



“International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions Taskforce Charge and Charter”

Proposed Motion: *Move to approve the International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions Taskforce Charge and Charter*

Sponsor: *VP for Activities/Giselle Alcantar Soto*

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Guest Speaker: *N/A*

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Attached Document

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Background & Context

In light of the proposal brought to the AS Board of Directors there has been a lot discussion regarding the implications of the repeal of the Resolution Regarding International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to listen to what students have to say and to allow for their opinions to be heard. Regularly scheduled Board of Director’s meetings are not conducive of back and forth conversation because of different power dynamics and the structure and limitations around the meeting which greatly inhibits our ability to see the full complexity of an issue such as this.

Summary of Proposal

This taskforce is made to provide a space that is conducive of conversation to find a better solution than simply right or wrong.

“This taskforce is charged with the critical exploration of the implications of maintaining or repealing the resolution concerning the International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions (ASB-14-S-65) by:

- *Seeking new possibilities that better address the matter at hand and*
- *Advising the AS Board of Directors in the form of a final recommendation by the end of Spring Quarter 2015.*

Even if in the end the taskforce is not able to come to a solution, the conversations that were had will be a step in progress in answer larger questions such as what is the role of the AS in global issues, and should the AS take positions in global issues? While this is not the main purpose of the taskforce, their work will be useful in answering those questions.

I have volunteered to chair this, not because of relevance in my position, (although clubs are a strong connection to the issue), I volunteered because I feel it is important to provide a space for conversation and for listening and because we need to explore this for longer than three weeks as a board, regardless of individual’s previous knowledge on the matter.

We need to decide whether what will happen to the resolution while the Taskforce works. If we do not foresee any actions being taken next quarter, there is no reason to repeal the resolution right now without having extensive conversations first.

Fiscal Impacts

There are no fiscal impacts.

Rationale:

In our bylaws:

Article I, section 1: The ASWWU exists to ensure student representation in decisions that impact students

In our Charge and Charter:

Preamble:

- Promote the general welfare of students

Article III responsibilities:

- Section 1. The ASWWU, as the primary representative of the students shall make every effort to meet the needs and concerns of the students.

Section 3: The Board of Directors are elected:

- b. To make every effort to encourage student involvement in the development of university policies
- c. To consult with and report to any university bodies on matters of concern to students