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AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
February 4, 2014  
7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Maryssa Hall, Omar Arce, Sam Haws, Lauren Rogers, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Jessica Trumble, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Danielle Dimacali

ABSENT: Daren Ramalho

GUESTS: Heena Doshi

I. Call to Order

*-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM*

-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

-Trumble strikes CAC Mini Fund. Arce seconds.

-Oved moves to strike appointments. Hall seconds.

-Oved wants to change the constitutional review committee and request for discretionary funds and request for discretionary funds for circle of 6 as action items.

-Hall moves to strike EVP Travel and Advocacy grant. Trumble seconds.

-Hall moves to approve the agenda. Trumble seconds

B. Approval of the Minutes from January 21, 2014

-Trumble calls to question. Hall seconds.

12-0-0 minutes are approved.

C. Approval of the Minutes from January 28, 2014

-Singh calls to question. Haws seconds.

9-0-1 minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

-Rago from CEC announced his events this week. Tonight they are showing Enders Game based on the book in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. This Thursday they are showing the season premiere of Suits, and there will be stars, stars he says, and all the fun begins around Ackerman in 7pm. Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> they will have breakfast aficionado and RJ Miti here speaking in Moore 100 at 8:30pm.

Conrad Contreras

-He is here in behalf of Samahang Pilipino and APC and show in support in solidarity for divestment from private prison.

Kateisha Minnofield

-She is here representing the African Student Union vice chair and take responsibility as bruins and civil human beings who truly understand and value every human life. She directly knows the negative implications her identity has for the institution to view her as just a number. There are students who don't realize this and focusing on the divisive language is a disservice to the community. Voting yes would only mean that this university does not profit over grievances. She calls everyone to vote on this proposal and realize where this money is going to.

Students for Justice in Palestine wants to show her support for divestment private prison and she doesn't want out funds to profit over exploiting violence and oppression.

As a student he doesn't want his tuition to be coming from companies that are profiting from human suffering.

Project Directors for IUTP

-There are more black men in prison today then they were enslaved in 1850. 1/6 Latino men will end up incarcerated, men of color will be imprisoned at a higher degree. These facts attach a surface where we live in a country that prides itself on Emancipation Proclamation but 13<sup>th</sup> amendment the prison label was led to America's new pariah cast. This has created a new form of state sponsored slavery. Why is this an issue? Why should we address this? As students who pay fees it is our right to know whose being invested and UCLA is invested in those who exploit prisoners by extremely cheap labor as low as 18 cents and know accountability. The prison industrial complex makes humans as a commodity and we cannot let our university do it. A personal anecdote the good that he tutors, Victor, and something so simple is that he is made to work kitchen and laundry shifts all day and can't go to tutoring. If he doesn't go to laundry and kitchens and clean the bathroom then he will be forced to extend his sentence and stay longer. They are made to work and she saw this in his kid. This is something very real and its almost a requirement to understand that it's a mandate to pass. Kids as young as 14 have to work in these places.

They are here for mentoring and tutoring and strive to build meaningful relationships with prisoners. Their work is to try to subvert the prison industrial complex and the school to prison pipeline. It criminalizes minor offenses and minor infractions and serves as a funnel and its often the first step and its over policing and criminalizing and how students label as the stigma of being a delinquent. Many students feel trapped by a system of oppression that works against them in every facet. Each of them can testify that express their frustration and desire of having no hope and promise. It is our moral obligation to divest by those who profit from suffering.

They wholeheartedly support the USAC revolution from corporations profiting from the USAC industrial complex. They saw first hand the prison industrial complex and the prison pipeline for this students. It extends far beyond tutoring, they want to push the

community at large. We are living in age of the new Jim Crow. We are in a society where blacks are forced to be the lowest rung of society. This is modern slave labor. They urge to add specific labor and UCLA as an institution of any products made or assembled using prison labor. We have a duty to protect these communities and not perpetuate cheap slave labor.

Devon Murphy

President of Black Law Association wants to speak about the Resolution and is a proponent for the resolution. This is an industry, the private prison industry. We don't realize how much we are contributing to the industry where we are profiting off human beings. The private prison industry they are utilizing human beings to make more money. At some point you have to think, how do they continue to do this? California Governor Jerry Brown is trying to invest more in private prisons and is going into this funding of using humans being against their own will. It allows for involuntary servitude. A lot of people see him as campus and wants to make it personal. He is one of the few African American males on campus and suggests everyone watches the Black Bruin videos. There is a large deficit of people who look like him and you all know the term, there is a surplus of African American men in prison, why isn't there a surplus of African American in this campus? This campus climate where more of him are in prison than in campus. Is he supposed to be here? He doesn't think about extreme language, the extreme language was built by our ancestors. It was built by the political activists of our time, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X. They created extreme language. It doesn't even touch extreme language. It makes a large statement and an obligation to make sure our money goes to make sure more people are here and staying here rather than prison. Everyone deserves the resources not to maintain ourselves but our family. He is tired of talking about a dynamic of why we don't have African American men, there is a clear reason. African American men are in prison. That is a clear. This is the school to prison pipeline we have to defeat. How many of people read Michelle Alexander? You must read that book! Mass incarceration is the new Jim Crow it's the lash that whips African American men and Latino men's backs today. You want to question is this resolution right? It is. It is. We need to move forward, we need to think of solutions. You all have an obligation and responsibility to take this you all were elected. Lets not be fake. If you don't take stances you become irrelevant a council. You don't put the steps into action not to ensure that your communities are represented. It's time to take a stance.

Janay Williams

A member of Afrikan Student Union wanted to make personality. It's also a black woman thing, and black woman are over represented in California's prisons and make 8% of the state yet constitute 30% of the prison system. That is definitely a problem, we also need to be making sure that black women and all black people are able to have access to this university and be next to this class. She still goes to class and not sees anyone look like her. She wants to make it known that she is trying to figure out where the issue is. We have been presenting it and talking about it because where's the issue here? This is obviously the right way to go. There aren't black students here, this is a large percentage of us.

Jenn treasurer from MEChA

It's really hard to not make this personal. She is Salvadorian and when she looks at the number of Salvadorians who get to PhD its like 1/800. She has younger brothers and seeing the fact that we perpetuate the cycle of criminalization and the fact that her brothers look up to her but sees no one that looks like them is scary. We need men of color and students of color to go to constitutes of higher learning but they have no role models because they are all in prison. We make the change here. It's impossible to not make this personal.

If your goal is to create a good campus climate. It doesn't matter about the color of your skin, when someone is in prison it really hurts. His brother is in prison but if he ends up there he doesn't want this happening. This doesn't belong at our school.

People have been running for so long, people have been running since they were running from their masters and overseers and those overseers are turning into police. You don't want to be part of that system but you are a part of the system. Every time we think about student government when there is 4% African American and 7% Latino in a 70% Latino state its what time it is and whose interests people are going out. You have to think about repercussions about being an international institution. The national government knows every problem we have, yet the problems they want to solve they solve. The problems they don't care about, they don't care. Your resolution might not stop the state government or the national government, but it's going through your school. When you're running next quarter and we will be behind on what you didn't do. He encourages people to stick around and a public comment for 8:30.

-He wants to address what happens to correctional centers for the undocumented population has ties with Homeland security to keep a certain percentage of workers in farms and other kind of food industries they give into ICE and then deport them. He wants to address that it is a big problem and doesn't just pertain through race. He doesn't want to point any fingers but those who are responsible for this must make them accountable.

-This resolution falls during Black History Month. It's interesting that we have this one month and one history from the rest of our history. Black history and slavery actually define what liberation actually means. It's very dangerous that black history is Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman and it's the past and gone. Jim Crow still lives on in mass incarceration and history repeats and is disguised in different forms. We must be conscious about it and educate ourselves to make an actual change.

Sofia Arman, UCSB Alum

This passed at UCSB unanimously in the span of 5 minutes. If it takes anything longer, then shame. That bullshit op-ed in the Daily Bruin is bullshit because this is the reality. There is nothing divisive about this language what's divisive is the dividing of families. This is collective response to real injustice that you are not just witnessing but complicating. Take responsibility for the blood in all your hands. These cushions are a little too padded.

-Divestment is the least we can do as a student body who calls ourselves responsible for higher education for students and communities. It kind of boggles his mind that we are having “divisiveness” around this. This is not a divisive issue this is a human issue and lets hope this carries through very smoothly since we know the right thing to do.

#### IV. Special Presentations

#### V. Appointments

#### VI. Officer and Member Reports

##### A. President – John Joanino

-Joanino is working closely with ASUCLA and the Filipino Typhoon Relief and if you show the coupon 10% will go to Global giving which are all organizations that are committed to providing relief on the ground. He also sent out a campus wide email and you can do online sales and they will match up to \$6,000. He launched the bruin card redesign on the back and someone submitted a design. Arce and Joanino will be launching the John Sarvy Leadership Award.

##### B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved states the campus safety alliance met last Friday and are in the process of programming campus safety day and they want to promote different safety resources so they have the member of recreation who is going to host a self defense training, the LGBT is going to host ally week training, EMS and UCPD will be there and will all encompassing. If you want to show up to meeting the next meeting will be Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. There is a lot of USAC Representation March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Student groups are starting to use ASUCLA Marketing Design team and they are going through filling out funding or in the process of meeting with Liza Perez, they can meet with marketing. Thirdly, ally week committee meetings are Fridays and are going to have one this Friday at 3pm. Finally, this past Sunday they had CSA Culture Night at Royce Hall and it was an amazing show. There is so much effort into one programming event and highly encourages everyone to check out different culture nights throughout the year.

##### C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

- Hall states they had a UCSA BOD meeting this weekend. They got their postcards for the Fund the UC campaign and take one and return them to track numbers. They have 2,250 needed by the end of this month. Those of you had one of the staff members present to their office, return those who get signed. The student regent and student regent design ant will be here this Thursday and any issues you or your students want to talk about. They had a successful senate visit with Senator Deleon and he is really excited about Prop 13 reform and it’s happening and will be coming. They have folks in high places that it’s about time they change and prioritize spending in the state. This week they will be having a lobby visit with Steve Zinner and urging him to pass a resolution within

LAUSD. They will be coprogramming CAC and diversity tours Week 7 to meet with city hall and talk about issues that affect us in Los Angeles it will be great.

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Heena Doshi, proxy, and today was AAC filled today. This morning Global Leadership Connection held an event where 100 students came to UCLA to learn about financial aid and application process. From 5-7 they had a Resume Cover Letter workshop and it was incredibly successful with the writing centers and a lot of professionals. They have a resource fair this week. Tomorrow he has a meeting with Frank Water to talk about enrollment issues and a meeting with Pat Turner to discuss online education and a diversity requirement.

#### E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich states consent week was a huge success and so many survivors break their silence by choice and those who didn't are still strong. There is a lot of co-programming and a lot of great feedback, specifically as men as survivors and allies. On February 15 they have a men as survivor panel at 7pm. Besides consent week they are still going to have events through the rest of the quarter. She will not be here next week because she emailed that Chancellor Block will be participating at presentation about Sexual Misconduct and Student Affairs will be paying for her to go to UVA. She looked over the conference and is talking about the hook up culture so we'll see how that conversation goes. She already emailed Gene Block about topics she hopes he'd present. There is a daily bruin article done by Travis Pfeiff president of Pi Kappa Phi and this is the first time a student newspaper talked about Greek life in general and the need for consent training, and in addition someone from the Greek community, and in addition the president of a fraternity. It's really amazing about sexual assault articles from none to some sort of awareness on campus. SWC is working with GR2 to get Sexperts instituted under SWC and they have lovecart .

-Singh states that peer to peer undergraduate sexual health education trying to find undergraduates interested in being peer to peer and the program will be institutionalized through SWC and trained through Arthur Ashe and has institutional support through Ashe, ORL, and Bruin Resource Center and can ask these individuals to present at their meetings. They will have a gimmick cart and at UCDavis called the Love Lab and they will be able to hand those out.

-Badalich wants it under SWC but if there is a lovecart she wants there to be things for all genders and all sexualities and long lasting. Even more for things for self-sex and talking about these things because that is the safest form such as masturbation and it's also a stress reliever. In addition sign away the silence is a Whitehouse petition as 2 weeks ago Obama enacted an act to protect college students of sexual assaults. Under those people who they'll consult and survivors created a white house petition asked for a sexual survivor student at the taskforce and someone who was went through title ix. Lastly, Nancy Greenstein from UCPD will have meetings about LA talking about DA's take up cases with sexual assault and alcohol. Also she's working with an assembly men to potentially get this issue specifically. Lastly the PAC 12 conference for student government leadership, University of Colorado Boulder has a Gender Neutral policy where every building has a gender inclusive bathroom. She is still working with IVP and

FSC changing the residents halls to gender inclusive restrooms and getting the signage for that. All it takes is changing a sign.

-Jasso asks about the restrooms in Kerckhoff.

-Hadjimanoukian states that it would be appropriate.

-Hall states that the LGBTQ has a map of all the gender neutral bathrooms and to add to it and publicize it.

-Badalich added the appropriate term is gender inclusive not gender neutral because no one's gender is neutral.

## F. Administrative Representative

Laureen Lazarovici

-Lazarovici stated that she dug up an op-ed piece she wrote from 1986 at the Daily Bruin and sent it around the day. Haws tweeted this picture and a couple of very friendly hash tags such as #vintage and #shesakeeper. In terms of this resolution on the table she thinks that a few people remember that when she first came to be the Alumni Rep and came back to spending a lot of time on campus one of her first reactions was, "where is everybody?" The black and Latino enrollment has dropped so precipitously it was visually noticeable. We take a lot of information and knowledge through our eyes and not through our heads, and she had a parallel experience the day she was on campus for the Students of Color Conference. The whole campus was from that conference and her first visceral reaction was wow UCLA started admitting black kids and the pure visual of it was all the students of color and it's so different of what it has become. It's an interesting 20 year difference and experience. She notes that the power of storytelling as a tool of political persuasion and asking everyone in this room just to notice how you react intellectually and emotionally when you hear things said in different ways. For her personally she had much more of a connection to the issue of stories than the political rhetoric. Everyone's personal connection to this issue was much more powerful. She described the folks she tutored as her kids and she really liked that because she calls council her kids.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary

-Trumble calls to question. Oved seconds.

-Jasso states \$4,452 recommended. \$81,661.91 left in contingency.

-Trumble moves to approve. Arce seconds.

9-0-1 contingency programming is approved.

### B. ASRF

\$750 API, \$1000 Hillel, \$500 Bruin Libertarian. \$15, 527 left.

### C. Student Wellness Programming Allocation

-\$495 to hepatitis b awareness.

118 to bruins fighting for pediatric cancer for paper cranes

463.75 for Vagina monologues.

## IIX. Old Business

### IX. New Business

#### A. Constitutional Review Committee Bylaw Amendment

-Oved states they added the clause “No Council Officer can verbally or in writing commit the Council into debt. No policy, varying the compensation for the services of Council members, shall take effect until an election of council have intervened.”

10-0-0 the bylaw amendment passes

#### B. Request for Discretionary Funds – Live Stream USAC

-Oved stated there need for USAC Live where Avinoam created the template. In the item they have a camera for \$83 and tripod for \$10 for a total of \$93 to cover the cost of USAC streaming.

-Trumble asks how much is left in discretionary.

-Jasso states 5,190.63 left in discretionary.

-Champawat asks about live stream and not capture and not post and do whatever they want.

-Badalich states you can't. With flash you can easily rip flash stream and save it and archive it. We thought we war emoting forward and not doing it. We are not going to be actively archive it and individuals who want to archive it can do it.

-Champawat states we have no concerns that this will alter or impede frankness.

-Hall states that we haven't really talked about this as a council since the firs time. Although it is a really good idea and still address the concerns. For example during public comment like they are a survivor or undocumented that although it is a public space and are elected officials she doesn't want this to turn into not a safe space. Perhaps not the entire meeting wont be live streamed.

-Oved states it's a pilot program and how other universities had help increase transparency and visibility. We have a unique community we need to talk about public comment and we can change and work with if we feel the need to stream certain parts. Everything is on the minutes and can be looked up and it is a public space and everyone has the right.

-Baral states that anything that is public comment is written in the minutes. The only thing that a live stream does is that it increases access to minutes so people can go back and look at what their student government officials did and said. If we aren't comfortable with recording what happens at this meeting and if we are applying one standard to minutes and one standard to a modern format is something we should adjust.

-Lazavoci states this is a public body and they are elected officials and can and should write about every single word is said. Last week she brought a work colleague because she talks about her role here at work, she came to the whole meeting and they had a young lady who doesn't go to UCLA that didn't go here make a comment, this is a public space. She was shocked to learn that California public body space doesn't apply here. Most California have very stringent rules. This is a very unique space and frankly not a safe space in the sense that you use the term. There are places that are safe space and attorney client privilege and doctor-patient privilege. Those types of conversations should and are protected by laws. This is not one of those places. It's the opposite. Everything and anything anyone says is out there for the world to see and that's a good thing and an



important thing. If there are things people don't want to be everywhere there are different times for those conversations. She encourages everyone to look at public comment of other bodies and people do stand up to the podium and contribute to that democratic dialogue. Once you say it, it's out there. Please, that's the world we live in now.

-Trumble states she has no problem with live streaming. Students have the option to not share their name in public comment and can have the option to not show their name or face if they don't want to. We don't have to have this conversation at this moment and add it as an agenda item and it's a funding proposal.

-Hall agrees with Trumble and is not against live streaming. She understands that everyone is elected officials but those folks who didn't make a choice to address a public party in they feel comfortable. She likes Trumble option to make the option of not having their face shown and agrees to be an agenda item.

-Champawat states it is very wise to say that anything in this room is public. There is a distinction between a space is public and streaming those in public. Those aren't equivalent. Those stream things and big public meetings affect what's being send. If he looks at what looked at what happened today, this incarceration disaster there have been a lot f comments. The most impactful commentary was the young man who was essentially making himself vulnerable and making himself out there, will that be affected by live stream? Did we have a clear deliberation out this and if we can talk about this more we can be approved.

-Kim wants to bring that she was openly against having these meetings live streams and she wants to reiterate.

-Jasso states is it more pertinent to do the funding proposal and then have the conversation or do the conversation later and funding proposal.

-Oved said he's in no rush and doesn't want to make a haste decisions. The turn around of implementing is really quick, its just that the nuances we must address at meetings. UCLA is very unique and has unique needs and definitely wants to make sure they are catering to that. If you want to table it as an agenda item, then that's fine.

-Singh moves to table the discretionary funds live stream USAC indefinitely. Haws seconds.

10-0-0 it is tabled.

### C. Request for Discretionary Funds – Circle of 6

-Oved states that everyone has seen the proposal and surplus funding, but they have reached out to several associations such as the GSA president, and thanks Hall. They already said they are interested in committing funds but she was really excited and felt like this was something really relevant to her constituents. They also presented at ORL Safety and Security Meeting and got a commitment of \$500. Secondly CAPS reached out and want them to present to their specific committee to contribute, Badalich contacted Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center who has no funding for themselves, but HGI is still tentative and they got the okay from Pamela Tomson the original roadblock, and she is meeting with Michael tomorrow.

-Oved states they are asking for \$2,000 for Circle of 6.

-Singh states that when he came for surplus \$15,500 and they are asking for \$2,000. Are you still going to be able to implement this program at the very beginning?

-Oved states they are trying to outreach and have a vested interest open up to 28,000 it will be necessary to make that financial commitment and are looking to ORL, GSA, and meet with Patty and Roy.

-Jasso states there's \$5,190.63 left in discretionary.

-Trumble moves to approve \$2,000 in discretionary funds to pay the developer for Circle of 6. Singh seconds.

8-0-2 the motion passes.

-Oved thanks everyone and the support

#### D. Resolution on Private Prison Divestments

-Hall introduces Kamilah Moore to present this. This is being passed in conjunction with the Afrikan Black Coalition. This is personal for a lot of people. A lot of people including herself have been affected by this system of oppression of the prison industrial complex. A lot of people have family members behind prison bars as we speak. As a student of color we have to know that these tables and chairs made by community members. Look at whose in the room, 1 in 3 black men are subject to prison in jails. There's a surplus in prison system, and we must hold our university accountable.

#### A Resolution to Divest Undergraduate Students Association Council and UC Los Angeles

##### Finances from Corporations Profiting from the Prison Industrial Complex

Sponsored by: Maryssa Hall, Lizzy Naameh, and Jessica Trumble

WHEREAS, more Black men are under correctional control today than were enslaved in 1850 ; and,

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WHEREAS, Black women are the fastest growing segment of the juvenile justice population and the

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criminal justice system ; and,

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WHEREAS, the US has the highest number of people in prison out of every country in the world, we

have about 25% of the world's prison population but only 5% of the overall population , and,

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WHEREAS, prison is thus a modern form of slavery; and,

WHEREAS, fifty years after the United States Supreme Court announced in Gideon vs.

Wainwright that the Sixth Amendment guarantees to every criminal defendant in a felony trial

the right to a lawyer, only 24 states have public defender systems , and in cases where

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defendants do have a lawyer, they often spend less than six minutes with that lawyer.

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WHEREAS, according to Elliott Curie, “Short of major wars, mass incarceration has been the

most thoroughly implemented government social program of our time ;”and,

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WHEREAS, the school to prison pipeline contributes to the Prison Industrial Complex; and,

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), in the 2012-2013 school year, more than a

full year after major reforms began taking hold :

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1. Latino students were more than twice as likely as white students to be ticketed

2. Black students were almost 6 times as likely as a white student to be ticketed

3. 47% of tickets to youth 14 and under; several as young as 9 and 10 years old

4. 70% of tickets to males

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Black students were 29 times more likely than white students to be ticketed for Disturbing the

Peace (often issued for school fights or perceived defiance)

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Alexander, Michelle, The New Jim Crow

2[http://www.blackyouthproject.com/2012/11/report-black-females-are-fastest-growing-segment-of-juvenile-justice-po](http://www.blackyouthproject.com/2012/11/report-black-females-are-fastest-growing-segment-of-juvenile-justice-population/)

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<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1449417/>

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<http://www.eji.org/node/752>

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<http://www.brennancenter.org/publication/community-oriented-defense-start-now>

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<http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/davisprison.html>

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<http://www.thestrategycenter.org/report/black-brown-and-over-policed-la-schools6>.  
Geographic concentration of highest ticketing rates in schools in South LA and in the majority-Latino neighborhoods of the San Fernando Valley, Westlake and Boyle Heights.

WHEREAS, These are Civil Rights and educational rights that harm and destroy the educational

outcomes for students of color,

WHEREAS, Nearly 40% of those incarcerated in the United States are Black and nearly 16% of

those incarcerated are Chican@/Latin@; and

WHEREAS, Since 1991 the rate of violent crime in the United States has fallen by about 20

percent, while the number of people in prison or jail has risen by 50 percent .

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WHEREAS, Black Americans make up 13% of the population, 14% of drug users, but make up of 56%

of incarcerations of drug related crimes ; and,

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WHEREAS, In the State of California the prison population is disproportionately racialized; and,

WHEREAS, In 2010, Black men were incarcerated at a rate of 5,525 per 100,000, compared

to 1,146 for Latinos, 671 for whites, and 43 for Asians.

WHEREAS, Among women, Black women were incarcerated at a rate of 342 per 100,000,

compared to 57 for Latinas, 66 for non-Latina whites, and 5 for Asians; and

WHEREAS, nearly a million prisoners are currently manufacturing office furniture, working in call

centers, taking hotel reservations, manufacturing textiles, shoes, clothing, and other products while getting

paid somewhere between 93 cents and \$4.73 per day ; and,

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WHEREAS, The prison industrial complex has become a \$70 billion industry in the last few decades; and

WHEREAS, Private Prisons profit from incarceration (an average of \$122 per person per day) and use

their political influence to lobby for harsher penalties and anti-immigrant legislation like Arizona's SB1070

WHEREAS, Since 1980, state spending on prisons has skyrocketed 436%, while investment in higher

education has decreased by 13% (adjusted for inflation)

WHEREAS, Privately-operated federal facilities have grown 600 percent faster than state-level contract facilities since 2010, and now represent the single most quickly-growing

corrections sector; and,

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[http://core.ecu.edu/soci/juskaa/SOCI2110/Prison\\_Industrial\\_Complex.htm](http://core.ecu.edu/soci/juskaa/SOCI2110/Prison_Industrial_Complex.htm)

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The House We Live In

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[http://www.alternet.org/story/155061/getting\\_paid\\_93\\_cents\\_a\\_day\\_in\\_america\\_corporations\\_bring\\_bac](http://www.alternet.org/story/155061/getting_paid_93_cents_a_day_in_america_corporations_bring_bac)

WHEREAS, Companies that operate private prisons such as Corrections Corporation of America, The

GEO Group, and Management and Training Corp have spent at least \$45 million combined on campaign

donations and lobbyists at the state and federal level in the last decade , and,

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WHEREAS, the growth of the prison industrial complex further incentivizes the growth of the prison

system and is reflected by the fact that over 20 prisons have been built in California over the past 30

years, while only 2 UC's and 1 CSU have been built; and,

WHEREAS, The three categories that can implicate a corporation as participating in the use of inmate

labor are the following:

1.  
Corporations, businesses and companies that use direct inmate labor for manufacturing and

service jobs,

2.  
Corporations, businesses and companies that contract with other companies to purchase products

or services made by inmate labor,

3.  
Individuals, corporations, organizations and investment companies that support the use of prison

labor or enable prison industry operations by contributing financial support to those directly

involved in using inmates for labor or invest in or support private prison corporations, and;

WHEREAS, The University of California currently holds investments and does business with companies

that exploit said labor for financial gain, such as: Wells Fargo, American Express, and Procter & Gamble;

and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of the University of California Berkeley, and the Associated

Students Senate of the University of California Santa Barbara have already passed similar resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Investing in these aforementioned companies also makes the UC system complicit in the

perpetuation of the previously-mentioned form of modern day Jim Crow; and,

WHEREAS, The State of California education system would better serve the public and its students by

investing in alternative solutions to social problems, like education, and not incarceration.

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[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/02/immigrants-prove-big-business-for-prison-companies\\_n\\_1732252.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/02/immigrants-prove-big-business-for-prison-companies_n_1732252.html)THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUCLA Board of Directors must evaluate all companies in

which the USAC invests and must adjust the USAC investment profile to prohibit investment in any

company that is found to profit from the prison industrial complex; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UCLA Foundation and the UC Regents divest all

investments, contracts, and business from all aforementioned companies as a protest to these establishments

that comprise the prison industrial complex; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proposed alternatives to the USAC's

current relationship with companies profiting from the prison industrial complex suggest finance institutions

that:

1. Do not benefit/profit from the prison industrial complex
2. Utilize fair trade and labor practices
3. Support non-discriminatory hiring practices
4. Provide employees with equitable benefits and wages

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the USAC President author a letter to Chancellor

Block that all formal investment, banking and/or financial relationships and contracts held by the USAC

and UC Los Angeles, its pension funds and subsidiary and/or related organizations should mirror the



University's commitment to its students and surrounding community and thus be disinvested from any

institution currently profiting from the prison industrial complex, redirected, and reinvested in companies

and institutions with morally sound practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The USAC President issue a similar recommendation

to the UC Regents and UC President Janet Napolitano urging the University of California System's

finances be disinvested from institutions profiting from the prison industrial complex, redirected, and

reinvested in companies and institutions that practice the aforementioned, morally sound practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Associated Students of UCLA

to divest all investments in all companies complicit with and in support of the prison industrial complex,

determined by fund fiduciaries, within their discretion; THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our university, the University of

California Treasury, the UC Regents, and the UCLA Foundation to divest their holding from each of these

aforementioned companies, as determined by fund fiduciaries, within their discretion;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the students, urge the UCLA Foundation to

explore its investments and to utilize socially responsible corporations, with the goal of restricting the use of

companies that profit from the prison industrial complex;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if it is found that UCLA funds or UC funds are

being invested in any of the aforementioned companies, UCLA will divest, as soon as feasible, as

determined by fund fiduciaries, within their discretion. Moreover, UCLA will not make further

investments, in any companies materially supporting or profiting from the prison industrial complex in the

above-mentioned ways;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Furthermore, UCLA and the UC Regents shall

implement a Socially Responsible Investment screen and/or policy which keeps investments out of

undesirable corporations;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the USAC External Vice President issue a

formal proposal to UCSA in support of all UC student governments moving their money out of companies

currently participating in the prison industrial complex; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The USAC reassert our commitment to fairness,

equity, and equality by investing solely in companies that provide moral and fair services and products

ENDORSEMENTS AND SUPPORT:

Author:

Afrikan Student Union at UCLA Student/Campus Organizations:

Harambee Council at UCLA

USAC Office of the President

USAC External Vice President's Office

USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner

USAC General Representative 3

Incarcerated Youth Tutorial Project

Student Coalition Against Labor Exploitation

Individuals in Support:

Avinoam Boral, Jewish Student Union Internal Vice President

Liz Friedman, Women in the Physical Sciences President

Devin Murphy, Black Pre-Law Association President

Janay Williams, Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Community Organizations:

Alliance for Equal Opportunity in Education

Community Coalition of South Los Angeles

-Baral states he had the opportunity to read Michelle Alexander and after that whereas there is something's that are capitalized and some things aren't. What's the standard?

-Joanino states there needs to be consistency and Badalich fixed that.

-Singh states that on page 5 in the third to last therefore be it further resolved the authors mentioned a socially responsible investment, could you elaborate?

-Moore states it would involve a group of people envisioning from the UCLA foundation to implement a new group that is totally dedicated for screening socially responsible corporations. It would involve deliberating and choosing corporations that invest in socially responsible products and services to be more solution oriented and more future oriented to ensure that the corporations we are investing in are socially responsible.

-Doshi asks how will this students affect it directly? Will it have the immediate affect?

-Moore states no, because the prison industrial complex is so huge and such a large scale issue that wasn't built in a day and maintained in a decade. Largely these are more symbolic.

-Hall states that most resolutions aren't effective tomorrow, it's not as tangible. This is one small step towards a direction of dismantling the school to prison pipeline. It's a small campaign and it's their change at UCLA to be a part of this movement.

-Singh asks if they spoke to anyone from UCLA fund for socially responsible screening?

-Moore states there has been pushback and he introduced it to Chancellor Gene Block and he is definitely open.

-Joanino had a meeting with Montero and she oversees the UCLA foundation and she is willing to help. Now that we have endowment, we have investments and it's not clear to see where our investments are going. Students must be represented and their stance must be represented.

-Lazarovici states she disagrees it will be clearly symbolic. The hot issue was divestment from South Africa but had the opportunity to go to South Africa Embassy in Washington DC if the US student movement had any affect on the history of the country, and he responded yes. Something that feels long term and symbolic at the moment can have tangible affect in the future even if that future time is 10, 20, or 30 years away.

-Jasso suggests adding a period in the last therefore

-Oved states that for individuals Avinoam is misspelled.

-Jasso states that in the formal submission there won't be any supporters.

-Hall added Vanguard group, Blackrock Fund Advisors, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, Inesco Finance LTD, JP Morgan Chase and Proctor & Gamble.

-Singh states that the ASUCLA Board of Directors must review all these investments.

Have you spoke to Bob or Roy?

-Moore stated that it would come after the decision of the particular issue but certain people in the Office of President has and a member of BOD has. ASU as a group has, but personally she hasn't. It would definitely be carried on.

-Badalich wholeheartedly agrees with this resolution. She thanks everyone who came and talked about personal experiences.

-Hall yields to Alfred Alvarez, third year student.

-Alvarez stated that when they came to UCLA they saw themselves as agents of change. When he saw this resolution this is something good that the school is doing. When he transferred and didn't see much about the student government and even wrote an email back, but when he saw the resolution they are growing and being leaders. This is what we need, this is not a small thing. The goal here is to kill the prison industrial complex and give them debt through 100 cuts. This guy in a backyard there was a bear and he had a rink dinky knife and jabs and through 1000 of cuts this bear collapsed and died. If we could do our part this bear can die. We call ourselves home of the free and land of brace ifi we are locking more of our people up. It's not over with MLK Jr, Cezar Chavez, and hope you ratify and show they are leaders.

-Haws wanted to voice his support and wants to further challenge the idea that these ideas that the resolution doesn't do anything but the very fact that people come to talk about and it will inspire a lot of conversations is a big accomplishment.

-Hall asks if it has been divisive or inflammatory

-No one answers.

-Joanino asks if there any final comments

-Arce moves to approve the Resolution on Private Prison Divestments. Badalich seconds.

-10-0-0 the resolution is approved.

## X. Announcements

-Oved states that there is a marketing campaign on Social Media to changing your profile picture to purple paint and whenever you change it through this link a dollar is donated to cancer research and as someone whose had family members pass away from Cancer, it takes 2 seconds to do. It's a one time thing today because February 4 is World Cancer Day.

-Baral states on behalf of FSC and IVP and GR2 this weekend is going to be the first Leadership in Divesrity conference.

-Trumble states its hiphop appreciation month. The kickoff was Monday. On Thursday they're showing copyright criminals. Next Tuesday is the Graffiti Workshop. The Thursday after is Popped A Molly I'm Sweating about the glamorization. The following Thursday is the fashion show. The final Thursday is hiphop explosion concert and the artists will be announced at the panel. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She invites people to go to the Valentines Word on Wednesday and John West is performing.

-Jasso states she will be performing February 26<sup>th</sup> for a funding pane from 3-4 and from 4-5 are you a req over requisition workshop. The Chancellor Service Award is out and due March 14 for seniors who have contributed or dedicated their time in college for service.

-Arce seconds they will be bringing pupied to Mayerhoff Park and bring them over. Finally he wants to announce that CSC will be officially funding Jazz Reggae.

-Zimmerman states that the Green Initiative Fund is due Friday at 5pm and encourages people to apply. Theres also this neat initiative called the Green Event Certification Seal and you can type it in to get a green sealed.

-Baral states that if you get green sealed, does that mean you qualify to get more money?

-Zimmerman states it's a recognition and the Green Initiative Fund to make it greener.

-Baral asks what steps to take to get a green seal.

-Zimmerman states its on the UCLA Events website, and she is more than happy to help anyone. It's super easy and it's a brand new site.

-Hadjimanoukian states that his office is having thrift shop pushed later to this date. If you are doing anything you must talk to the Fire Marshall 10 business days and make an appointment.

-Singh thanks Champawat for connecting members of his office and putting on a League of Legends tournament. They are doing a panel with members of BOD and Joel and Adam are really into it. They are putting a panel about the first year experience with ISA, the Greek Community, and a couple of other organizations. Bruin Confidential is going to have their typewriter our for Valentines day. They are planning Holi and probably pushing it to first week of Spring quarter since it falls on Finals Week. They are trying to bring together 2 communities with a Hindu Jew event. He is meeting with Badalich for sexperts. They are also working with Career Center and ORL to put a workshop on the hill to lead to a networking night with 300+ alumni. He is going to ask council about financial. The Gen Reps will do a community service project and hoping that him, Haws, and Naameh can pool together to highlight the disability.

-Arce states Amigos de UCLA is selling gluten-free tamales.

-Badalich states that next Thursday is Kristin Story done with tridelta, genderhealth, and clothesline with the mother of a woman who was raped and killed herself afterward and she talks to sorroroites about it at Ackerman Grand Ballroom. On February 19 they will have Men of survivors at 6:30pm. The Health Nutrition and Fitness Committee will have a cardio kickboxing event in pyramid room and are giving away free heart healthy food. The student Health Adocates next Tuesday are having the #imbeautiful event. They are also sponsoring Sanna's long few weeks of Vagina Monologues. The event tomorrow Dick Dialogues and is the theme for the word from 7:30-9:30 at Ackerman Viewpoint Lounge. There is a whole list of events leading to February 20-February 22<sup>nd</sup> and SWC is contributing by paying for Schroenberg Hall and the playwright will be there. Sign the Whitehouse petition to include a current sexual assault student survivor. Lastly, 7000 of

Solidarity will tour the Santa Monica Resource Center and wants them to experience the space.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XI. Adjournment

Haws moves to adjourn. Naameh seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare