prides itself on supporting the needs of students, here is your chance to put actions behind your words and allyship. Listen to Black voices and fund Black voices too.

Valeryee Jimenez: Hi, my name is Diego Reyes, my pronouns are they/them/theirs and I will be speaking on behalf of Valeryee Jimenez, a fourth year at UCSB. In my four years at UCSB, I have seen first-hand the leadership Black women take on to protect our communities and make this campus a more equitable and inclusionary place. Therefore, I support this bill to build a Black Womyn's Health Collaborative to ensure that the students putting in the most mentally and emotionally taxing labor on this campus have the necessary resources to take care of themselves. Beyond this, Black women globally are not structurally supported in the ways that allow them the resources to incite large scale change. This collective is a step towards giving Black women what they need to heal and thrive. Black students contribute money to this institution but so rarely see their unique concerns and struggles benefit from it. To pass this bill is to acknowledge this unacceptable history instead of precedent for how institutions can materially support their Black students moving forward.

**Leslie Jimenez:** My name is Leslie, I am a third-year student and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here today to show my full support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. AS claims to always

support their students. I believe this is a tangible way to support for Black women and non-binary students on campus. Our Black peers on campus deserve a safe space where they are really heard and supported, especially on a campus that is predominately white and historically marginalizes them. They deserve a space that is dedicated to providing them with resources to promote their wellbeing. I fully stand with this Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and believe they should be granted everything they are asking for. I hope you all choose to stand with it too.

Jordan Fobbs: My name is Jordan Fobbs, and my pronouns are they/them. I am a second-year Black student. I am the AS undergraduate representative for diversity, equity, and inclusion and I will be the cochair and external vice president of BSU for the next academic year. I am here today to advocate for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and the passage of full budget. This is a timely and crucial initiative as state sanctioned violence against Black people has been highlighted in recent news, yet it has centered Black men while erasing the deaths of Black women. In my experiences in BSU and other Black organizing spaces, it has been predominately Black women who have taken on the physical, mental, and emotional labor of securing resources for our Black students. The entire BSU demands team was compromised of Black women at the time they secured the Office of Black Student Development and the BSU executive board has been predominately Black women for the past few years. Despite these high levels of involvement and advocacy, Black women are constantly othered, discriminated against, and systematically excluded from spaces at this institution, and across the UC system. Furthermore, Black women have faced structural barriers and discrimination from the medical industrial complex that evidences such a need for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. They suffer from higher death and infant mortality rates, and have their concerns inadequately attended to when receiving care. This recently occurred in the case of Rana Zoe Mungin, a Black woman who was denied a test for COVID-19 twice despite showing symptoms and later died in the hospital. This occurs far too often and is a glaring reminder of how state-control of Black women's bodies reproduces the same harms that began with slavery. I would like to use this time to condemn a statement made by Transfer Senator Ahura Nezhad in which he questioned the legitimacy of these concerns, grouping Black women into women of color and asking where and when these happenings occurred. Understand that the need for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is due to an ongoing active discrimination and violence leveled at Black women not simply isolated incidents. By making such an ignorant and reductive statement you are reproducing the same logic that I just discussed in which Black women's concerns are not heard and are often generalized to include other groups furthering the harm done to them and erasing their struggles. My point is that anti-Black misogynoir and. disparity in resources is what is being addressed in this bill and Senator Nezhad's response to it demonstrates how necessary this resource is. If you claim to support Black students, you will pass this bill. Lastly, thank you to Zion, Suad, Senator Star, Senator Schaefer, and Senator Quintero-Cubillan who have labored to bring this bill to life.

**Shelsea Sanchez:** I am a third-year political science student and a minor in feminist studies. My pronouns are she/they. As many of my peers here, I am here today to speak in support of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and be in solidarity with Black women, women-aligned, and non-binary folks. As non-Black people, we always speak about wanting to support this community. With the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative we can tangibly do so. UCSB has a long indisputable history of systematically marginalizing Black students. These students not only face barriers here on our campus but in other areas as well such as receiving proper health care. For example, the National Women's Loss Center has stated

that Black women consistently receive lower quality health care regardless of age, socio-economic status, and education. UCSB as an institution with more than enough funding is not doing enough to provide adequate resources for Black women, women-aligned and non-binary folks which poses extreme threats to these resources for Black women, women-aligned, and non-binary folks physically, mentally, and emotionally. I want my student fees going to support these folks who have been historically shut out from spaces such as AS and other spaces on campus. AS claims to be a voice of the student body so I please ask you to put your words to action by supporting the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative.

**Elvia Cruz-Garcia:** I am a fourth year, non-Black Latinx, my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am speaking today as a student in solidarity with our Black community. I full support the bill to create the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. It is important and crucial to listen to our Black community members at this time and fully support them. The creation of this bill would ensure that our Black community at UCSB can have adequate access to healthcare and support that they need. I would like to emphasize the point that Shelsea Sanchez just brought up about the National Women's Loss Center that states Black women consistently receive lower quality health care regardless of age, socio-economic status, and education. I think that our institution can actively work towards changing that. Honestly, when you think about it, the UC has a lot of influence and changes are made here can be followed by other UCs. We have the funding that can take active steps in supporting our Black community and I totally believe we should do that.

Amikka De Castro: My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here today in solidarity with the Black community here at UCSB to show support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. The US has had a long and horrible history of using the healthcare system to police and punish the bodies of Black women and it is sickening that Black women's mental, physical, and spiritual health is not made a priority. I believe that it is essential for UCSB to step up and do its part to help the Black community in healing by providing adequate healthcare resources for Black women. There is no excuse to ignore the health care needs of Black women, especially since there are the funds to do so. This institution must do more to help Black bodies truly thrive. You have the power so please use it for the good of your own community.

**Francisco Noriega:** I am a third-year student, he/him pronouns, and I am here in solidarity with the Black community and to show my support for the full funding of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. The university champions diversity though there is little support given to the Black student body in regard to resources, funding, and overall support. The experiences of Black folk and people of color are not synonymous and to conflate the two is a violence act of erasure. If those functioning under the university truly wish to support the individuals that they often champion, their efforts should be directed towards providing space and resources for Black students. The formation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is a step towards redistributing the funds that they already put into the university back into ensuring that the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of Black women and non-binary people are adequately met.

**Rose Hoang:** Hi my name is Rose Hoang, my pronouns are she/her/hers and I am a third year. I am speaking to you today as an Asian American student on this campus to support the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. First and foremost, I want to directly address the Asian Senators in this meeting. We need to recognize our privilege as an Asian person in this country and we must listen and uplift Black

voices. So if you stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement but you think \$250,000 is too much, you are perpetuating the stigma against the worth of Black bodies and specifically Black women and are part of the problem. As for all Senators, AS must allocate money to institutionally support Black women on this campus. We should be using our student fees to uplift the most marginalized communities on this campus. Therefore, the safety and protection of Black women should be our priority. Concerts and social programs can wait. You as a person of power in AS have the responsibility to listen to Black women when they say, "non-Black AS spaces largely harm their wellbeing and they need space for their ability to exist." Listen to them and act on it.

**Justin Miller:** I am a third-year transfer Black student and my pronouns are he/they. I believe we need a Black Womyn's Health Collaborative at this school. Even in the devastation of police brutality, and the surge of Black support today on the internet, we still find Black women voices erased at this school. Instead of student leaders reaching out to Black student organizations and leaders on this campus, they speak for them, write what they believe they need, and use the suffering of Black students for their gain, all of which is unconscious. I just want to say that if you just listen to Black women voices you will be shocked and appalled, specifically on this campus. You will release how overt the racism is here from professors and counselors. You will realize also the strength of Black women students to stay in this toxic system, despite the hate and aggression they face. But as others have mentioned, many do not stay and have their dreams taken away not because of their skills, education, or work ethic but because they are Black women. I encourage you to listen to the voices of Black women on this campus without judgement. To be a good friend to our community, how do you feel when someone cuts you off mid-sentence? That is what we do to Black women every day on this campus and in this nation.

**Sofia Camarena:** I am a third-year, non-Black Latinx student, and my pronouns are they/them/theirs. I am here today to show my support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. For everyone present here today, please listen to the concerns of Black students. If Black students tell you that they need support and feel excluded on places on campus, I urge you to listen to what they have to say without asking them to share any traumatic experiences they have been through. Please use your power and authority as elected officials of AS to support Black women, women-aligned, and non-binary folks who deserve a safe space on campus that will positively support their health and wellbeing.

Halee Harris: Hi, my name is Halee and I am second year at UCSB. I am here today in support of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. My first year I was a fellow for the office of the EVPSA and a member of the RHA. I am also currently a member of the BSU Executive Board. Through these experiences, I am very familiar with the turmoil that Black women face as student leaders on this campus. I have presented to various entities on campus in order to request funding for Black students. This year in accordance with my position on the BSU Executive Board, I was responsible for the acquiration of nearly \$30,000 in funding for our annual attendance to the ABC conference. This bill and the full funding of this bill is necessary because of the uncomfortable situations I have been in throughout this last year in working with AS. And these are experiences I know that many Black women can relate to. In these spaces Black students feel obligated to recall over and over the struggles that Black students face on campus in order to prove the necessity of the events we are asking for funding for. You can argue that this regurgitation of our struggles is not necessary but unless you have presented to a board of people that do not look like you and do not know your struggles, and who are ready to pick apart every point in your

presentation, you will never understand this feeling. I know personally how much this bill can positively impact the lives of Black students on this campus. Securing funding is stressful, and I hate worrying that the person in my position the following year, may not be as lucky as I was this year. What if we cannot take as many people to ABC next year. What if our So Icy Ball can't be made a tradition because of the bad planning and carelessness shown by AS towards Black students finally comes to a point where the BSU board has no other options or back up plan. Black students deserve the space the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative would provide. Why do students who do not know the Black community, our struggles, and our necessities on this campus get to decide if our initiative and programming are worthy of the money that we put into AS in the first place. I just do not want any more students to have to endure what the BSU Board has this year and in past years anymore and the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is the perfect solution.

Melanie Leung: My pronouns are she/her/hers and I am here to express advocacy for the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. As an ally, I strongly believe that UCSB needs an initiative that will directly bring financial support to one of the most oppressed groups of individuals on campus. Passing the proposed bill is one simple action UCSB can take towards addressing and acknowledging the racially charged harm imparted upon Black women. This school needs to start actively creating a safer and inclusive community in order to even just begin implementing the long-deserved justice that Black women have always deserved. The path towards justice must begin with a commitment from UCSB to recognize the need for institutional change, aiming to protect a group of students most directly impacted by systematic oppression. The lack of non-Black AS spaces is harmful in itself, and without taking this first step in passing this bill, would show that UCSB continues to not recognize its failures to support its most marginalized groups. The extent of my relationship with AS entities have been mostly through the environmentally focused ones such as DPW, EJA, and EAB. From my understanding, AS spends a lot of its funds each year towards environmentalism. But in order to address environmental issues, we have to recognize that the health and livelihood of marginalized groups, such as Black women is very closely tied to the negative effects of climate change, pollution, and many other environmental problems. So it is essential that AS focuses on providing support to these historically marginalized individuals in order to work towards both its environmental and social justice goals.

**Karen Silva:** I am a third-year non-Black Latinx student. My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here to show my support for the proposed Black Womyn's Health Collaborative that would be funded by AS. If Black students are telling you that they are not feeling supported on this campus, then listen to them. This campus loves to claim that they are "inclusive and supportive of their diverse student body," yet many people do not see any action supporting this. By passing this collaborative, it is one way to truly prove that this campus listens to their student body who elects them in the first place.

Angie Guijosa: Hello, I am here to speak as an ally to all the Black women that attend UCSB and in support of Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. I would like to take a moment to remind all of you that your campaigns heavily promoted the care you have for all of the students that attend this university. You all stated that you would do your best to serve all students. With that said, it is important that you accommodate Black students just as much as you accommodate the majority white students. I urge you to consider the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative so that the livelihoods and wellbeing of Black women, cis, Trans, and non-binary included, can finally be acknowledged and supported by all,

Please listen to the pleas of everyone speaking today and focus on the voices of the Black women who have been trying for too long to get the correct aid that they need.

Ashneen Rahman: I am a third-year bio major, my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here in solidarity with the Black community and I am here in support of the necessity of having the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. The voices and needs of Black, cis, and Trans women, and non-binary folks on this campus have largely been silenced and drowned out. As a non-Black student, I have seen how unreasonably difficult spaces such as AS and amongst others, have been made for my fellow peers to access, let alone safely. This campus, and AS, cannot say that they support the inclusion of Black women and non-binary folks yet make it increasingly difficult for them to even be heard. It is imperative for the Senate to enact this bill. The budget is a fraction of compensation for labor that Black women and non-binary folks have given and endured on campus. However, the labor of Black women and non-binary folks should not be what justifies the budget of the bill. This request is long overdue for Black women and non-binary folks to be protected and have these safe spaces on campus that are accessible to non-Black students such as myself and many of you. It should be the Senate's duty to actively and routinely uplift the voices of Black women and non-binary folks. It is our job as a campus and student body to give Black women and non-binary folks support.

**Rachel Huang:** My name is Rachel, my pronouns are she/they. I am speaking here today as an ally and in support for the bill for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. There is nothing in AS that directly serves Black women and non-binary folks. Black voices have constantly been ignored by UCSB campuses at large and AS. This bill is a direct ask from the UCSB Black community regarding what they need and as UCSB claims to be minority serving, diversity, and equity institution that AS claims it serves all of its student population but fails miserably in serving the Black community. This bill must pass for the bare minimum of any non-Black person to be an actual ally to Black communities to go beyond publishing a statement and to really commit to what is necessary. This BCU will by default provide the Black student community with resources and support initiatives. This BCU will focus on the health and mental wellbeing of Black women and non-binary folks and create spaces that no one else can create. Not some of you all on the panel, not me, not any non-Black person. Only Black women can create what they need. And in these spaces, the Black community can truly tend to what they need to tend to together in a collective. This is your very first step to uplift and support Black women and non-binary folks. This bill needs to pass with its full budget.

**Isabelle Ochoa:** I am here to support the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and emphasize the need for the passage of the full budget. It is crucial that there is not only a safe space but a specific space that is dedicated towards Black women, non-binary folks included, as they are inadequately represented throughout campus. Dedicating this space to our Black peers is necessary as it allows for the allocation of resources to the students that are in need of more support. The Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is necessary to uplift our Black peers and I hope that you choose to support a space that promotes the retention and success of these students. I ask that you take their needs into consideration as this bill would provide our Black peers the work that has not been addressed enough on this campus.

**Vidhisha Mahesh:** I am a second year, she/her/hers pronouns, I would like to speak today in support of the Black community here at UCSB. I would like to emphasize that we must all make it our priority to

listen and actively support and center Black students and Black students organizing now and forever. At UCSB, the administration has continuously failed to provide institutional support for Black women in regard to their mental health, community well-being, and academic resources. Much of this advocacy work against these institutional barriers falls on the hands of Black students, especially Black women and Black Trans and non-binary folks, and it comes at the expense of their emotional and physical wellbeing. AS despite being for the students, is a space that actively silences the voices of its Black student leaders as well as its constituents. When it should be a space that empowers and provides them with resources. I wholeheartedly demand that every senator supports and fully funds the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative.

**Emily Diaz:** I am a second-year student, my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am speaking here today to show support and stand in solidarity with Black students. I want to advocate for the support of the bill to create the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. The UC institution along with AS has a long history of silencing Black voices, especially Black Trans non-binary voices and neglecting their needs. Allocating funds towards the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is securing that the needs of Black students on our campus are taken care of. As one of the top universities in the nation, it is our duty to provide the funds and resources so that the mental, physical, and financial needs of Black students are met and prioritized. I encourage you to listen to Black students, community members, staff, faculty, and so on and center their needs especially when it comes to their physical and mental health needs. Center the voices of Black Queer Trans and non-binary folks not only at UCSB but beyond. To support this is to uplift Black students and their needs therefore I strongly urge you to support the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative bill.

Sarah Danielzadeh: Hi my name is Sarah, I am a third-year non-Black Assyrian student and a former L&S senator, and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here today to show my support for the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and stand in solidarity with my Black peers. I urge you all to make it your utmost priority to listen to the voices of Black women and non-binary folks speaking to you today. AS, and especially past Senate members, have perpetuated an obscene amount of anti-Black behavior. So, I dare you to take the first step towards making positive change in this space. Listen to the needs that Black women are presenting to you today and pay attention. Just last week when a Black senator expressed her concerns with the microagressive language being used amongst your fellow Senators, many of you decided to tell her that she was overreacting and began defending yourselves rather than genuinely empathizing with her. It is clear that there is still a lot of work to be done in these spaces to ensure that we are not silencing the voices of Black women. But I believe that the creation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is necessary in addressing the needs of Black women and amplifying their voices. I encourage you to actively listen to Black students when they express they need an adequate space to prioritize their physical and mental health. Also, just a reminder, but you work for the student body, not the other way around. You are all being paid to sit in those seats with the faith of those who voted for you, so I encourage you to put your money where your mouth is

**Esmeralda Sandoval Flores:** I would like to acknowledge the work that is being done at this moment by protestors and activists for Black Lives Matter. My name is Esmeralda Sandoval Flores and I am a fourth year, first-gen, non-traditional transfer and my pronouns are she/hers/ella. As a student of ethnic studies and social history, I want to point out that we are very clearly in a period of transition from what was to

what will be. I am glad that I am here to show my support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative, and I am also excited to bear witness to what could be a big step in the path towards equity for all marginalized students. I give my time and my words to support the creation of Black Womyn's Health Collaborative that will allocate \$250,000 to Black women's health. Many universities fail to realize that when you bring in marginalized groups, whether it is for the diversity, for catalog pictures, or website photo-ops, to a place that was not built for them, is inherently violent. These spaces were not made for people like us, and today we talk about how these spaces, and from many of the testimonies, these spaces are not made towards Black women and women-aligned folks. Without support and resources specifically geared towards these groups, quality of life and academics suffer greatly. I hope that centering the healing of Black women today, not only provides the necessary support to my fellow classmates and other students that are highly vulnerable at this time, but also provide an institutional foundation for supporting future Gauchos. I am not a doctor, a clinician, a social worker, or a therapist, and as such, I can only give so much support as a student of color and a fellow cis-gendered woman. Your votes today to pass this bill point a willingness to acknowledge that there is systemic racism and institutional violence existing here at UCSB. And that indicates a need for professional and specialized support in the form of this Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. As a student elect of AS council, passing this bill exemplifies that you, with your vote, consciously take into consideration that you are not just here representing few, but rather all Gauchos including those who have not arrived. As many speakers before me have stated, this bill is important not because it will initiate the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative but because as student representatives, you are making a statement of acknowledgement and also a move towards equity that validates the need for a safe space that has traditionally been a barrier, and actively harmed Black women historically. Your vote today will allow current and future Black women on this campus to gain access to resources that are specifically geared towards their unique intersectional oppressions. I look forward to celebrating the council's decision in the passing this bill, and in doing so, highlighting that UCSB students continue the tradition of founding social movements for the betterment of all. Student activism is just that, active and I really hope your votes today reflect this initiative and a commitment towards a better future.

Alexandra Gessesse: Thank you everyone for the words that have been shared before, I am sure that a lot of Senators are multitasking, so I ask for your full and undivided attention for these five minutes. I have sat in your seats before so I know how long these meetings can be, and because of that I wanted to kind of share why I think the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is important. I sat in your seat my sophomore year, and I was the only Black woman who sat on Senate. Instead of diving into the nitty-gritty things that I experienced, the microaggressions that I experienced, the multiple realms of harassment I experienced, the one depressing thing was the death threats that I received merely because I continued to support the BSU Demands Team at the time the demands had not been signed and other things that I was relatively outspoken for. I "rose to prominence" during my Senate term in the sense that I became someone on campus that people recognized whether they supported things that I was working on as a Senator or not. And that became not only stressful to my mental health but also my physical health and my grades. I practiced LaDonte King's, who is no longer with AS, guide to get a 4.0 and I fell .01 shy one quarter but I say that because the things that I did to spread myself thin, not just as a student leader but also the things that came up afterwards, I was admitted to the hospital for three days because I overstressed myself not outside of my realm of student government, I not only experienced the things that come with mental health and also physical health deterioration of just being a student leader on this campus but also just

Black on this campus. That fall I witnessed, two UCPD officers, violently, violently, violently, violently, harass three Black men in Isla Vista that evening fall quarter of my junior year. The year that I assumed the role of campus organizing director in the EVPSA office. Not only was that triggering, but as you can imagine when I started college Philando Castile and many other names that I can go down the list for unfortunately, were also murdered then so as you can imagine knowing that multiple cases that UCPD has open currently, the six open lawsuits that UCPD has, three of which curtail racism, and the others regarding assault and other related issues, was a very pressing issue not only to myself as a Black woman but a reminder of how small our community is and why it is important that we stay "so tight" or "so close." As you can imagine, if you have studied any social movement or anything historical, you know that Black women have been the backbone of every social movement of every social change that we have seen happen. From free and reduced lunch at the high school level all the way to just the idea of food sustainability and ensuring that you have a successful day. So I come to all you today not only to ask for your support and while you might be imploring questions of well what does this mean for all students, and x, y, and the other and I really don't want to go into those things. I want to refer back to what I mentioned earlier, that we have been the backbone of everything. The Food bank started from women of color, from the initiative of women of color, and many other things and resources that the association uses. I think for once it is time that we actually pay back those services as you all recognize there are only two Black women on the Senate this year, last year of which, as aforementioned by that senator, dropped because of mental health reasons and other personal reasons which means that there was zero Black representation on the Senate. I am the only person amongst the very few people in BSU who constantly have to go to the BSU to discuss how they can do funding, how they can come to F&B, how they can request money, how they can move around the Association. I am graduating, I am a resource that will no longer be there, so that have something institutionalized at the association not only allows the work that I, and people before me have done, to continue that work and helping the community but also spanning across all people beyond just BSU and a resource that is institutionalized much like the association for all Black students, for all Black women identifying students which the spectrum spans so widely, but also so that we can recognize what we can do as an association moving forward. You know we love ASPB because everyone gets to reap the benefits of all this and the other. But until we recognize the backbone that Black women have played in this association, and non-binary women-aligned folks, we are never going to be able to actually move forward as an association. So, let my experiences speak to testimony what I experienced sitting in those seats, and that you will soon experience sitting in the Flying A Room but for now in the comfort of your bedroom. And know that the burden that I experienced as a student leader, especially as my time in getting through the association, was a very key reminder that things like this were essential and the only reason why I was not able to do this was because I did not have the support. So, in a time like this, it is very clear that as the person who spoke before me stated and as folks before me have mentioned, we are in a very transitional time not just as a country, but also as a college campus, as a society. It does not have to take someone on our campus to get recorded and God forbid murdered at the hands of UCPD to recognize that we have issues within our UCPD office. So beyond my support for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative I also ask that you really implore the letter written by the AS executives but also the resolution that Senator Star and Senator Schaefer have introduced to all this evening.

**Kaytlin Troxler:** I am a first year, she/her/hers, as the newly appointed secretary of the IV Arts Board, I urge you to consider the IV Arts legal code bill in order to ensure that I and the other appointees get the

honoraria for the work on the board. Thank you for your consideration and improvement of my appointment.

**Claudia Umutoni Kigesa:** My name is Claudia, my pronouns are she/her/hers, I am a third year psych and brain sciences and sociology double major and I serve as the leadership development director on the BSU Executive Board, I am also a community, engagement, and advocacy program intern at the MCC but I am speaking here first and foremost as a Black woman at UCSB. The formation of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is a necessity for an institution that prides itself on diversity initiatives and stagnant displays of multiculturalism This collaborative would force the institution to pour into its Black students, beyond methods that primarily center and promote the university itself. It is unfortunate that, yet again, Black students have to imagine and realize ways to support ourselves in an institution that claims to be in solidarity with our experiences. This initiative would not only promote change and positive visibility for Black women on campus, it is also symbolic of the stability that Black students, women, and non-binary folks specifically can have on this campus. A stability that has never been truly present for us here. In order to support Black women at UCSB, non-Black students must make room for us to take space and make decisions for ourselves on our own accord. Amidst everything that is going on right now, folks keep asking how they can help and how they can be on the frontlines. The help everyone is looking to give is in the day to day interactions that they have with Black folks. That is the frontline. And that is the reason this bill is so important. It has the power to implement structural change that tangibly improves the daily lives of Black women on our campus. This initiative is the frontline.

**Samuel Senar:** Thank you for everyone going on the forum beforehand and thank you for speaking your power and making change happen, I hope my request does not come as a distraction to the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative. Every cultural graduation group met with OSL and SA because of COVID-19 and their solution to work around that and celebrate each graduating ceremony and students was to turn to AS. It was going to be a normal Finance and Business request. Usually we would ask for help with funding food, venue, and seating, etc. Like many of the cultural graduation that could no longer hold ceremonies, P grad wanted to do a care package where they send certain things to recognize their graduates. The two things I am asking for is a graduation stole and hoodies for general members of the organization. It is around 30 for both. Both have already been paid for and received. So, this would be a reimbursement. That is about it.

#### Motion language: motion to move to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>8:48 PM</mark>

**Star:** Hello everyone, first and foremost, I would like to thank all speakers whom have come to speak on behalf of the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative and themselves. Thank you all for your emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical labor of your words, your life, your daily deeds in support for this bill and sharing your experiences and existence for daily life. I acknowledge this, I respect this, I honor this, as I know the burden from this oppression and silencing is, too often silenced, ignored, dismissed, in addition

to just state the power of words as well have all heard and listened to, that is first. I want to bring up a situation which is why I believe the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is so necessary. So last Senate meeting, not only was it an eight-hour meeting, but approximately two hours of it was back and forth of an interpretation of a statement in concern in which I simply requested that a language change be acknowledged and in it I was ridiculed and invalidated. My simple statement imploring for all Senators to acknowledge their words and acknowledgement of microaggressions and the offense of the way things are stated, despite intention was met and my statement was weaponized, people came at me saying was I was making "molehills into mountains" and others were saying that I was attacking the individual with whom I was saying when I was simply imploring a language change. I think that no one understood what I was talking about and that speaks to the privilege and the ignorance and in addition to the complete disregard for my concern and existence in what I was saying, so I just want to state that. In addition, one of the Senators that day, asked two student sponsors for a specific bill to state their personal traumas. I wanted to say that it is disrespect of some of the highest order to request people to state instances of discrimination, oppression, and trauma in order to gain a better understanding that they have to live every day and then to be asked by someone who could never understand, this is inappropriate even when prefaced by apologizing for the trauma and acknowledging the privilege that you would not understand. I just want to say that that was highly inappropriate, not okay, and should never occur again. This bill, I have other statements I will say later. Students on campus with this bill respect and acknowledge and honor the Black community's life and the struggle we go through. This bill is not asking for support it is demanding support that has not been there. We are in a transitional time and this time is reclaiming space that is very needed. It is not really being asked for, it is being demanded. So, we as Black women, students, community members, and human beings are demanding more than performative allyship, acknowledgment, and respect. This bill is demanding action. This bill is to combat the inadequate support and to directly support and centralize leadership for community that is so often oppressed, marginalized, and ignored from tireless and endless measures, it can seem that students as you have heard for somewhat the past hour and a half have been stating why this is needed. So those are some of my reasons that this bill should be put forth, it really should not take this many statement to rationalize why something like this is needed in addition to the budget but as we know issues that regard marginalized communities always seem to be questioned their validity and the reasoning so that is why this is here. I will leave the rest of my statement for later when I mention the bill. My comments on Senate were directly towards Senator Pabla, Senator Bagul, and Senate Nezhad. I believe that you should do better, Senate Nezhad I am still talking please do not disrupt me, you have been kind of dismissive in your videos I think that is disrespectful and if you are not giving your full, undivided attention to constituents and giving manners in which you should have, I implore you to turn off your camera, it is not that hard, it is one single button, That is what I have to say for now. I am accepting questions

White: For future reference, out of respect for one another, I really implore you all to talk one on one but obviously you can say what you want during the meeting.

**Star:** I would also like to mention that I state these names of people publicly because they were publicly questioning me in a public open forum therefore I am addressing it in another public, open forum and that is what I have to say on that with personal matters. If personal matters are going to be addressed openly for everyone to see, I believe that they should be resolved that way as well.

Nezhad: Just to clarify, first of all, I believe several of the public forum speakers in addition to Senator Star are referring to a conversation where I think it was Madame Abdullahi who was elaborating about her traumatic experiences and what she has to go through on this campus. And in response to that, with acknowledgement of what she has to go through, I wanted to raise awareness on the necessity of what she is asking for, and therefore I asked her, to kindly if she wants to, because she did accept questions, when she was asked if she wants to be asked questions, so I wanted to make sure that she elaborated and that people can see the necessity of the change that has to be done on this campus. When one brings up an issue, and I do understand that many cases we are not to relive our traumas and in that case I would totally understand if she did not want to take any questions, but she told her story and it was very, you know, she talked about what she wanted to talk about and it was quite moving and as a result I wanted her to elaborate more on it because I do think it is a matter of importance. Strictly why I asked her that, I did not mean to invalidate or anything of that sort at all. However, if Suad does feel offended or she has perceived this incident to be an invalidation of her pain and struggle, I am extremely sorry, and I apologize for my remarks. However I would want everyone here to know is the only reason why I asked her to elaborate more as much as she wants to, is because I do actually genuinely believe that what she goes through is a real pain in our community and it must be heard and it something that has to be heard and she accepted questions however I still am emphasizing, reemphasizing, that if she has perceived that as an invalidation of her pain, I am extremely sorry for that, that was not my intention by any means.

**Star:** In response to Senator Nezhad, I just wanted to say that implicit or explicit, intentional or unintentional, Black women and people have been asked to put themselves on a pedestal to explain themselves and the experiences in order for validation. I want to say that. Earlier this is separate, I have been crying since the eight minute, forty-six second of silence because the violence and burden that Black people have to carry is unbearable and I wanted to say that I understand your intention, however, that question which was directed towards this woman in response to her identity was tone deaf to the issue at hand and it was inappropriate in that manner. I understand that we want to share the gravity and need for things that are needed in the Black community but asking community members in any community to directly express exact and specific situations in which they were discriminated, oppressed, or silenced, is inappropriate in any setting. If they wish to share that, I am sure that they would share that in their general statement. To be asked that directly, by someone else in a general forum to share with multiple people, it could be seen as pressured to give a response, so I just wanted to say for all senator members, not just specific ones, please be mindful of that. In addition to language, please be mindful of questions you are asking people, especially in response to identities, traumas, oppression, or anything else that can be deemed a sensitive subject.

**Youssef:** *Point of Order* Senator Nezhad did not have question, but I also want to comment. I want to echo what Senator Star has been saying, and as non-Black people, we should not be getting defensive when we are listening to our fellow Black senator. Like if, on a platform, and on a public forum, is so inappropriate to ask someone to relay their trauma for you to bring awareness to yourself, I feel like the internet is right there and you could also just search it up.

**Gonzalez-Herrera:** Just to all the Senators, I do want to remind you that is someone is calling you out or calling you in, you need take accountability, and taking accountability is just that, taking it. Don't be

defensive, don't deflect, don't be make up excuses, listen, process what they are saying, and then if you want to respond then respond appropriately, but do not be tone deaf.

**Nezhad:** I am taking accountability and I am admitting to the perception that could have happened, I am not saying by any means that it is anything that it is fabricated or anything like that. I am admitting that this could have been a possible scenario, and it is indeed the case if fellow Senators are bringing it up, however I do have to clarify, that I did not have bad intentions because I am sure Senator Gonzalez-Herrera knows that we are all here for our constituency and I need to make sure that they know for a fact that it is nothing, I have not questioned her in as a way to dismiss her.

White: Senator Nezhad, as per the *point of order* let's keep this to questions y'all, if y'all want to have a discussion outside of the Senate meeting, that consists of dialogue instead of questions, then by all means but let us keep this to questions as we are still in public forum.

Nezhad: May I ask a question to Senator Gonzalez-Herrera if that is okay?

### White: Yes

**Nezhad:** So, when public forum speakers come up, we are supposed to ask questions as this is the problem apparently right now too, and once a public forum speaker accepts to be asked questions, I mean legally speaking because I was warned about it I think by Senator Roman in the beginning, that I have to be asking a question. And once they accept the question, I do ask a question. So, my question is, do you agree that we have to be asking a question once a public forum speaker wants to be asked the question?

**Gonzalez-Herrera:** I think if you are going to ask a question it needs to be appropriate. And this is just beyond Senate, you just need to be very conscious of what other people's experiences are. You cannot just assume that they are going to be comfortable with something because it is out in public or you are here on public forum. You need to be conscious of what you do say and what you are asking because these are very real questions that can affect people.

White: Alright y'all, a reminder that Senator Star is still the public forum speaker at hand and that we can only be asking questions to Senator Star and this is not a cross debate.

**Pugal:** Is it okay if I preface my question with something?

White: Yes, but only if the question is directed towards Senator Star.

**Pugal:** Is it okay if the subject matter pertains to the question?

White: Ask the question and I will let you know, as long as the question is towards Senator Star.

**Pugal:** What is the best way to spread discourse on this issue, on the issues that the African American and Black community face on a day to day basis.

**Star:** The best way to deal with these issues is to deal directly with the Black community. As a Black member on Senate I feel that I am a great resource, however I do not carry the entire burden of the Black community on my back. I am a speaker, I am a tool that is going to be used not just by the Black community and other people. So, I feel that the issues can be best combatted by dealing with them every day. I believe that there needs to be a Senate training for sensitivity as I feel that many people are not intentionally being insensitive, however they do not know the way to go about asking questions that are appropriate that have to do with sensitive topics. So, I believe the best thing to do is to deal with these topics every day when they come because clearly, we seem to be having an issue with these things and it is also a sensitive topic. So deal with them as they come, deal with them daily with our everyday life and to be aware of the language we use, how it is used, who it is directed to, how it is directed, and to just have a general awareness that I feel is lacking. I know that there is genuine concern, genuine care, however the way in which this is being asked about for constituents, myself, and other people, issues it needs to be handled differently. It needs to be a daily discussion. It has been an issue since capitalism, since the US was founded, since this school, you know since Senate, as we have echoed so I believe that this is just a continuous thing and also I had one more thing to state in my statement on the open forum that I forgot to mention that I would like to state on my comments on Senate if I could Tianna, and if I answered your question also.

**Pugal:** Yes, I was going to preface with a quick comment if that was okay. I understand that while Senator Nezhad may have had the best intentions in asking said question. I just want everyone to keep in mind that when someone consents to questions it does not give you the purview to ask what can be possibly offensive questions can be. So yes, she agreed to the question but keep in mind that when you do ask her questions like those, you do put her in a bind. If she says yes, she exposes herself and puts herself in a vulnerable position. If she says no, then effectively what she does is casts a shadow of illegitimacy on the traumas that she has faced and that kind of perception. It is not a perception, not just by her but by other people we have to keep that in mind. Just because someone consents to questioning, does not give us again the purview to ask what can be deemed as an offensive question.

White: Remember that if you all have a comment that does not pertain to the public forum speaker and if it is an urgent comment please save it for your remarks but public forum is the time to address the speaker at and and not go into cross-debate.

**Schaefer:** I have a question for Senator Star, correct me if I am wrong, and feel free to elaborate on what I am saying. From what I heard from you, I thought a Senatorial perspective of how you can help and answer Senator Pugal's question, but from what I have noticed and I think you have echoed earlier is that one member, two members, three members, ten members, cannot speak on behalf of the African American or Black community if you will, you cannot speak for an entire community ever. All you can do is shed light on your experience and how you think your experience can help others understand the experiences of others and I just wanted to make that clear that asking one person, I am going to use the example of asking one person of the Black community, like asking myself a question about something pertaining to the Black community and in my response, my response does not, a response, Senator Star correct me if I am wrong, does not represent the response of the entire Black community or the entire community at question, I just wanted to say that. Can you correct me if I am wrong Senator Star?

**Star:** Yes, that is correct, I just want to remind everyone that as a forum we represent our constituents, our communities, and everything else and of course personal viewpoints do not speak to everyone so concerns I may have, may not represent the whole community, I think that is one aspect of racism and the historical legacy it holds is asking individuals of many different cultural backgrounds when put in positions of power or leadership to represent their whole community, they are great spokespersons, they are some of the best community members who feel the most comfortable with divulging issues and concerns in the community and the community in which they are in at large, however to be reminded that individual members cannot represent an entire community however an entire community is comprised of individual members. I hope that answers your question.

### Schaefer: Thank you.

White: Thank you. Reminder y'all please refrain from asking leading questions.

**Michael Sanders:** I would like to first start off by sharing my disgust at what I just witnessed from a body of students that is here to protect all of the students. And instead of using your education that you pay a lot of money for, and sitting back and listening and processing over twenty testimonies on how Black women and the voice of my community on how we can improve, you chose to victimize yourselves while displaying a symbol of hate during a time in which Black people are killed on the street. Senator Star was tasked with keeping her full composure while you were visibly getting agitated with hearing a Black woman speak. That display should not be seen by any student who is trying to be a representative of all students. This is my first time in five years hearing Black women speak on their experience, and you get the privilege of interacting with Senator Star during every single one of these meetings, and instead of choosing to listen and process her concerns, your first thing was to go into defense mode, gaslight her, and berate her and try to discredit her while she was voicing genuine concerns and if no one sees the problem in that, if you do not see the problem with that within yourself, I urge you to educate yourself further instead of getting on this forum publicly and publicly trying to discredit a Black woman in front of the face of over twenty people who laid out their personal experiences which they did not have to do and I would personally like an apology for that because that is just unacceptable.

**Izzy Mitchell:** Hi everyone, this is mostly addressed to the students who came today and I want to thank all the people who spoke today it was extremely moving to hear all of these statements and personally it makes me realize how we have failed as an institution, as a society, to really realize these issues, and listen to these voices, and I really hope that moving on we allow these issues to be remembered and not allow this to happen again and just to learn to be better people around each other.

**Suad Abdullahi:** I wanted to hop on but while public forum is still open because there is discussion that included me. I just want to be clear, I do want to re-center back what we are here for which is passing this legislation that could help our community an immeasurable amount. But just to address the comments and the question that was asked last week. I just want to say that yes I have sat on Senate before and I have been asked invasive questions in the past and unfortunately as a Black women I have gone through my fair share of experiences, so on a personal level I am not necessarily devastated by what was asked because it is not something that has not been asked of me before. But I do want to acknowledge that the question which came after me and Zion spoke was asked of me which I felt could have just been

rephrased to be more specific to why we were there which was to pass legislation for Black Women's health and I just felt it was not necessary to ask my personal experience, I did disclose that I was a former senator and I was comfortable answering questions, as am I today, but it is important to keep in mind that just because we are open to answering questions or also because we disclose parts of our experiences does not mean we have to disclose all of our experiences and no I did not feel comfortable answering that question, and unfortunately it was something that I realized well after I answered the question just because of how this forum goes, it was invasive and delegitimizing and I think it is just important to apologize, so I am sorry I messed up there is no need to qualify how you meant it and what you meant, so I just wanted to speak for myself and focus back on why we are here and this experience could have been offensive to me but I do not want us to stray away from that topic but I do want to highlight that it is important to consider people's comfortability, just because they are open to questions does not necessarily mean that you have access to personal information, I just wanted to speak on that since it keeps coming up. I am open to questions.

Schaefer: In my statement I am going to shift gears a little bit. So, first of all, I want to thank all of those who have shared their support for the bill above and who have shared their thoughts on the needs of the UCSB community. I am going to go on to say what I would like to say. As a Black woman and a student leader on this campus I have faced discrimination, ostracization, and diminishment from my fellow community members and associates. I have faced this in every position I have held on this campus. I repeat, I have faced this in every position I have held on this campus. I want to state that I will no longer allow myself to be placed in the position that has caused my identity to feel uncertainty. I will not keep my silence for the protection of others to continue to walk over my presence. I will not tell you what to say or how to say it. But I will tell you what I will and will not tolerate to hear. I promise my fellow community Senators and the campus community members, I will call out all language that demonstrates inappropriate, unprofessional, microaggressions, inconsiderate words or tones. I demand respect and the respect of all others. I ask that you be mindful of my request and my demand because as a collective we cannot move forward without mindfulness and I myself cannot maintain the most conducive mental mindset if that is violated or challenged. I want to note that my life right now and life right now can be described as difficult to anyone, to all of us and for everyone. However, speaking for myself, I have attacks coming from all directions, not on my character or what I do, but on the color of my skin. These protests going on right are for life, equality, justice, and recognition. It is the plight of myself that is taking place right now all over social media, all over the streets, and all across this nation and the world. It is my ancestry that is taking place right now. I support Black Lives Matter in full and right now if I had the strength, I would name each and every Black person and person of color that has been killed by police brutality and racialized violence. But I will save that for the next Senate meeting at the start of next quarter. I stand and I zoom here as a leader not only committed to uphold the interests of the UCSB community but also for the protection of all student groups, cultures, and identities. I will uphold your requests as a priority to take into consideration and I will implore my fellow Senators to do the same. To my fellow Senators, I support every single decision you make that will better the community and this world, wholeheartedly and genuinely. I support your efforts to educate yourselves and your constituents on issues of global, cultural, political, economic concerns and concerns that face our community. I ask that you stand or at least support me in doing so. I do not ask for a thank you. I ask for action. A thank you to me is empty without true acknowledgement of a request. As a team member of the 71<sup>st</sup> Senate, I undoubtedly support the bills mentioned above for Black women's rights and health care in the Black

Womyn's Health Collaborative. May we all be the trailblazers that conquest into spaces that have never been achieved by our previous Senators at UCSB. With that, I yield what I am saying, but I am open to questions.

**Ferguson:** I just want to thank everyone who spoke today, it is really personal everything that has been said and I just want to state my respect for everyone who spoke and spoke their truths, and how they feel about their life experiences. I just have to say that I have to leave right now and I have someone who is willing to take my spot as a proxy, so I was just wondering if I could motion to go back into the acceptance of proxies.

Star: Hello, I have one more thing to add, this is just a concern that I wanted to make. Thank you everyone for coming, thank you everyone for speaking. I just want to mention something that has been happening in Senate and a concern that is being brought up a lot and I can only voice my personal opinion. So, I just wanted to say that I personally vote based off my personal beliefs. I follow no party lines, a party was the vehicle that I came into my term with, however, it is not something that I carry with me. I heard a lot of things about a divide can be seen on either side through party lines. I want to remind everyone that parties do not exist in Senate although I think that voting kind of reflects that. We might want to rephrase that so voting reflect people's mindset, personal beliefs, and how they are choosing to vote. Meetings have somewhat become spectacles and sensational, not to say that the subjects and the concerns being met are not important and should not be brought up. I think there are a lot of people qualifying, questioning, and doing unnecessary behavior. I just wanted to say that we are a team, we work together, I do feel that, we as a Senate do lack communication as an entire Senate, and I can only speak for myself and I know some other Senators feel the same but I believe that some of the statements being made that saying there are party lines and they are decisive it is incorrect, wrong, and I think it is putting a lot of unnecessary pressure on myself and fellow Senators to be boxed in like that. I would like to say that if there are any concerns in the future, I personally do not do that, but I cannot speak for other Senators, but I assume they do the same. I know that someone mentioned the 14-10 divide that is how it is split but we are one Senate, like Senator Schaefer said earlier, we must move together as a group, together as a collaborative, to make change that we want to see, be the change you want to be, so I just wanted to mention that and myself personally, and I what I am seeing and I do recognize that there is a lack of communication, I do recognize that there is a lack of knowledge and sensitivity, and somewhat ignorance on subjects that we need to remedy, we as a Senate are going to go forward, we have had an eight hour meeting this meeting is going into four hours, each one of our meetings have been hard, school is hard, the world right now is rough and hard, I want to recognize that we are bearing a lot, these meetings are emotionally draining, physically draining, mentally draining, so I want to mention that and for us all to be mindful of each other, to be kind to each other, and to come open-minded every single meeting and to just respect each other the way that we should be respected.

Motion language: motion to suspend orders of the day and go back into proxies

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/De Ramon

# ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:28 PM</mark>

**Cindy Lopez:** Hi, I assume we are discussing the funding for the bill that is up for \$250,000. The budget has already been passed but we do have capital reserves, that is something that we always keep, our auditors stay we need to keep 2% of our income in capital reserves. This money can be used if the Senate votes for it. We will have to make up the capital reserves somehow throughout the year, at the end of the year we also have to balance it to make sure that we still have that amount in capital reserves. Other options, I have heard USSA. USSA funds are a lock-in that are governed by the EVPSA office. It is for advocacy that could be something the EVPSA office could use for funding something like this, the funding that they get per year is probably about \$150,000. There is some q left over in Senate unallocated probably about \$35,000 there is some money left over in the OSL funds probably about \$20,000 so there is some funding, are there any specific questions about funding that I can answer?

**White:** There has been a lot of confusion I think about where this funding is coming from and how exactly it is going to be funded. Cindy is great with finances, so any questions you have ask her

**Quintero-Cubillan:** My understanding is that the funding will come from a mixture of the USSA, Senate Unallocated, and a few other sources. Could you correct me if I am wrong and help educate everyone who is on this call?

**Cindy:** AS I said before, the USSA funding is a lock-in and the lock-in was originally funded for USSA which I do not believe at this point is an organization anymore. According to the legal code, the funding is controlled by the EVPSA, so the EVPSA could allocate the funding as long as it fits in with the ballot language that the students voted in to give their funds to. I know the funds are given for advocacy for students, so the EVPSA could look at those funds. There are some funds in Senate unallocated, if those funds were used it would be great to specify that those funds could be rolled over into the next fiscal year because right now we are on the tail end of one fiscal year and starting the new fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I assuming these funds would be for the next fiscal year. But whatever is leftover in those funds, could be allocated by Senate to those. Again, we also have capital reserves, this is funding that is supposed to be like our fallback so that we always have a certain amount in capital reserves, in case something happened to our funding, but those funds can be allocated by Senate if there is something they would like to allocate it for.

Gonzalez-Herrera: So, with all of those funding sources would it be possible to fund this bill in full?

**Cindy Lopez:** Yes, the decision has to be made by the EVPSA office in terms of USSA funds, but the Senate can fund at its discretion. The capital reserves funds can be funded by Senate, we do have a large amount about \$1.5 million that we are supposed to keep in capital reserves, but those funds can be used as well. Again, those funds would have to be made up as at the end of the fiscal year we always try to balance so that we have an amount in our capital reserves that equals about 2% of our revenue, but yes that money could be found.

Bagul: In your opinion, what is the most effective way to fund this bill?

**Cindy:** I would hesitate to take all of it from capital reserves because that is a large chunk you would have to make up later, I think USSA is a good option, I think it is important to look back at the ballot language and know that the lock in was passed by the students for advocacy. So, I believe with the EVPSA office agreement because they control the funds and use whatever is left in Senate unallocated. There is also a possibility if some of the funding is done this fiscal year to be rolled over to next fiscal year. Some of the funding can be done next fiscal year there is senate unallocated, if this is an AS group, which I assume this bill is about.

**Quintero-Cubillan:** *Point of Clarification* For those of you who do not know, in the proposed bill, in the mission statement the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative is rooted in advocacy as well as education. So, when it comes to the EVPSA, this very much so falls under advocating for Black women. And then a question for Cindy, how much money do we have in capital reserves, and then just to clarify because the BCU is rooted in advocacy, the EVPSA if they agree, should have no issues signing over the funding correct?

**Cindy Lopez:** Correct because the EVPSA has control of the funding. In terms of capital reserves, I cannot remember the exact number, but I know it is over a million dollars, because it is 2% of our income. Again, we are supposed to hold that income there, so if you used it, we would need to find a way to make that money up, but it can be done. We do have over enrollment for a quarter, those funds that are undesignated can be used.

**Roman:** The EVPSA did speak in public forum and did say she was on board on this and willing to give the full amount for the BCU. You did mention how we can replenish the 2%, are there any other ways it can replenish besides what you previously mentioned?

**Cindy Lopez:** It depends on how our capital reserves do throughout the fiscal year, we do have interests and dividends. We always have to wait until the fiscal year to balance things out. I am also thinking, other entities that want to give funds to this, they can do that. There is money in Senate unallocated for the next fiscal year it will be about \$90,000 some of those could be used from a vote from Senate or F&B.

White: If we were to fund part from senate unallocated for the next fiscal year, would that request have to wait until F&B is able to convene in fall or could we do that now?

**Cindy Lopez:** You could fund that now, but I think you should add the stipulation that those funds are going to roll over to net fiscal year because this is not a normal thing to do, but if that is your request, you would have to agree that these funds could be rolled over. We are rolling over some other student funds because of the unusual procedures in spring quarter.

**Executive Director Marquez:** I have a question, I just wanted Cindy to share with you all the lock-in language does designate funding for payment to USSA membership, since that is a contract we do need to set aside into the trust, how much that would be?

Cindy: It based on our enrollment, it is usually between \$10,000 to \$20,000

**Executive Director Marquez:** The reason I bring that up is that the Senate might want to make sure that it is kept in the EVPSA account because by the lock-in language the expectation is, even though USSA is not operational at the moment, that it be kept in a trust for when and if they come back online and they send us an invoice because that is what we have been doing for the past couple of years. But that is just a portion of the lock-in that comes into that fund.

**Cindy:** There is some funds leftover from this year that can be rolled over into next fiscal year from USSA to be held for any membership fees that might be needed too.

Motion language: motion for a ten-minute recess

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Youssef* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:45 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to end recess resume orders of the day

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:56 PM</mark>

### E) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion language: motion to accept the agenda

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:15 PM</mark>

F) Consent Calendar-

G) Action Items

### **G-1) Immediate Consideration**

060320-20 A Resolution To Waive 2020-2021 On-Campus Senate Housing Restrictions Pabla-Tait

Motion language: motion to move to immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Gonzalez-Herrera/Youssef

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:58 PM</mark>

060320-21 A Resolution Directing the AS Executive Director, the Internal Vice President & AS Tech to Promote Transparency of Legislation Pugal-De Ramon

Motion language: motion to pass

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Diaz

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:58 PM</mark>

060320-22 A Resolution Solidifying A.S. Protocol During the COVID-19 Pandemic Quintero-Cubillan-Halder

Motion language: motion to pass

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Slater

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:59 PM</mark>

060320-23 A Resolution to Defeat the Stigma Around Mental Health Issues, Acknowledge, and Better Support the Mental Health Needs of Marginalized Communities Halder-Wang

Motion language: motion to pass

MOTION/SECOND: Pugal/Bagul

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>9:59 PM</mark>

060320-24 A Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of Trans Women of Color Quintero-Cubillan-Halder

Motion language: motion to pass

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Youssef

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:00 PM</mark>

060320-25 Condemnation of Police Brutality Schaefer-Star

Motion language: motion to pass

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:00 PM</mark>

060320-26 A Resolution Denouncing Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Quintero-Cubillan-Cohen Motion language: motion to pass

*MOTION/SECOND: Tofft/Flaherty* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:01 PM</mark>

**Schaefer:** I wanted to motion to amend the previous resolution on the condemnation of police brutality to reflect the new edits we submitted to your UCSB email instead of your UCSB AS email. I forgot to mention this above because everything was going so quickly.

White: Question to AS Executive Director, can we amend it after it has been passed?

**Executive Director Marquez:** The member who made the motion to pass it would have to rescind it and then you would have to edit it and motion with the edits.

White: Once the motion is rescinded, we can go through the amendments.

### \*motion is rescinded\*

**Schaefer:** So, the edits that we made include a few whereas statements. We added more comprehensible, statistical data to support our let it be known portion. For example the third whereas, and I don't know if you all remember Halle saying this, but Black people are three times more likely than white people to die from police brutality, so we added that into our statement at around 11 PM PST and we added a few more whereas statements and in the let it be known, we changed the wording of a few things just to make it more comprehensive to the topic, and how it is a sensitive topic and after further review we thought that

we should add some revisions, as well as we included the email of the CAPS Director and CAPS number. If you want to see all the edits, please let me know.

White: I believe you also changed the name of the resolution

**Schaefer:** Correct, the resolution was originally to focus on the brutal death of Breonna Taylor but after we writing the bill, it more so took a direction of condemning police brutality as a whole, I do not know if you all remember me mentioning earlier, this bill is the first of many, this bill is in no way near complete, but it is a start, and a statement I thought that the  $71^{st}$  AS Senate should make right now because it is imperative that we take a stand at this time and make a statement.

*Motion language: motion to pass the condemnation of police brutality against Breonna Taylor with the added amendments* 

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Youssef* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:07 PM</mark>

Spring 2020 Honoraria

Motion language: motion to approve Spring 2020 Honoraria

MOTION/SECOND: Pugal/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:07 PM</mark>

SIRRC Rollover Request

White: I sent it via email to Dylan I believe, so you all can look that over

Motion language: motion to approve SIRRC Rollover Request

MOTION/SECOND: Diaz/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:09 PM</mark>

Pilipino Graduation Funding Request

Motion language: motion to approve

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:10 PM</mark>

060320-27 A Resolution Funding for the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative Quintero-Cubillan-Star

Motion language: motion to go into old business

*MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Flaherty* 

ACTION: Vote: CONSENT Vote Taken: 11:12 PM

#### G-2) Old Business-

052020-01 Bill to Update SASA Legal Code

Halder-Gonzalez-Herrera

**Tofft:** I noticed in Section H4 it crossed out the responsibility of handling fundraising, I was just curious should that be reallocated to the treasure or did I misinterpret the language?

**Halder:** I think it is not nearly explicit for the duties of the treasurer, but I think as SASA continues to clarify that role since it is a new position, that might be updated further.

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Diaz

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:11 PM</mark>

052720-06 Bill to Change Isla Vista Tenant's Union Legal Code Slater-Flaherty

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/Roman

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:11 PM</mark> 052720-09 Pardall Center Governance Board Legal Code Update Quintero-Cubillan-Diaz

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:12 PM</mark>

052720-13 A Bill to Update the Legal Code of the External Vice-President for Local Affairs De Ramon-Quintero-Cubillan

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: Halder/Tran

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:13 PM</mark>

052720-16 A Bill to Amend Isla Vista Arts' Legal Code Mitchell-Tran

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:14 PM</mark>

052720-17 Senate Responsibilities Legal Code Update Quintero-Cubillan-Roman

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: Bagul/Youssef

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:14 PM</mark> 052920-19 A Bill to create the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative Quintero-Cubillan-Star

Motion language: motion to pass this bill

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/

Quintero-Cubillan: Reserve my right can I make a motion to amend this bill

De Ramon rescinds

Motion language: motion to amend this bill

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Bagul* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:15 PM</mark>

**Quintero-Cubillan:** So largely the amendments are just flushing out the responsibilities of each of the chairs, there was an amendment made to the mission of the entity to specifically credit Z Solomon and Suad Abdullahi for their work in actually bringing this BCU to life as a lot of their labor went into this. Additionally, some of the positions were renamed. The administrative chair was renamed to administrative director and so on, the addition of the sex positive health director, the addition of the non-voting membership of the peer mentors of the African Diaspora Cultural Resource Center. This was largely the additions, we also started to define the sessions when the commission would meet as well as what the quorum would be for the collaborative as well as voting margins. Finally, there was also the inclusion of removal methods, so if the commission was in need of removing an executive board member,

they could. Other than that, it is largely formatting and then continuing to develop their respective duties as executive board members. Does anyone have any questions for me, Senator Star, Z, or Suad?

White: Correct me if I am wrong, but you added a fiscal impact to this?

Quintero-Cubillan: Correct, and then we also sent out the budget, I sent that Holly earlier, so I do not if you want to bring that up.

White: Can you email that to me please? So, question to the AS Executive Director, do you recommend that we go into a working group and establish the funding for this now, within this resolution?

**Executive Director Marquez:** I do, I think it would probably be helpful to the senate to go into a working group and unify the first document that has been read and then sort of collate all the edits into one document so that there is no confusion

White: Thank you, also correct me if I am wrong, I believe you and the Attorney General are listed as official members, like voting members correct for BCUs?

#### **Executive Director Marquez:** Yes

White: Should that be added in as well?

#### **Executive Director Marquez:** Sure

White: Okay, so what I am going to do is, I believe, let me

Executive Director Marquez: Does the chair want to entertain a motion to go into a working group

Quintero-Cubillan: First I did forward the budget group and then second, I can make the motion

*Motion language: motion for the bill's author, second, student sponsor to go into a working group* 

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/

White: I believe Marisela it would have to be the entire Senate?

**Executive Director Marquez:** Typically, it is the whole Senate, that way you are doing two tasks, you deliberate on the language and the financial impact at the same time, so when you come out of the working group you pretty much formulated one direction and one plan but it depends on how you make the motion

Motion language: motion to enter working group

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/De Ramon* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>10:20 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to exit the working group and resume orders of the day

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Quintero-Cubillan

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:09 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to suspend orders of the day and move to new business

MOTION/SECOND: Gonzalez-Herrera/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:09 PM</mark>

052920-19 A bill to create the Black Womyn's Health Collaborative Quintero-Cubillan-Star

Motion language: motion to pass the amended bill

MOTION/SECOND: Schaefer/De Ramon

ACTION: Vote: CONSENT Vote Taken: 11:14 PM

060320-27 A Resolution Funding for the Black Women's Health Collaborative Quintero-Cubillan-Star

Motion language: motion to pass this resolution

MOTION/SECOND: Tofft/Roman

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:42 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to resume orders of the day

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Oseguera* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:42 PM</mark>

H) Recess-

I) <u>ASUCSB Reports</u> I-1) Administrative Committees-I-2) Boards and Commissions-I-3) Unit Reports-I-4) President's Cabinet Report -I-5) Executive Director's Report-

**Executive Director Marquez:** I really want to commend you all and, in a way, your entire generation for taking on such courageous topics and you are living in tough times but I wanted to make sure that I share with you all that I have hope for the future listening to you all talk because it is important to disagree and to get past disagreements and sometimes agree to disagree. But the important part is the journey to get there because folks my age and even now we might avoid conversations instead of just having them so that is super helpful and I look forward to more of a lengthy orientation getting to know you all outside of the Senate structure as well. I will go through my report. There are a number of personnel matters that I shared with you all, I am going to enumerate them to put them into the minutes. There are a number of personnel updates and action that I have taken on your behalf, that were approved pre-COVID. So pre-COVID, we engaged in recruitment new personnel for your department and those include and have been concluded include the following positions: Assistant Director for Business Services, the rehiring of a retired employee, Director of Community Affairs, Student Development, and Leadership, the Community Financial Fund. All of those are personnel actions that were all enacted by my hand and your support and the campus agreement and the HR processes, there are lots of layers to this, that is all completed and ready to move onto the next level but because the campus has engaged in a pause due to COVID-19 none of that is moving forward and I cannot complete the process. That is a very new status for university employment. There are additional positions that I have not received the agreement on because after COVID-19 status, there is essentially a pause in moving things forward. That includes the Director of Student Legal Services which is a position from the Legal Resource Center where the positions are funded through an independent contract on your behalf and it is extremely well supported by you all to continue those services, but I have not been able to continue that. I would like to open up a search for a permanent position for your Food Bank Coordinator, Assistant Director for Program and Events, and a Business Services Assistant, so those are a series of personnel vacancies that are lingering in the department and the reason that matters, as the year gets going all of that workload will not be accomplished unless you have career staff to actually accomplish all that work. In your budget that you have funded for next year, all of these are fully funded. What is missing is agreement by the university that we can move forward with recruitment and appointments into these positions. So I want to make sure that I share all of this with you because when I see you again there may be some changes, there may not be some changes but I want to make sure that you know that is what I am working on, on your behalf. In terms of ongoing issues, we are working on finding a permanent location for the Bike Shop and that is coming from a lock-in fund that was funded by students in 2006. From 2006 to the present day, that fund

has been collecting funds to create a permanent site. We are very close to beginning construction on a permanent site. Where the bike shop is now, that is slated to be another building so there is a site that is in play right and you heard a little bit from earlier in your meeting, we are having a meeting with the admissions office with the potential of having a new synergy between our department and theirs because the Visitor's Center is in a constrained part of SASB and you have a lot of students and a lot of parents normally coming to campus and they need to expand and the Bike Shop is being sited on the other side of the BARC office if you can picture that, so that is a complex creation of a new synergy between our departments, so we are meeting this Friday with the architects to see if we can devise a set of agreements between us in terms of what type of architecture would blend into whatever they want it to blend into. I have also been working with the transition in the president's office, and regarding operations and internal operations that you all should know about. Regarding summer staff meetings, we have a number of changes as we have all experienced with COVID-19. There are a lot of responsibilities that we have been accomplishing remotely and so as we go into the summer, I am asking all of the student supervisors to please work with student staff, to identify which workloads they are going to be working on and how many folks we are hiring for the summer, so that is ongoing. I will also add that based on a memo from President Napolitano, there is a freeze on all salaries, and that includes student salaries. So at the funding levels, the current funding levels, of all positions, as they are filled in this term, I am not allowed to increase anyone's salary. Finally, as I kind of interjected into the process as you were crafting your resolution, all requisitions of any expenditures that you want to generate, I noted you passed honoraria tonight, those requisitions need to be generated before the 5<sup>th</sup> of June so that we can finalize between now and the end of June, we close out all of your records and accounts by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and then the accountants start taking a look at auditing all of our expenditures and all of our decisions and all of that.

#### I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

President Internal Vice President

White: We had a rough time getting here but we finally made it. I am really proud of you all and I am sure it has been a lot to navigate and get into our new positions especially given that this is all remote and the fact that we have been able to do it and pass everything is really remarkable and I commend you all and thank you all for being here Week 10 at 11:25 PM. Moving into my report, the biggest thing is the reconsideration of pro tempores. I have conducted a process, and I wanted to share that process with you all. Marisela and I will be the lead and be part of the search committee for first and second pro-tempores. This search committee will be ourselves along with three AS student staff members who are going to be selected by a random name generator. So, these individuals will be selected at random just to ensure fairness and objectivity throughout the whole process. So what I will do is, after finals I will be releasing a detailed job description that is not just legal code but a detailed job description of my expectations and specifically what each pro-tempore is going to have to do and that is going to include the respective time commitment for each. This job description will be provided to the search committee as well and it will be used as a basis for the first application screening. So, after the search committee is created and I have released a job description, we will collectively create an application and this application, and all applications will be reviewed by the search committee collectively. And after reviewing the applications we will conduct interviews with each applicant so the interview process is going to consist of a list of questions crafted by myself as well as the search committee and each member of the search committee

will be present during the interviews, so it will be five people in the interview. And after all interviews are conducted, the search committee will collectively discuss and decide the top three applicants for the positions and the detailed job description as well as the applicant's performance during the interview will be the main factors in deciding the top three applicants. Just a reminder that all interviews and discussion between the search committee is going to be confidential. If there is a discrepancy in the top three applicants, then only the three student staff members that are selected at random will have voting membership in deciding the top three applicants and once the top three applicants are decided, they will be forwarded to me and the final decision will be made and it will be put on the agenda for the first meeting of fall quarter. So that is just an overview of what the process is going to look like, if you all have questions please feel free to reach out to me. Moving on, the AS Strategic Vision Plan, I believe it is every five years, the president conducts a Strategic Vision Plan which is kind of an internal review of the association and what we can do. The survey for the Strategic Vision Plan is already out and you all should have gotten emails for this survey, please fill them out. I know that someone came to public forum today to discuss the survey for the general student body, but this one is just pertaining to AS, and obviously you all are part of the association, you all are Senators, you know the association best so your input will be very, very helpful in seeing how we should proceed. Lastly, the AS execs and I, this is not official yet, but we are in the works of it, we have been discussing wanting to put on a collective town hall to bring essentially a list of demands to UCPD regarding how we want to see concrete action and concrete change taken within that department and how they address issues within the Isla Vista community. That is still very much so in the beginning of the works, whether or not that is going to be through the police collaborative board, we are not sure but I just wanted to let you know that we are intending on taking concrete action and concrete steps that could be taken specifically to UCPD. Again, I just wanted to say, that is pretty much it for my report, but thank you all for being here. We really have done a lot, been through a lot of hours of meetings, definitely more hours than my Senate went through in the quarter probably, but I really am thankful for all of you and I commend you all for being here and it really is hard sometimes to be a Senator, and you all have done it with such grace and it is really admirable and you all should be proud of yourselves, I am appreciative of every single one of you being here and making your voices heard, it really is a huge responsibility to take on and you all have been doing it with such grace and it is only week 2, our second meeting.

**Star:** Thank you so much for creating a process you did not have to do that. You went out of your way and you created a committee and a plan of action and I just want to thank you so much for addressing the concerns with such grace and actual action to go forth. Thank you for doing that for Senate, for also setting a precedent for any IVP in the future where any issues might come up, this is a plan of action they can look to for resolution and solution. Thank you so much it was extremely comprehensive.

White: I do not know if you all have seen it, but Senator Star brought up that we should have outside meetings to get to know one another because it really is hard to do this remotely and I think that it is a great idea especially to have during summer maybe we can have Senate socials but I will also be on the lookout for that, so thank you for your comment and thank you for that suggestion because I think that it is a really good idea.

**Pugal:** Thank you for being gracious and really welcoming, it is kind of, I guess for me I was really unfamiliar with AS and you made the process really easy for me. I had a question with regards to the survey, so the survey specific to AS, what kinds of questions will be asked?

White: Catherine I think is one of the chairs of one of the committees for the Strategic Vision Plan but that survey is already released, I am not sure it is a pretty long survey and I can definitely forward it to your personal email so you can take a look at it and fill it out as well, but it definitely is a very long comprehensive survey. It has been in the works for a while now, it was something that started under President Sir.

**Pugal:** I do not know if it was an email issued under Alison Sir but, one of the things it asked about was usage of facilities and so I was wondering wouldn't AS students inherently know more about said facilities because they are in AS, would that not skew the results?

White: Yes, but I think also because AS students are the ones that know AS best, they know especially which parts of AS are especially inaccessible. I believe if we are seeing problems and we are a part of the association, then that is obviously going to pose problems for the other students as well who may not be as involved or a part of the association. The purpose of the survey is to really gather the information of association members in particular so that we can work on addressing it, not only for our members but for the general student body as well.

**Pugal:** So just to confirm there will be a general student body survey as well to reach out to people who are not in AS?

### White: Yes

**Executive Director Marquez:** So, the strategic planning effort is divided up into a retrospective, looking to see the efficacy of the last strategic plan because it concluded in 2020, and that is the work that is being done now and then in the future, like in the fall, the idea is to query the entire campus for the next strategic plan and those data would build those questions.

External Vice President of Local Affair External Vice President of Statewide Affairs Student Advocate General

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-I-8) Administrative Reports-

### J) Committee Reports

J-1) Standing Committee on Finance and Business-

**Tofft:** Since Finance and Business has not met yet but I did attend the AS Sustainability Coalition meeting on Monday as the vice-chair of Finance and Business, so I was wondering if I could report on that?

White: Yes, you may

**Tofft:** The AS Sustainability Coalition basically serves to update, maintain, and enforce AS sustainability policy. It is made up of representatives from a number of environmentally focused BCUs and other committees. They conduct presentations and audits for outreach and education in that they present on how you can, steps you can take in your event, or anything you do to adhere to sustainability legal code. And then they come back and do, well they call them audits, basically an assessment, they come back to assess how well you are following sustainability legislation and ways to further improve. Some projects that they completed this past year, they put together some zero waste tips, a handbook for AS Career Staff, and one of their biggest goals moving forward is to conduct presentations for, basically conduct authorized signer workshops, with the presentations to Finance and Business to know what way they can improve to be in compliance with AS Sustainability policy and make sure that they are conscious of AS Sustainability policy in their funding approvals and they really want to focus on outreach, continuing outreach and education and making sure that the policy is enforced.

White: I believe Nathan Kruse has come to speak on that, he came last meeting, and they do a lot of good work.

**Pugal:** One of BCUs that I was assigned to closed, so I do not know what the procedure on that is. **White:** Yeah so just email me and I will keep in contact with you and we will figure something out.

Le: Has there been any update on if we should making a slack or any other alternative form of communication?

White: You all will get your AS email in fall and then AS Tech will link the email to your slack.

Roman: Is there any update on the Slack situation that I brought up in the beginning?

Executive Director Marquez: I have passed it on to tech and they are researching it last I heard

**White:** When tech gets back to Marisela, Marisela if you could reach out to Senator Roman or reach out to me, I can relay that information to all of you all. I know that was a concern among some of you all.

**Pugal:** I was not able to find online about some of the concerns raised. If someone could link me to some of the websites or studies that have been concluded about human rights pieces that Slack has played a part in that would be really great because that is used in the CS community, and if that is the case I definitely want to change that in accordance with faculty.

White: Senator Roman if you would be so kind to send the information that you sent me to Senator Pugal that would be great.

#### Roman: Sure

- J-2) Standing Committee on External Affairs-
- J-3) Standing Committee on Internal Affairs-
- J-4) Standing Committee on Food Insecurity-
- J-5) Group Project and other Temporary Committee Reports-

Motion language: motion to move into immediate consideration

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Quintero-Cubillan

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:41 PM</mark>

K) <u>Minutes and Allocations:</u> K-1) Senate Minutes

Motion language: motion to add SCORE's minutes from 5/27 onto the agenda

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Star

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:42 PM</mark>

70th Senate Minutes 5/20 71st Senate Minutes 5/21 5/27 5/29

Motion language: motion to bundle and approve all Senate minutes

MOTION/SECOND: De Ramon/Diaz

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:43 PM</mark>

# K-2) Administrative Committees Minutes

K-3) BCU Minutes HRB 5/19 5/26 ASFB 5/30 SIRRC 5/27 5/29 5/12 Bike Comm 6/1 EAB 6/1 SCORE 5/27

Motion language: motion to bundle and approve all BCU minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Star

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:44 PM</mark>

## K-4) Standing Committee Minutes

Motion language: motion to add the SCORE appointments to the agenda

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Nezhad

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:45 PM</mark>

#### L) Appointments

Living History Project:

Jillian Wertzberger - Vice chair

Katelyn Wong-- LHP external student coordinator

Alana Ullos-- LHP Social Media Coordinator

Shuo Chen-- Internal Student Coordinator

# EJA:

Cochairs: Diana Garcia and Kai Morquecho Campaign Chairs: Sam Ellman, Ruth Alcantara, Eliana Stone, Jwan Haddad Community Affairs Chair: vacant Student Affairs Chairs: Dania De Ramon Publicity Chairs: Lizzy Mau, Sophia Tumin Administrative Coordinator: Natalie Machado Treasurer: Giselle Ramirez

IVCRC:

Abraham Del Rio- External Chair Anisha Kandala- Vice Chair Sarah Jeon- Social Media Coordinator Erin Valenzuela- Publicity Coordinator Angel Ramon- Historian Jennie Wu- Arts and Culture Coordinator Laila Voss- Special Projects Coordinator Sophia Ramos- Events Coordinator Hannah Horenstein- Greek Liaison Sydney Kupsh- Recruitment Coordinator Natalia Dubon- Graphic Design Coordinator

#### GGC:

Ruoxin Wang as treasurer

### EVPLA:

Sarah Danielzadeh - Public Relations Coordinator Karsyn Lee - Major Events and Crisis Coordinator SIRRC: Executive Co-Chairs: Sofia Camarena and Guillermo Fernandez

Retention Co-Chairs: Marifer Ramirez and Chanyce Rose

Retention Event Coordinator: Andy Barrera

Outreach Co-Chairs: Viridiana Fernandez

Outreach Event Coordinators: Monica Sassounian

Community Builder: Michelle Rivas

Secretary: Jhan Sarmiento

# ZWC:

Co-Chairs: Alyssa Young and Jacob Micheletti Administrative Coordinator: Surya Santhanam Treasurer: Meagan Brown Public Outreach Coordinator: Jadyn Steaffens Activities Coordinator: Rosalind Breckheimer Compost Coordinators: Natalie Cappelini and Hannah Karlsrud Zero Waste Festival Coordinators: Charu Garapaty and Danlei Zou Zero Waste Athletics Coordinators: Taylor Hitchan and Sydney Rouse

Office of the Controller:

Evan Whitlock BA

Bernie Nguyen SBA

Tejal Kolte BA

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Michael Zargari SBA

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Nhung Tran BA

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Shivani Awasthi Marketing director

Tomislav Medan Assistant Controller

Irene Chen SBA

Sarah Khoumsi BA

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Co-Chair Colin Wu

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Internal Co-Chair Ubaldo Ortiz

External Co-Chair Ulises Bucio

Motion language: motion to add Womm Comm appointments

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Star* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:04 AM</mark>

Womm Comm:

Co-Chair Alexandra Perez

Co-Chair Angel Ponce

Supporting Coordinator Ruofan (April) Zhang

Supporting Coordinator Radhika Girish

Herstorian Henna Ahmed

Motion language: motion to bundle and approve all Womm Comm Appointments

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Roman* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:04 AM</mark>

Motion language: motion to resume orders of the day

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Tran

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:05 AM</mark>

Motion language: motion to bundle and approve all BCU appointments

*MOTION/SECOND: Tofft/Quintero-Cubillan* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:49 PM</mark> Motion language: motion to temporarily appoint Catherine Flaherty and Dylan Martinez as the first and second pro-tempore until the new pro-tempores are chosen and appointed

MOTION/SECOND: Cohen/Gonzalez-Herrera

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:51 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to create a collaborative working google

MOTION/SECOND: Youssef/Halder

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>11:52 PM</mark>

Motion language: motion to suspend orders of the day and go back into appoinments

MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Halder

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:03 AM</mark>

Motion language: motion to resume orders of the day

MOTION/SECOND: Roman/Tran

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:03 AM</mark>

Motion language: motion to add the appointments of Womm Comm

*MOTION/SECOND: Quintero-Cubillan/Youssef* 

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:01 AM</mark>

**M)** Discussion Items

N) Remarks

**O)** Adjournment

Motion language: motion to adjourn

MOTION/SECOND: Bagul/Schaefer

ACTION: Vote: <mark>CONSENT</mark> Vote Taken: <mark>12:04 AM</mark>