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February 14th, 2017

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

February 7, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Ariel Rafalian, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma, Kevin Yu, Roy Champawat, Rob Kadota, Jessica Alexander, Debra Geller

ABSENT: Michael Starr, Sandra Rhee

I. Call to Order

-Siegel calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Mohankumar moves to strike ASRF and Travel Mini Fund.

-Lee moves to strike the student wellness programming fund.

-Sands moves to strike bruin defenders.

-Sands moves to approve the agenda. Shao seconds.

12-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 31, 2017.

-Zeigler moves to approve the minutes. Sharma seconds.

10-0-2 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

A. Special Presentation by Parking Services Staff – Lisa Koerbling and Debbie Corral

-This will be tabled for next week.

B. Special Presentation on Off Campus Living Booklet – Libby Burke

-Libby says they have worked this whole summer on university apartments to ease the transition of living off-campus.

-Libby says that many landlords have taken advantage of students and we are trying to provide an accessible resource to let students know their rights.

-Libby says 5 student legal services members went over their resources to make sure it was set up correctly.

-Libby says that in Los Angeles you have to pay for water and she did not know that.

-Theo says he did not know how to take care of his security deposit and wish he knew better.

-Zeigler asks what are the next steps to this? Making resources available is great.

- Libby says the broader ideas we have is to compile a database of privately held apartments and we want to see that happen.
- Libby says we are working with Sands this week about Measure S.
- Theo says we are trying to bring back relevancy on this issue.
- Sands asks this is a great job and the success of this project will be determined on how well this information is provided to students because it has been a challenge for every single office so he suggests reaching out to first year experiences, new student orientation, etc.
- Kadota says 98% of students live in university housing.
- Sharma says you can use the bruin resource center and see if they can integrate it into their website to help transfer center and update on legal help and legal aid.

C. Resolution on behalf of BASH for USAC to Support Removing Serial Sexual Harassers, Clarifying Investigation Practices and Outcomes, and Constituting and Overseeing Body – Sabrina Zeigler, Danny Siegel, and Christina Lee

- BASH members are here to speak about the platform spoken about last week.
- Zeigler says if anyone has any issues with the resolution, make them now.
- Shao says the first bullet point for whereas states faculty, staff, administrators, or students.
- Shao says introduce a clause to the first one.
- BASH says yes they would add it, but some of the language here is not completely clear and that is intentional.
- BASH says they will not add anything more because then it becomes too specific.
- Shao says if you are comfortable adding the students portion then good, but harming someone's reputation can also have factors.
- BASH says we agree.
- Rafalian says the 4th bullet point says towards victims and then you use the term survivor later on, was that done purposely or only prefer one term?
- BASH says they would prefer to change it all to survivors.
- Lee says she went over this with BCC and we want to bring up in the 3rd clause, you mention that Title 9 policy is vague, we would want you to be more specific because policy change is not a fast process.
- Lee says it says the process can take up to 3 years, the details of Title 9 says it would take only 3 months or so, so we are wondering where you are getting this information.
- Lee says in the 6th clause, it would be smart to have the democratic side implemented and more specific.
- Lee says to also add how we are different from other committees being used.
- Lee says immediate renewal of the professor could be counterproductive of the survivors and that can have admin create a trauma informed environment.
- BASH says we know which points are vague, but they are not sure how long this resolution can be because we have many points, but we can do that.
- BASH says maybe instead of saying certain paragraphs are vague; we can talk more about certain topics that are vague.
- BASH says the issue about 3 years is that it can take up to 3 years with current practice, we have not seen it operate 3 months so it would be great if it worked quickly, but so far we do not know if it will be so quick.

-BASH says we can take out that clause, but currently it is a long tedious process.

-BASH says the more democratic process refers to the democratic body and peer committee and the new Title 9 will be made up of only professors and it must be created by July 1st.

-BASH says it is specified in there, but we can move it up.

-BASH says the part about retaliation from professors, this clause is not there to replace investigation, and it is here to send a clear message about protecting students.

-BASH says we want to put immediately removed to make a statement to prevent cases like this from happening again.

-BASH says if you are not comfortable with the word “immediately” we can change that.

-Geller asks are those accused will be removed off campus? I suggest you clarify the language so it does not seem like you are removing due process rights.

-Sands says a lot of these questions can be answered in whereas the university did propose to create a board, but it is made up of professors. Whereas, it is unjust and vague in its language.

-BASH says so we can put footnotes?

-Sands says yes.

-Chowdhury moves to extend the presentation by 10 minutes. Borden seconds.
12-0-0 vote the presentation has been extended.

-Sands says maybe we should not put democratic bodies in here, maybe put representative of other bodies here on campus.

-BASH says we want this to be clear for after the investigation and the investigation maybe conclude in our settlement.

-Sands says put review investigations instead.

-Geller says I appreciate the concerns and commitment to have a campus without sexual violence, federal law drives some of what we do and some discretion is about how the federal law handles this.

-Geller says she hears the intention is to respect the title 9 investigators to do the investigations, but you want minimum sanctions for faculty and staff and more specifically that if there is more than 1 violation found there must be a removal.

-Geller says clarify these recommendations where the faculty or staff that would get a review by a representative committee that would receive findings from the title 9 investigation and the sanctions.

-Geller says this is a different process from what is going on.

-BASH asks how is staff considered then?

-Geller says the students impose sanctions if he violated students.

-Geller says sexual violence involving penetration causes 2-year suspension, with staff and faculty it is the academic senate that gets involved.

-Geller says you can propose one that has faculty and staff and one different to make you not talk aboutroom measures based on accusation.

-Geller says the point Sands raised about the policy about referencing, most do have citation and before talking about vagueness specifically put in and make it longer and specific.

-Geller says to put that “we the undergraduate students are calling on someone specific to change policy” who is that you want to change this? Geller says make that clear.

- BASH says a lot of the things you brought up right now were not clear in title 9 meetings.
- BASH says we can bring this back with footnotes and more details.
- Siegel says we can table this to next week.
- Zeigler says we can get all of notes from everyone here to send an email out to BASH.
- Borden moves to extend time to discuss this resolution further by 5 minutes. Rafalian seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote this resolution has been extended.
- Borden says for the 1st whereas, administrators who commit multiple sexual violence acts, why not just say one?
- BASH says because currently we are dealing with a serial sexual harasser and eventually we want to move on to a more community-based model, but we are targeting this incident more.
- Chowdhury says to be a lot more specific and put it in there, as Sands said earlier, list those topics and describe them with footnotes to refer to them and put 1-2 words for each and be short on the paragraph.
- Chowdhury says it is a compromise between being very specific and showing examples.
- Lee says the thesis about the harshest punishment for the perpetrator is not productive to the survivors it can discourage survivors to come forward.
- Lee asks if she can take her name off this resolution because it needs to be improved and wants to add that this help should be open to council.
- Siegel says we will table this for next week.

D. USAC Measure S Resolution – Rafi Sands, Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler

-Sands reads aloud the resolution stating: “**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles will be holding a municipal election on March 7, 2017, and Measure S will be placed on the ballot; **WHEREAS**, Measure S proposes creating a moratorium on general plan amendments for buildings in the city of Los Angeles which will virtually eliminate new housing development in the city, **WHEREAS**, Measure S may lead to greater sprawl, limiting the development of more compact communities and therefore limiting the use of public transit, cycling and walking; and **WHEREAS**, this initiative may lead to more reliance on the automobile, leading to more pollution, carbon emissions, and traffic in an already congested city; and **WHEREAS**, in reducing the ability of developers to begin new housing construction projects, Measure S may severely limit the building of new affordable housing projects, which will reduce the overall supply of housing in the City; and **WHEREAS**, by preventing affordable housing from being built, Measure S is likely to increase homelessness in Los Angeles and further contribute to gentrification; and **WHEREAS**, an independent economic analysis has reported that Measure S could cost Los Angeles 12,000 jobs, \$640 million in wages, and \$2 billion in overall lost economic output; and **WHEREAS**, by limiting available housing, Los Angeles’ high rents and housing costs will continue to increase, forcing citizens to find housing outside of the city, which in turn may create more congestion and traffic; and **WHEREAS**, Measure S will specifically limit construction of new properties over three stories tall in the Westwood North Village area, reducing overall supply of housing and driving costs up; and **WHEREAS**, with instruction from Governor Jerry Brown and University of California President Janet Napolitano, UCLA must increase its intake of admitted students over the

2017-18 and 2018-19 school years; and **WHEREAS**, there is a need for availability for additional housing in Westwood that is convenient and accommodates an increasing student population; and **WHEREAS**, with limited space already, Westwood cannot afford to halt construction of additional apartments and complexes; and **WHEREAS**, the No on Measure S campaign has the endorsement of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and the Republican Party of Los Angeles County, **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association (USAC) supports making off campus housing more easily accessible and affordable in the Westwood area, which may be limited given that Measure S passes,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC is against the passage of Measure S in Los Angeles County's Municipal and Special Elections on March 7, 2017 and encourages students and community members to vote No.”

-Siegel says changes have been made since last week.

-Shao says she was not here last council, but she asks would these buildings still abide by residential segregation, has there been research done since 2 meetings ago? Because this needs to be addressed.

-Sands says this measure is making it possible to not do what is already taking place.

-Sands says Shao is targeting more towards what the city is already doing, this measure has nothing to do with that.

-Siegel says this measure is just stopping more building.

-Sands says this is to help not make the housing process take place, does that make sense?

-Dameron says this is dealing with a separate issue than this measure.

-Sands says a lot of proponents in Measure S have tried to make the argument also, but this does not fix the problem it just gets rid of it.

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Siegel

-Siegel says he sat with USAC appointment OSAC chair, Jen Harbeck about outreach to student organizations, things are going well.

-Siegel says he attended the Dashew meeting last Friday and it was a great opportunity to contact international faculty and we came up with great action items like advocating for a campus wide committee for international students and an internship for international students through Dashew to have relationships with parts of UCLA.

-Siegel says he sat with Mike Cone of Soul today so please reach out to him.

-Siegel says tomorrow there will be a google form for students of feedback for the upcoming meeting and it will open until February 15th, if you have any suggestions please let him know.

-Siegel says he is promoting the academic survey and we want to reach many students about this please engage.

-Siegel says he is attending the UC Women Caucus and we are excited about that.

-Shao says in regards to international students and internships, how specifically are you going to help them go through the issue of non-citizenship here due to being denied of working papers.

-Siegel says he will take that back to the committee and accommodate that.

- Sharma says the academic survey, it has been out for 5 days and transfers were not included in that survey and it was disheartening to hear about that.
- Sharma says he did not even see the survey as well as BRC.
- Sharma says he would want to see more engagement with different organizations on campus because USAC already is so irrelevant to so many people so we need to push for more.
- Siegel says if you have any other information or concerns let him or Emma know.

B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

- Zeigler says student group of the week is on the IVP page and this week is Pack.
- Zeigler says off-campus living fair went really well and we will send out lists of businesses and contact info from the landlords.
- Zeigler says we are focusing on campus safety week, pride week, and activities fair.

C. External Vice President -- Sands

- Sands says he just got back from the UCSA meeting and Santa Cruz has a major housing crisis, if you can see a building from another building they cannot build a new building or if you can see the school from the town the school has built too much so the students are dealing with that.
- Sands says UCSA conference is March first weekend.
- Sands says the No on Measure S kickoff is this Thursday in humanities building at 6pm.
- Sands says two weeks from now (7th week) he is taking 12 students to D.C. Monday-Thursday and then a meeting with Napolitano Friday so please let him know of anything you want him to bring up.
- Sands says we are taking 2-3 international students to D.C. to lobby.
- Sands says let him know by Friday the 24th.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

- Mohankumar met with on-campus housing administration and we spoke about how AAC can collaborate with the hill resources to keep each other in the loop for various student events.
- Mohankumar says we are trying to be the hills silent disco at the end of the quarter.
- Mohankumar says she is meeting with Brian Denny this week about academic related issues on campuses about over enrollment, resources, voicing opinions, etc.
- Mohankumar says this week is our second enrollment workshop!
- Mohankumar says one of our fight for education week is April 17-21.
- Mohankumar says April 21 is the spring diversity symposium and it is for faculty but we will have a student panel to focus on different experiences.
- Mohankumar says our focus to determine the panel and we are sending out a google form for people to apply within this week to week 7.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

- Lee says our student health advocates are working together called So you think you can drink tomorrow on sunset.
- Lee says mental health networking night is coming up too and it is the second one we have had February 22nd in Bruin Viewpoint lounge.

- Lee says we are working with Dashew to help support international students to manage mental health occurring February 15 from 12-2pm.
- Lee says week 8 is eating disorder awareness.
- Lee says health, nutrition, fitness is hosting workouts next week and it is first come first serve with lots of giveaways and it is called Find your swolomate.
- Lee says many of you have platforms regarding health, has anyone gone to the mental health first aid trainings? It is useful to have that. There is also care training and LGBT training.

F. Campus Events Commissioner – Dang

- Dang says Get Out is tonight.
- Dang says Fist Fight is on Thursday.
- Dang says Showing of Loving is on Valentines day.
- Dang says we are getting a sponsor for a concert here at UCLA and I got a confirmation and it will be late spring, a fitness festival/concert.
- Zeigler asks who sponsor is.
- Dang says not yet.

G. General Representative 1 – Borden

- Borden says she met with others to speak about LGBT scholarships and creating a scholarship spotlight this week and it will highlight scholarships students are eligible for.
- Borden says we are working with Parisha, director of IT, to create a page on my.ucla dedicated solely to scholarships.
- Borden says she is meeting with Nicole Green about extending CAPS outreach and met with Zander Barbar to allocate space on the hill for CAPS.
- Borden says she met with Leslie last week to increase student engagement during career week.
- Borden says UCLA and Chill has gotten lawn blankets and hammocks to be rented.
- Borden says they are advocating gender-neutral bathrooms in Luskin since it is the only place without those bathrooms.
- Borden says Luskin was built before this was passed so they do not need to abide to this rule, I urge you all to help with this topic.
- Shao says though I think it is worthy to fight for gender-neutral bathrooms, it is not accessible for students, so I feel like because there is this network and utilizing it to fight for these bathrooms should be more focused on campus bathrooms rather than Luskin.
- Borden says she will definitely take that into consideration, but she believes Luskin should be involved in this also.
- Chowdhury says a stigma about these resources with CAPS is that many people do not want others to know, how can you change that where students will not feel stigma going to counseling on the hill.
- Borden says it is important to think about that and the CAPS center is in its location for a reason.
- Sharma says he has been working on the bathrooms for a long time and it is great to see someone else doing it also.
- Sharma says in regards to stigma, it is right that the location is not a good idea and we need to focus on CAPS actually helping students then move it to the hill.

-Borden says yes CAPS does have limited resources, but we will come up with ways to change that and she is working out a time to start Allyship training.

H. General Representative 2 – Majmudar

-Majmudar met with Anderson and spoke about how undergraduates in terms of taking classes and Anderson business major and how they can get involved in the new accelerator.

-Majmudar says we started a new entrepreneurship such as meditation space in ackerman to other resources.

-Majmudar says inter faith work at UCLA is a topic he is prideful in and we received nearly \$8,000 of funding so someone needs to apply for that to put on their own events.

-Majmudar says resume workshop is currently getting worked on.

-Borden says you mentioned that funding would be out to students, have you established guidelines?

-Majmudar says it is a private organization so it does not need to follow guidelines about USAC guidelines.

-Yu says he was part of the inter faith organization and they prohibited to access to UCLA funds, does this apply?

-Majmudar says you have to be a registered UCLA student organization to get these funds.

-Yu says you do not need to be a part of a faith organization?

-Majmudar says just any UCLA organizations.

-Sands asks how is this being advertised?

-Majmudar says he is currently working on that.

I. General Representative 3 – Chowdhury

-Chowdhury says this Friday we have a second installation for Sigma CHAI and continuing conversation on equity and showing a film to lead to a discussion about color or fear.

-Chowdhury says it is 4-6pm in this room on Friday.

-Chowdhury says he met with Amy from Dashew and he really wants to engage the international community more because a lot of them feel as though they just come here for an education only.

-Chowdhury says special projects committee is working on the event in regards to the plastic bag ban.

-Chowdhury says we are calling Green Screens and it will have short films, documentaries, and guiding discussions.

-Chowdhury says mental health staff put together a pamphlet with different mental health resources including fitness resources and financial security resources.

-Lee says health campus initiative is working on a website, how is it different from that?

-Chowdhury says it will be effective to even pass these out on bruinwalk and we are working together with the healthy campus initiative to increase visibility.

-Chowdhury says we want to think outside the realm of mental health only.

J. Transfer Student Representative – Sharma

- Sharma says we have our housing petition going out this week and lactation petition going out also.
- Sharma says currently we have funds from last quarter to this quarter fund for childcare funding.
- Sharma says scholarships are going out before spring break.
- Sharma says transfer alumni night is April 20th.
- Sharma says we are working with BRC students in recovery to move forward with this such as housing for them.
- Zeigler says can you send the petitions out to the emails?
- Sharma says yes.

K. Administrative Representatives

- Geller says no report.
- Kadota says he was invited by UCPD to speak with apartment managers and to reach out to apartment owners and managers and students to develop student relationships to be more open and flexible which is at Thursday at 2pm at UCPD.
- Zeigler says these meetings are really informative!
- Kadota says he is a guest speaker.
- Alexander says no report.
- Champawat has no report.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * -- Yu

- 15 student organizations applied.
- Non-USAC required 24,843.51
- Total requested was \$11,161.60
- Total recommended is \$5,702.
- Zeigler moves to approve contingency for non-USAC organizations for \$5,702. - Mohankumar seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote this contingency allocation has been approved.
- TSR required \$250.19
- Total requested was \$250.19
- Total recommended is \$175.
- Zeigler moves to approve \$175 for transfer student representative. Lee seconds
- 11-0-0 vote this contingency allocation has been approved.

B. Arts Restoring Community # -- Shao

- Hiphop congress requested \$5,000 and received \$2,000.
- NSU requested \$5,000 and received \$1,500.
- Act green theater ensemble applied for \$5,000 and received \$1,815.
- Samahang philippino applied for \$547.28 and received \$400.
- Ackerman student union applied for \$1,456 and received \$1,000 and applied for another event for \$5,000 and received \$1,500.
- Ties applied for \$3,00 and received \$1,000.
- Indus applied for \$4,000 and received \$900.
- Message in a Melody applied for \$5,000 and received \$750.

- Music ensemble applied for \$2,800 and got \$2,000.
- Chicanos for medicine applied for \$2,500 and got \$300.
- Shao says the orgs that did not get 50% or more is because:
 - NSU event costs were already mostly covered.
 - Thai culture night is during spring and since this is winter we need to cover winter hosted events.
 - Indus cannot fund for food since they requested money for food.
 - Message in a melody asked for honorarium but don't have a definite honorarium and event is in spring
 - ASU must apply again or it will be cut because it does not fit to the guidelines.
 - Chicanos for medicine application was received late so they are willing to accept less.
 - Act 3 theater ensemble was based off their hearing and last quarter they allocated \$2,000 and only used \$800.
 - \$16,698 was allocated in total and leaves \$66,359.59 left to be allocated in the spring quarter.
 - Mohankumar says we should confirm it.
 - Shao says we will confirm other student groups allocations.
 - Zeigler says allocate it to both events instead.
 - Shao says yes that would be better the amount is \$16,698.
 - Chowdhury says thank you for explaining why certain groups did not receive 50% or more for their allocations.
 - Mohankumar says there is a lot of money left for spring quarter, can people apply for that still or only spring quarter?
 - Shao says this is the last funding period.
 - This allocation has been approved by consent.

IX. Old Business

A. USAC Reform Ad Hoc Committee Update – Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Sharma says the tasks of us are to reach out to student groups and it is not looking good on our end.
- Sharma says USAC is not a popular topic at all due to how we speak in council.
- Sharma says we cannot decide what is best for these communities yet we do not immerse ourselves in these situations to even understand.
- Sharma says many of us do things as a self-serving basis, these things need to change.
- Sharma says if we want to be leaders we need to reach out before we just post things or speak at council.
- Sands says I do not understand how you can make this assessment of what USAC is doing without coming to us, I invited people to talk and only 8 people showed up.
- Sands says you are not even sure what we are doing.
- Sharma says we are not doing a good job at doing these jobs.
- Sharma says apologizes for wrong wording, but obviously this is not working so we need to figure out what to do.
- Sands says instead of making own assessments of what we are doing, reach out to offices and ask.

-Shao says she thinks this should not be an argument, it should be more of a change for students to not feel like they need to reach out to us, we need to reach out to them also because students do not feel the way we feel about our offices.

-Shao says her friends who are student's say to her "I wish USAC did more to us" some even say they only see us for election week and nothing more.

-Shao says we need to take this to heart and consistently reach out.

-Shao says she reaches out to culture nights about an event they are having and that is what needs to be considered here.

X. New Business

A. Election Board Calendar Approval* -- Danielle Fitzgerald

-Danielle says Thursday May 4 will be election debates.

-Zeigler moves to approve expense and debate dates changes on the E-Board calendar as amended. Rafalian seconds.

12-0-0 vote the election board calendar changes have been approved.

B. EBoard Recommendations on Election Code Changes* -- Danielle Fitzgerald

-Danielle says right now expense accounts are changed to be due before voting week and stating "no more than one week before voting week."

-Sands says so this means you cannot buy things?

-Danielle says yes the Thursday before voting week.

-Zeigler moves to approve the amended E-code changes for 2017. Mohankumar seconds.

12-0-0 vote the election code changes have been approved.

C. USAC Measure S Resolution Approval* -- Council Discussion and Vote

-Majmudar moves to approve the USAC Measure S resolution. Rafalian seconds.

12-0-0 vote the USAC Measure S resolution has been approved.

XI. Announcements

-Shao says Ideas sent a message about the California Values Act and it is going to blow up, it is the states loss of rights regards deportation.

-Shao says Ideas is asking for USAC to write a support letter and send her a pdf of your concern, the timeline is short and due by February 9th.

-Chowdhury says the South Asian conference is coming up so please try to attend if you are interested.

-Chowdhury says if you are South Asian feel free to apply to speak and it is here until Thursday to apply.

-Chowdhury says the MSA and hopefully IGR were hoping to put together a resolution towards actions on immigration and Muslim ban.

-Chowdhury says he was approached by MSA, but we need to add all of these organizations into it to assess where we can put together common grounds and where our requests line up to have a stronger voice.

-Zeigler asks is SSA involved?

-Chowdhury says yes they are.

- Mohankumar says set workshops already can you speak about the workshops coming up?
- Chowdhury says he can get that for you.
- Dameron says the community service commission is working on health disparities in L.A. like VCH and PCH so this week is a passive awareness campaign.
- Dameron says this Thursday is a health fest in the court of sciences.
- Rafalian says 50 portable phone chargers are in the CLICC lab now and we partnered with a buin led company and gave us a discounted rate.
- Rafalian says we have been working with financial organization to create a fiat-lux course based on personal finance and put together a 10-week syllabus for Fall 2017.
- Rafalian says his office released a report on social media this evening so please look.
- Zeigler says she has been part of BruinWins and applications are due February 15th soe please apply if you want to.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm.
- Rafalian seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

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