Action taken by Senate since passing Resolution 03-16/17-EX Sense of the Senate Resolution on Racialized Violence October 4th

The Senate meeting of October 18th was largely focused on statements by students, faculty and staff regarding their experiences of racism and micro-aggressions, both on campus and in the local community. The Open Forum time certain was extended to allow for this important discussion to take place. A similar conversation occurred during the Strategic Plan/WASC/Grad 2025 Town Hall on October 27th. In response to both of these events, the Senate Chair and AS President met to discuss arranging a public event focused exclusively on how the campus can be actively involved in combatting instances of racism in our community. We will work to hold such an event before the semester ends.

The Senate Chair met with the President (October 21st) and Provost (November 1st) to discuss these issues and consider future actions. The Chair has also reached out to other stakeholders across campus (CCAE, ODI, etc.) to discuss how we can work collaboratively together to improve campus climate. Issues discussed have included the need for regular updates on the ODI Director search and concerns about administrative presence at campus events. The Chair will continue such meetings in order to further determine how Senate can support efforts across campus.

The AS Senate Representatives have drafted the **Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the University Senate to Include the Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion as an Ex-Officio Member of the Senate** (08-16/17-Sadeghzadeh/Platt – November 1, 2016 – First Reading).