



ASUC Senate Statement re: Detainment & Arrest of UC Berkeley Student, Ismael Chamu

As the members of the ASUC Senate, the safety of our students surpasses all issues that our senate class will take into consideration during our term. It is our elected duty to use our platform to uplift the experiences of our students, both in times of triumph and times of struggle. This includes supporting our students who are put in harm's way and pushing back against injustice.

The violent detainment and arrest of Ismael Chamu, on the morning of June 27 by Berkeley City police officers, is a result of racial profiling and state violence that should not be tolerated by the City of Berkeley, University of California, Berkeley, or any community.

We urge the City of Berkeley officials to push forward a thorough investigation into this incident and continuously work to monitor the actions of the Berkeley Police Department. We also urge administration of UC Berkeley to engage in conversation with the ASUC and students to further support measures that will keep our campus community safe, while recognizing the trauma marginalized communities experience at the hands of police departments.

The ASUC will continue to work on measures that protect the campus community, recognizing the heightened racial, economic, social and gender violence that targets marginalized communities.

Signed,

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