

Good Evening Senators, Executives, Staff, and Students:

As you all know, my name is Josephine Ampaw and I am your elected Student Advocate General for the Office of the Student Advocate in Associated Students. Prior to holding the job of Student Advocate General, I was a public interest caseworker and deputy chief of staff for the Office of the Student Advocate. I have extensive experience in multiple divisions of this office and I appreciate your undivided attention.

I would like to start off my talking about what my staff members are doing.

**Caseworkers:** The caseworkers have been continuing to take cases, As you all know, last quarter they took 30 cases and they now have almost ten cases that they are working on. They are working with their two fellows to begin planning their workshops, study jams, and other events. Towards the end of the quarter, my academic caseworker along with the fellows will be hosting their study jam with food and study materials so they can be able to provide resources to students during a stressful time. The casework fellows will also be working with the Social Conduct AND Public Interest caseworkers to plan an event that will help students learn the do's and don'ts of deltopia. Also, the fellows will be helping the housing caseworkers plan a workshop in the dorms.

**Community Organizers:** The community organizers are executing their town hall this quarter entitled "Radical Self Love: Love in a Time of Hate". As I have said before, the MCC has been hosting the Resilient Love series and we were hoping that this is follow that theme and be able to create a healing and planning space for students. They are also beginning to plan the OSA Carnival which will be an event filled with different booths and information from resources around campus. This carnival will hopefully take place in spring quarter.

Along with talking about the work of my staff, I will be discussing a bill that I placed on the senate floor a month ago. First and foremost, I do not appreciate the amount of time that it took to get information and updates to me about the progress of this bill. I wish that there would have been more efficiency and communication between Internal and myself.

First and foremost, I would like to explain the points the committee made and how I would like to answer their questions and concerns. I learned that the following senators sit on Internal committee:

1. Jonathan Lopez--CHAIR(facilitated the conversation)
2. Patrick Dohoney
3. Ashley Selki
4. Felipe Recinos
5. Jordan Mitchell
6. Bianca Fernandez
7. Batsheva Stoll

I will be discussing the concerns of the senators involved in this conversation.

- a. First and foremost, the execs do not only hold three office hours each
  - i. President: 8 hours
  - ii. Internal Vice President: 6 hours
  - iii. External Vice President, Local Affairs: 6 hours
  - iv. External Vice President, Statewide Affairs: 5 hours
  - v. Student Advocate General: 8 hours
  - 1. So, 8 hours is not a lot relative to the other executive executives
- b. There are a lot of students coming into our office hours
- c. For my staff their office hours, I have brought the legal codes and will need them back from 2007-2008(the year after the students' initiative), 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- d. The hours have never changed
- e. The case process is not short and it is important that the caseworkers use their office hours to take care of each case
  - i. Intake
  - ii. Hearing Bodies
  - iii. Forms they fill out
    - 1. Nondisclosure--before they begin
    - 2. Intake form
    - 3. Confidentiality form
    - 4. Client satisfaction form
- f. Nonpartisanship argument
  - i. A majority of this definition was in the strategic plan and the fall quarterly report
  - ii. Changed slightly for the bill to be in more detail

BY POINT A

- I pulled the definition from dictionary.com
- My staff and I follow this definition

BY POINT B

- As staff members, they remain nonpartisan in their work and when they are working
  - 4 office hours, staff meetings, events, senate meeting, workshops, trainings, during the case process, informal meetings, hearings, appeal meetings, town halls etc.
- THEY ARE STILL STUDENTS, so they can still be involved on campus and they are, that is what I love about them, and if they want to be involved in the upcoming election they can. There is no reason why they can't outside of their position continue to do the things they do.

BY POINT C

- OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE, I will not police them or whatever it is that they want to do. PERIOD. If they decide to run with a party, that work will not affect their work in OSA. I have the authority to release them of their duties if I feel that they are slacking.

Thank you for listening.