

FEET

DAAP/FIRE!

DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PARTY/FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND EQUALITY FOR ASUC!

For each office, list DAAP/FIRE candidates as your FIRST CHOICES *in the following order, including for Senate:*

STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ for President & Senate

ASHLEY CARRILLO for Executive VP & Senate

ABEL DE LA CRUZ for External Affairs VP, Transfer Rep, & Senate

REILANI GERVACIO for Academic Affairs VP & Senate

ISABEL PENMAN for Student Advocate & Senate

XITLALY GARCIA for Senate

CINTHIA HERNANDEZ for Senate

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Make the ASUC a Leader in the MOVEMENT TO DEFEAT TRUMP

FORCE TRUMP AND PENCE OUT NOW BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Implement Free Mass Testing For Coronavirus Now - Open UC Campuses For Mass Testing and Quarantine Sites to Contain the Virus

Take Action to Make Eshleman Hall A Sanctuary for All Immigrants Fleeing ICE Raids and Deportations- Defend DACA

Organize Community Defense Guards to Stop, Block and Drive Out ICE

Shut Down Immigrant Death Camps - Release ALL Immigrants Now!

Double Underrepresented Minority Student Enrollment

End the University's Cover Up of Rape and Sexual Assault

Support UC Grad Student's Strike for a Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Defend Public Education - Fight for State Funding of Public Education

The **Defend Affirmative Action Party/Fighting for Immigrant Rights and Equality (DAAP/FIRE) Party** is running to marshal the resources of the ASUC and make it an independent fighting student union and the organizing center of the new immigrant rights, civil rights and student movement. DAAP/FIRE candidates have been leading the immigrant rights movement on campus and in the surrounding community. We have led actions to defend DACA and make Eshleman Hall a sanctuary for all immigrants defended by community defense guards. DAAP/FIRE candidates have also been leaders fighting to fully fund public education. We have played a leading role to support the graduate student strike, fighting to win UC graduate students a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to keep up with the rise in housing and food costs. UC Berkeley students can be a pole of power in the nation and be a crucial force to getting Trump out of office, protecting the well-being of our co-students, and defeating his attacks against immigrants, minorities, women, and American democracy.

Barely a week after the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Trump Administration's case arguing Trump's right to eliminate DACA, the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action Integration and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), mobilized over 2,000 students to Wheeler Hall to shut down immigrant basher Ann Coulter's event and make the campus safe for immigrant and minority students. Thousands of students joined together, arm-in-arm, many with perfect strangers, to send all those Trump supporters a message that racist white supremacists are not welcome on our campus. Many Latina/o and black students who were there shared laughs and smiles seeing each other in mass struggle for the first time. We looked forward to the next time when we could assert our struggle for equality again. We are now confronted with a new kind of challenge of a global pandemic and its devastating effects that will require creative and bold leadership. DAAP/FIRE is ready for this challenge.

The Coronavirus/Covid19 Crisis and the UC System

The Coronavirus pandemic has reached worldwide proportions. As testing slowly becomes available, the numbers of known cases both of deaths and infections in the U.S. are rising exponentially. The response of the Trump administration, has been a complete disaster and has done nothing but guarantee the deaths of countless numbers of people in America.

While the initial numbers provided in the media seemed small, the reality is that those numbers, plus every official number of confirmed cases and deaths announced since, have only been those of positive tested cases for the virus. Trump is projecting 100,000–240,000 deaths by the time the crisis is over, and again, this prediction is only based on data of positive tested cases. The real numbers of those infected and deceased are undoubtedly higher than what is being reported, given the lack of mass testing and contact tracing. The Trump administration, Center for Disease Control (CDC), the rest of the public health bureaucracy, every single state and city government nationwide have followed Trump's policy of diminishing the importance of testing in order to prioritize the stock market.

The real numbers of cases and deaths are being suppressed because they don't want to deal honestly and

forthrightly about what it will take to defeat this pandemic, avoiding increased anger, and more demands on the government and the healthcare industry to do what is necessary to keep people alive. Even "respectable" scientific figures like Anthony Fauci, participate in this charade. One of the worst offenders of denying mass testing to suppress the numbers of cases and deaths is California. NBC News in San Diego ran a story showing that in California only 7 out of every 10,000 residents have been tested and received results back. The average nationwide for every 10,000 residents is 28 and in New York 96 out of every 10,000 residents have been tested and received results back.

Meanwhile, every manufacturer of health-related equipment has spent their time prioritizing their profit margins over actual human lives. Healthcare workers are now forced to carry on their work without the proper protective equipment risking their lives, the lives of patients and the general public. Immigrants in concentration camps across the country, face certain mass genocide in what are already deplorable inhumane conditions, unless they are all released. Our movement must make clear now that saving human lives and providing for human need must override market profits.

Trump and Pence's willful ignorance, misinformation, obstruction of mass testing and basic care, along with their naked appeals to anti-Chinese racism have been key components to the United States new status as the nation with the largest number of confirmed cases of COVID19. The "flattening the curve" policy of "shelter in place" is far from enough to stop this catastrophe. The lack of freely available public testing is exacerbating the crisis since there is no way to identify, isolate, and treat those infected as the virus continues to spread. Asymptomatic carriers of the disease can still spread the disease. Trump and Pence have made our nation the largest incubator in the world for the deadly virus. They must resign and/or be removed.

As a research institution, and a part of the state government, the UC System must play a central role in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The UC System has proudly publicized that some of their campuses created their own testing kits. They implied that these would be readily available to students on their campuses, but they have not been mass-produced. There remains no free mass testing happening in the UC System or anywhere in the entire state. People are being denied the testing for ridiculous and ever-changing reasons. Yet testing is the only way to gauge whether the virus is being eradicated from the population. California has a population of forty million people. The current rate of testing in our state is unacceptable.

The UC System is a massive public institution with vast resources and tremendous political weight. This is a moment for the UC System to step up to play the role of a truly public institution, serving the needs of the surrounding communities. Not only should testing be available to ALL students faculty and staff the UC labs and medical centers should be made available as free testing sites for the general population. All in-person classes have been cancelled and moved completely online. The campuses should be made available as quarantine sites to prevent the spread of infections as hospitals continue to be overwhelmed with new cases. The lack of safety masks and other personal protective equipment for hospital staff and lack of space to quarantine those infected, is a humanitarian catastrophe



DAAP/FIRE candidate for External Affairs VP and Transfer Rep, Abel de La Cruz (left), and more than 2,000 UC-Berkeley students protested to shut down Ann Coulter and established UC-Berkeley as a campus that will fight to provide sanctuary for immigrants.

in the making. This must be done, since current federal, state and local government policies only guarantee more infections and deaths.

DAAP/FIRE urges all candidates in the ASUC elections to join us and call on the UC System and Governor Newsome to make free mass testing available - whether the patients are symptomatic or not. In addition, we urge all candidates to call for every UC campus to serve as a testing center for all students and the communities around them. The urgent task, in the US and internationally, is to turn the anger and the readiness to act independently of the authorities and against them, into an independent, integrated movement to combat the pandemic. That will require finding new ways to organize and fight while protecting ourselves and our communities against the spread of infection, and it will be a preparation for the battles that will inevitably come when this pandemic has passed.

Make UC Berkeley’s Eshleman Hall a Real Sanctuary for Immigrants and the Center of Struggle for the Latina/o, Black and Immigrant Communities

The anti-Coulter mass action led by candidates from DAAP/FIRE, and BAMN was a decisive moment for the new immigrant rights and civil rights movement at UC Berkeley. Despite the attempts of Chancellor Christ and various student group misleaders to get us to abandon the campus to violent alt-right and Trump supporters, WE SAID NO! For the last two years, Trump supporters, activists and organizations have attempted to use our campus and community as a launching pad for their racist and hateful attacks. We sent a loud and clear message once again that they are not welcome.

Chancellor Christ’s policy regarding the Coulter event revealed her fundamental bankruptcy of leadership. She failed to safeguard the well- being and equal education of the most vulnerable students, and she failed to defend the basic principles of an institution of public education. Electing DAAP/FIRE President and Senate candidate Stephanie Gutierrez and any other DAAP/FIRE candidates this year will correctly be seen by the powers that be as evidence of a student body fighting to win with a leadership ready for the task.

Today over 800,000 DACA youth across the country, including around 500 on our campus, are in danger, awaiting what will certainly be a US Supreme Court ruling striking down the program. Our party understands that the Supreme Court will not have the final word on the fate of DACA; the power of the immigrant rights and civil rights movement on campuses like Berkeley and in communities across the country has the power to defend DACA and defeat Trump and his racist movement. DAAP/FIRE candidates have been organizing the campus and community to make Eshleman Hall, which is owned and operated by the ASUC, into a sanctuary for immigrants. We have been building community defense guards to stop ICE terror. As official leaders of the UC Berkeley campus on the ASUC, we would use our authority to broaden the scope of this struggle and make it a broader effort uniting students and the community together to defend any immigrant who is fleeing deportation and who wants to stand and fight. We know this is possible; the power and militancy of the anti-Coulter mass action is a clear example of the power of this movement on and off campus.

Double Underrepresented Minority Student Enrollment at UC Berkeley

For years, UC Berkeley along with other UC campuses have maintained levels of underrepresented minority student enrollment far below their percentages in the state of California. The Latina/o population today is very close to 40% of the state population, but at the beginning of this school year UC Berkeley had enrollment numbers of just above 15%. Black people account for roughly 5.5% of the population but only 2.8% of UC Berkeley students at the beginning of the school year. Native American enrollment hovered at a rate far too close to completely falling off the chart at 0.4%.

Chancellor Christ has repeatedly raised the prospect of UC Berkeley becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution, which means that UC Berkeley would need the enrollment of Latina/o students to rise to 25%. That will still only be half of what the state's Latina/o population is right now. And according to Christ this



“Roving Mobile Pickets” to demand the immediate release of all immigrants detainees in the wake of the Covid19 public health crisis. Recent protests include downtown San Francisco of the ICE building and Nancy Pelosi’s office, the Calhoun detention center in Michigan, and Yuba County jail in Marysville, CA.

could only happen in 10 years! DAAP/FIRE would use the ASUC to build a campus-wide effort to double underrepresented minority student enrollment right away that could spread across the UC System. We call for the UC System to eliminate use of the biased and racist standardized ACT and SAT in admissions. The SAT on its own is the single greatest factor for the low rates of underrepresented minority student enrollment. DAAP/FIRE demands the restoration of Affirmative Action as an active positive measure to combat the pervasive racist segregation and inequality of our society.

Defeating the Trump Administration’s Attack on Immigrants = Defeating Trump and Pence

During his term as President, Donald Trump has brought about a mass humanitarian crisis at the Southern border, separating children from their parents and locking immigrants seeking asylum into concentration camps. He has provoked war with Iran and attacked the democratic functioning of our country by consolidating more government power in his hands to protect his own interests. He has put a rapist on the US Supreme Court and used the Presidency as a vehicle for his misogyny, and he has promoted a variety of racist attacks on the Latina/o and immigrant communities, Muslims, black and other minority people.

Fundamental to his attempts to build an authoritarian dictatorship have been attacks on immigrants. So it will come as no surprise, while still perverse, that Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) has continued making arrests of immigrants, even during this pandemic, holding people from all over the world in concentration camps. It is obvious to anyone that detention centers and jails, with high concentrations of people forced together in close quarters, are certain to be epicenters of rapidly spreading disease during the pandemic. Pre-Coronavirus conditions of lack of medical care, food and water, squalid conditions with no soap, people being forced to drink out of toilets, etc, have already resulted in unnecessary and tragic deaths from the flu in camps along the US/Mexico border. For the tens of thousands of people stuck in immigration detention, in federal, state, and county jails nationwide, “shelter in place” is nothing but a death sentence waiting to happen for detainees, guards, other staff, and their families, spreading the virus even further.

Immigrant detainees are already holding hunger strikes in multiple facilities nationwide in response to the worsening crisis. In Hudson County Detention Center in New Jersey, as of March 25th, hunger strikers went into

their 5th day, demanding basic hygienic supplies like soap, toilet paper, and disinfectants. In a South Texas Processing Center in Pearsall, another concentration camp, approximately 60 detainees held a protest against the conditions of their detention, where new detainees who are constantly being moved in are not being tested and detainees have no disinfectant. Detainees refused to return to their beds until they were pepper sprayed. In Taylor, Texas 80 women detainees held a sit-down strike protesting the lack of medical care in the facility.

Outside the detention centers, protests are starting to be held. In Taylor, Texas a rally is planned at the facility to stop the retaliation against 48 women who have been transferred after their protest. Protesters are demanding proper medical care for the women and for them to be released. In New Jersey, Michigan, Baltimore, San Francisco, protests organized in cars, have circled detention centers and ICE Headquarters with honking horns and people shouting support to free the detainees out of their car windows.

In New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Texas, California, and other states have started releasing detainees from local and county jails, recognizing the health hazards for detainees, especially those with grave medical conditions. To continue to hold immigrants in such dangerous conditions during a global pandemic is tantamount to genocide. It creates the conditions for uprisings in what will surely become death camps. We urge all candidates to join us in calling for all the US immigration concentration camps to be shut down now! We can win this fight, and winning would be a tremendous defeat for Trump and Pence.

DAAP/FIRE is twenty-one years old, and has held office multiple times in its history. DAAP/FIRE candidates throughout the years have played leading roles in struggles in defense of affirmative action, the fight for full and equal rights of immigrants, and the defense of public education from k-12 to colleges and universities. We have successfully built student struggle against rape and sexual assault at UCB to expose and drive rapists off campus. DAAP/FIRE activists have led fights to double underrepresented minority student enrollment and fought to keep the alt-right off our campus and out of the surrounding community. DAAP/FIRE will bring these kinds of struggles to the ASUC. These times demand courage. We are not afraid of the confrontation that comes when you take a stand and fight to win. Vote DAAP/FIRE, fight to win!

DAAP/FIRE'S PROGRAM

- **TRUMP MUST GO BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY! NO BUSINESS AS USUAL UNTIL TRUMP IS DEFEATED!**
- **Free Mass Testing of COVID-19 at UC'S for everyone! Open UC Campuses for mass testing and quarantine sites to contain the virus!**
- **Make UC Berkeley a real sanctuary campus by making Eshleman Hall a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants fleeing ICE terror.** No cooperation or collaboration with ICE on our campus! Build community defense guards to stop ICE raids and deportations! Defend our diverse international community against racist, bigoted attacks! If you see ICE "La Migra," DON'T WALK ON BY
- **Immediately Double Latina/o, Black, Native American and Other Underrepresented Minority Student Enrollment!** Restore affirmative action in the UC system! Increase underrepresented minority student enrollment to proportionally reflect California's population.
- **Defend Public Education! Fully fund public education K-12, community college, Cal State and UC's! Stop the privatization of the UC system!**
- **Restore the California Master Plan: free tuition and access to public higher education for all.** Tax the billionaires, banks, and corporations to fund public education!
- **Mobilize mass militant direct action to stop rape, date rape, and all forms of sexual assault and harassment!** No blaming the victim! Stop the Administration's practices of covering up sexual assaults, protecting the rapist, and demoralizing the survivor. Survivors have the right to publicly name the rapists.
- **Investigate, expose and take action against racism, sexism, sexual harassment, anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim prejudice, anti-LGBTQ+ prejudice, and all degradation and second-class treatment on campus!**
- **Eliminate the SAT, ACT, and other biased and discriminatory standardized tests in the UC admissions processes!** Adopt a more holistic approach in order to create equal opportunity and greater access to our university for minority, women, poor, working class, and middle-class students of all races.
- **Remove Janet Napolitano as UC President!** Replace her with a great educator who champions the democratic right to integrated and affordable public education.
- **Call on Chancellor Carol Christ to resign for rendering the campus unsafe for minority students on campus and continuing to facilitate a platform for white supremacists like Milo Yiannopolous and Ann Coulter who openly target minority, immigrant, LGBTQ+, women students in college campuses.**
- **Full citizenship rights for all undocumented immigrants now! Defend DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of American and or Legal Permanent Resident Children)!** Pass the federal DREAM Act and defend the right to asylum, Stand against Donald Trump's racist vision for America.
- **Stop Police Brutality! Justice for all victims of racist police murder! Jail the killer cops! A badge is not a license to kill!**
- **Defend free speech and students' right to protest! Defend critical thinking and academic freedom.** End police violence and administration-sanction for the violent repression of student demonstrations! No racist or sexist targeting, profiling, harassment, or brutalization of students by UCPD or any other police agencies. Remove UCPD from campus!
- **Abolish the Student Code of Conduct for its abuse of students' civil liberties.**
- **Fight for full and equal rights for LGBTQ+ people.**
- **Fight to integrate, expand and publicize resources and services for students and staff with disabilities.**
- **Support graduate students, lecturers, and other campus unions in their negotiations with the university.** Build an alliance of students, teachers and workers on campus. Stop the privatization of UC Berkeley services. Support grad students fighting for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).
- **Support UC Graduate Student's Strike!** Support all the strike demands, including the reinstatement of all fired UCSC students.
- **Free healthcare for all UC students and UC employees.**
- **Increase the number of tenured women and minority faculty!** Take active, positive measures to combat racism, sexism, and hostile campus climate.
- **Build the international struggle against racism and for equality.** Support the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, oppose the Israeli military's invasion and atrocities, and stand with the student movement that is growing on this campus and nationally for justice for Palestine.
- **Build the international environmental movement! Support the call to expropriate and shut down oil, gas and coal!**
- **Build the new independent youth-led mass militant civil rights and immigrant rights movement!**
- **Defend Roe v. Wade and women's right to abortion services! Provide birth control on demand throughout the UC system!**
- **Defend Student Democracy in the ASUC elections! Every student vote should count!**